

W. C. Edwards & Co.,

whose breeding establishments were briefly mentioned in our last issue, one of which is situated at North Nation Mills, is devoted to the breeding of dairy cattle, a small but select herd of Jerseys being kept in addition to the Ayrshires, with which the firm have been longer and more extensively identified. We hope to give an illustration of the latter at an early date, along with a review of breeding history of this and the Shorthorn dairy herd at Clarence.

The Ayrshire herd is kept for the double purpose of breeding and butter-making, the cattle being of an exceedingly high class. Above all, we were most highly impressed with the exceedingly promising lot of young bulls, there being no less than three imported, and some seven or eight bred in the herd, and we could not help thinking how many dairy herds are needing just such bulls. The proprietors, from the first, have made it a rule that only such as come up to their standard of excellence are kept for sale. Hence the high degree of excellence of those on hand. By corresponding with the Manager, Mr. George Carson, North Nation Mills, P. Q., any information concerning the herd may be obtained.

Down in Ole Kentucky.**ASHLAND PARK.**

Adjoining the city of Lexington, Kentucky, U. S., on the Richmond Pike, and about one mile and a half from the Phoenix hotel, is Ashland Park, the property of B. J. Treacy, Esq.; and here we find one of the largest breeding and training establishments in America, comprising in all 800 acres of blue grass land, entirely devoted to the breeding of trotting horses and thoroughbreds, the whole being managed in person by the proprietor, concerning whom a few words may interest your readers. Born in county Galway, a spot that has perhaps turned out more thorough practical horsemen than any place else in the United Kingdom, Mr. Treacy came to Lexington first, when a lad, with almost no money and no friends. Since then he has gradually pushed his way upward, until to-day the name of B. J. Treacy is associated with every leading enterprise among Kentucky horsemen, while the establishment at Ashland Park alone is enough to entitle its proprietor to rank among the foremost breeders in the state. To give some idea of the amount of business done in one year in trotters alone, I might say that the week before my visit, Mr. Treacy had just made two shipments, one comprising no less than \$56,000 worth of trotters, sold to the German Government, while the other, which included the two-year-old colt First National, by Banker 4148, and five mares, went to Missouri. At the time of our visit, the two principal stock horses were Bermuda 5874, and Fayette Wilkes 2036. Of these, the first named is a black horse, with one white hind fetlock, sired by Banker, he by Rysdyk's Hambletonian, and out of Pattie Patchen, with a trial mark of 2.28, by Mambrino Patchen, standing 15.3 hands high. Bermuda shows a great deal of substance, and that he does not belie his looks is shown by a glance at his history on the track, where he made a record as a yearling of 2.39½. This record he gradually reduced year by year, till as a five-year-old he stood with a record of 2.20½, made in a fourth heat, while in the following year he showed a trial in 2.17, thus proving that his limit of speed has not yet been reached.

His stable companion, Fayette Wilkes, is, as his name indicates, a son of the famous George Wilkes, his dam being by Hamlet, by Volunteer, and out of the dam of Coaster 2.26½, foaled in 1878. Fayette Wilkes, although twelve years old at the time of our visit, looked as fresh as a colt. In color he is a very rich bay, with a remarkably smooth satiny skin; his head and neck are as near perfection as can be found, and his broad

forehead, small tapering ears, and prominent eye, show him to be a horse of more than ordinary courage and intelligence. That he is himself a trotter and a worthy descendant of such ancestry, he has proved, by covering a trial mile in 1886 in 2.23½. Owing to an accident to his left fore tendon he has not been trained since, but has been used entirely in the stud.

Passing from the stallions to the youngsters, we were shown next a pair of three-year-old colts, the first, Ashton 7942, being by the famous old Aberdeen, and out of the dam of Charley West 2.27½, by Strader's C. M. Clay, jr. This colt is a cherry bay and promises to develop into a 16 hands horse. Owing to his dam dying when he was only twenty-eight days old, he was raised by hand. At the time of our visit he was being handled, and showed a magnificent open gait. The other, Delectus 7945, was by Dictator, and out of the dam of Bermuda; the same color and with the same white hind ankle as his half-brother Delectus will not make quite so large a horse, but if he lacks at all in size he makes it up in quality, for to use Mr. Treacy's own words, he is all horse, while his action is all that could be desired. Another half-brother to Bermuda, this time on the sire's side, is The Sage, a bay three-year-old, by Banker, and out of an Ashland Chief mare. This is a very nicely turned colt with good action. To mention all the promising colts that through Mr. Treacy's courtesy we were enabled to see, would take far too long, but we cannot pass on to the thoroughbreds without mentioning the bay two-year-old colt, Redding, by Red Wilkes, out of Lady Dennison, by John Dillard. This colt is now sixteen hands high, and, like his sire, exhibits an amount of bone and substance that is something wonderful, while his style and action is simply grand. A full brother in blood to Phil Thompson 2.16½, Redding promises to make a very speedy horse, and, altogether, we feel safe in pronouncing him one of the most promising young'uns at Ashland Park.

Running in a paddock, a short distance from the training stable, we found the thoroughbred mares, and an aristocratic looking lot of mares they were. Among them, the mare La Platte, by Planet, out of Susan Overton, by Imp. Sovereign, especially attracted our attention. In her twentieth year she looks as gay as a three-year-old, and is now in foal to Bulwark, while a few steps from her we found her daughter, Tenet, by the famous Ten Broeck, a bay mare with black points, and showing plenty of size and substance. Another racy looking mare is the three-year-old filly Miss Reed, by Imp. Rossifer, a son of Rosicrucian. She, we were told, has been stunted to Imp. Ring Galop, and, if a pedigree can be taken as anything of an index, the produce should be something choice.

Of the thoroughbred colts and fillies, we have only space enough to mention two. Nettie McDowell, a chestnut, foaled in 1888, by Forso, and out of La Platte, we are free to confess, took our fancy almost as much as anything we saw. While not overly large, she promises to make close to 15.3 hands, with plenty of bone, while for quality and finish she is all that could be desired; in fact she struck us as being as gamy looking a bit of horse flesh as we have ever seen. With but little training, Mr. Treacy tells us, she made a half in 50½, as a two-year-old. The other, Morrisey, is also a chestnut, and a half-brother to the filly, being by Forso, out of May Kennedy, by Faustus, foaled in 1889, by the winner of the Kentucky Derby, and out of a winner. Morrisey has already proved himself a worthy son of such parents, having shown as a yearling, a quarter in 22½, and a three-eighth in 35½.

ASHLAND.

Just across the road from Ashland Park, is Ashland, famous in history as the home of the celebrated statesman Henry Clay. At the time of our visit the brood mares and colts were all out at pasture, and we were, therefore, obliged to be content with a glance at the stallions; and first among these, it is needless to say, comes the renowned Dictator, now in his twenty-eighth year, and looking not a day older than when we saw him last in 1883. At that time he had just been purchased by Major McDowell, the present owner of Ashland, for \$25,000,

apparently an enormous price for a horse twenty years old, but a venture that has proved highly successful—the sire of twenty-seven in the 2.30 list, including Jay Eye See 2.10, and Phallas 2.13½. It must be remembered that up to his purchase by his present owner, he had sired only two hundred foals, and very few of these out of well-bred mares. Taking this fact into consideration, there is no doubt that Dictator has earned the right to the title of the "king of trotting stallions." A very handsome brown, 15½ hands high, Dictator is in every way a big little horse; although never trained, he is beautifully gaited, and has trotted some very fast trials. The other stock horses at present at Ashland are King Rene 2.30½, and Noblesse. Of these, King Rene is a rich bay, standing 15½ hands, with two white hind ankles and a star, showing any amount of substance, with extraordinary quality and finish. King Rene does justice to his breeding, being by Belmont, and out of Blandina, by Mambrino Chief; while the fact that he has been exhibited eighteen times in the show ring along with his colts and has never yet suffered defeat, is sufficient to guarantee him an extraordinary stock-getter. In addition to this he has already placed nine performers in the 2.30 list, including Fugue 2.19½, a half-sister to Noblesse, who is by Dictator, and out of Fuga, by George Wilkes. This colt we are told is intended to take his sire's place in the stud later on. A bay with one hind ankle white, standing 15.2 Noblesse is a very promising colt, with a grand set of legs that look as if they could stand any amount of campaigning. Owing to the wet weather we had no opportunity of seeing him move, but were told by the trainer, Mr. B. H. Reed, that he has shown a mile in 2.40, with only three weeks work, the only time trained. And we would here express our thanks to this gentleman, in whom we found a fellow Canadian, for his courtesy in showing us over the stables at Ashland. BLUE BLOOD.

Glasgow Stallion Show.

Once more the great Clydesdale spring carnival has come and gone, and the world of Clydesdale breeders is to be congratulated on the grand display of the breed in the well-known precincts of the Glasgow cattle market, and the Glasgow Agricultural Society, under whose auspices the show is held, on one of its most successful meetings. The show took place on Friday, March 6th, and altogether there were stalled for competition 202 horses, almost all of which were Clydesdales registered in the stud book. Although, of course, as a number of the horses were entered in the two classes there were many more entries. There were, as usual, two sets of judges, the duties of the first being to select two stallions, an aged and a three-year-old for breeding purposes to travel the Glasgow districts, and of the second to award the prizes offered for stallions under each of the three sections, aged, three-year-old and two-year-old. The judges who selected the Glasgow premium horses were, for aged stallions, Messrs. Robert Renwick, Dalnair, and James Forest, Glasgow; and for three-year olds, Messrs. Jas. Murdoch, Hallside, Cambuslang, and James Park, Dechmont, Cambuslang; within both cases Mr. William Clark, Netherlea, Cathcart, as umpire. The judges for the open class of aged stallions were Messrs. James Galbraith, Croy, Cunningham, Killearn, and William S. Young, Keirmains, Dunblane; for the open class of three-year-olds, Messrs. James Lockhart, Mains of Airies, Stranraer, and James Blair, Bankfoot, Innerkip; and for two-year-olds, Messrs. Robert Bryden, The Dene Scamah Harbor, and Geo. Beau, Pitcaple; within all these classes Mr. James Weir, Sandilands, Lanark, as umpire. The judges for the Glasgow premium