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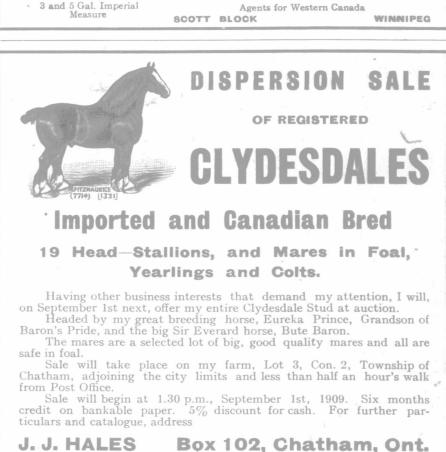
Dr. Roberts, Vancouver, B. C., has purchased a number of Clydesdales and Hackneys recently in Scotland and England, of which the Scottish Farmer, in a recent number, says: "Six Clydesdale filies and one tallion were purchased from Messrs. A. & W. Montgomery, Netherhall and Banks; from Mr. J. Ernest Kerr, of Larwigetoup Deller gaves papies and Iarviestoun, Dollar, seven ponies and hree Hackneys; from Mr. Irving, London, he had three Hackney mares, one riding mare and a pony; and one Hackney from Mr. Scott, Carluke. The Clydcsdale colt was a two-yearold, bred at Harviestoun, and got by the champion sire Baron's Pride, out the five three-year-old fillies WERE equally well bred. One was by Baron St. Člair (11609), while the dam was by the Highland and Agricul tural Society first-prize horse, Moncreiffe Marquis (9953); another was by Montrave Ronald (11121), the sire of the champion mare Veronique: and a third was by the premium horse Baron's Voucher (12041), out of a mare by Sir Everard (5353), the

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