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A LESSON TO CLYDE BREEDERS

Writing in the "Scottish Farmer" of recent date, Mr. Alex. Galbraith president of the American Clydesdale Association, makes some very pertinent observations upon the breeding of Clydesdales. Although relating more particularly to Scottish operations, his remarks are applicable to Canadian conditions. We publish the letters in full:

"The question of whether Scottish Clydesdale breeders should or should not consider the opinions of foreigners—particularly Americans and Canadians—is an important subject to discuss, for while their views may not be entirely acceptable, nor perhaps strictly orthodox, the advantage of 'seeing ourselves as others see us' is indisputable.

First of all, I would ask whether or not the present-day Clydesdale, in his best estate, and as represented by the leading prizewinners in Scotland, approaches the model draft horse, according to Canadian or American ideas? If not, wherein does he fall short? Is the foreign trade of sufficient volume to justify Scottish breeders in catering for it? And, lastly, would American or Canadian ideas, if given effect to, have a degrading or injurious effect on the Clydesdale breed? In suggesting a discussion of the subject, I absolutely disclaim any desire to find fault or to dictate in the very slightest to those skilful and experienced Clydesdale breeders who have accomplished such splendid results in the last half century, by moulding a horse almost exactly to their own tastes and requirements.

To give your readers some idea of the magnitude of the American import trade in draft stallions, I may state that during the last ten years one thousand Percheron stallions, approximately, have been imported every year into the United States, or a total of about 10,000 stallions. These horses will have cost in the neighborhood of £150 each in France, or a total of £1,500,000. Had even one-half of this trade been diverted to Scotland it would have represented £75,000 every year into Clydesdale breeders' pockets. Now, why has this large and remunerative export trade in Clydesdales been lost to Scotland?

Ask the commission salesmen in Chicago who sell thousands of horses weekly. Ask the farmers all over the United States, east or west, why Clydesdales are not wanted; and the answer is invariably the same, and is as follows: 'Clydesdales,' they say, 'are lacking in size, width, and weight; they are generally too narrow, light-waisted, loose-coupled, light-boned, and light-muscled in arms and thighs. The feet, while wide, have frequently weak low heels. The temperament is nervous, and consequently they are rather poor feeders and poor shippers.' Now, while I do not personally subscribe to all those criticisms, I must admit that they contain entirely too much truth. The present unpopularity of the breed was brought about largely by the importation during the 'eighties' of many small, inferior, cheap Clydesdale horses, which, being distributed over many States with unsatisfactory results, gave the breed generally a bad name, and now most of our American breeders are vainly struggling with the produce of those unworthy specimens, to the great detriment of the breed. It is no exaggeration to say that although the Clydesdale is really the best draft horse in the world, he is the most difficult of all breeds to sell in any State of the American Union to-day. It is a humiliating admission to make, but its truth cannot be disputed.

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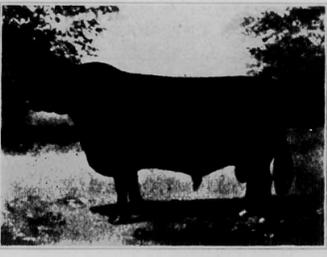
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