

Cairnbrogie's Clydesdales.

Cairnbrogie is one mile west of Claremont Station and Post Office, which is twenty-five miles east of Toronto on the C. P. R., and is the home of those youthful, successful, and popular breeders and importers of Clydesdales, Messrs. Graham Brothers, though young in years, they have had a long experience in breeding and importing, and have been associated with Clydesdales from their earliest youth. This, in a measure, accounts for the success they have achieved in past years and are still achieving. Their stables at present, contain eighteen Clydesdale stallions, ten Clydesdale mares, and two English Hackney stallions, all are of very high quality and breeding, space permits us to make mention of only a few. Fitz James (5763), foaled May, 1886, bred by Mr. John Little & Son, Twynholm, Scotland, sire Lord Marmion (2620), dam Bet II of High Borgue, is a very good horse, smooth, even and full of quality throughout.

Macmath (6050), foaled May, 1886, bred by John Montgomery, Twynholm, sire Macfarlane (2788), dam Helenslee (4912), is a very growthy, excellent jointed, thick horse, close to the ground, with shoulder set so as to give his legs free and easy play; his body is grandly ribbed and nicely rounded, which, combined with his well muscled quarters, gives birth to the conclusion that he will prove a getter of stock of superior stamp.

MacBean (6030), foaled May, 1886, bred by James Robertson, Kirkcudbright, sire McGregor (1487), first dam Darling Twynholm (2884). This is a truly magnificent colt, perhaps the most complete horse now in the stables, he is low and thick, with good bone, feet, legs and pasterns. The only time he has been shown was at Stouffville Agricultural Society's Show, where he secured first in the two-year-old class. His brother, McCall (5189), gained first prize at the Royal of England, at Norwich, in 1886.

Southern Cross (7273), foaled July, 1886, bred by Adam Grey, Kirkcudbright, sire Goldenberry (2828), first dam Bell Dunlop (5429), is a big, growthy, gay colt, not in high condition and quite coltish in appearance. He is blocky, and possesses a shoulder indicative of great power, with a barrel ribbed to perfection. His loin is heavily muscled, and his quarters are deep and full, in conjunction with excellent bone and superb quality. He moves well; his breeding is good.

MacClaskie (6996), foaled April, 1887, bred by Lords A. & L. Cecil Inverleithen, sire Macgregor (1487), first dam Kelpie (2034), Messrs. Graham call this their best horse, he certainly is a very good one, and is a thick, muscular, even colt, with a tremendous chest and shoulders, although large, the quality of bone, legs, pasterns, hair and feet are extra good; his carriage and action are also good, and his breeding all that the most fastidious could desire. He won first at the Royal Agricultural Society of England, at Nottingham, and third prize at Edinburgh, in 1888; second prize at Toronto Industrial Exhibition, first at Uxbridge Agricultural Society's Show, and first at Stouffville Agricultural Society's Show. Kelpie (2034), was a noted prize winner; she gained second prize at the R. A. S. S. at Kilburn, London, in 1879, and third at the same Society's Show at Carlisle, in 1880, also fifth the same year at the H. & A. S. show at Kelso.

MacLaurin (7020), foaled July, 1887, bred by Miss Muir, Ford, Castle Douglas, sire Macgregor (1487), first dam Trem of the Ford (7666). This is a wonderfully massive, even colt, on short, good legs, with good bone and plenty of muscle. Straightforward and easy-actioned, he gives every indication of proving of great utility in the near future, an assertion upborne not only by his excellent individual merit, but also by his superior breeding. He won first at Port Perry Central Exhibition, and first at Goodwood Agricultural Society's Show.

Another yearling stallion Kinraig (6879), bred by Andrew Montgomery, Netherhall, Castle Douglas, sire Prince of Airs (4641), first dam Manfielda (6618). This is a somewhat stronger colt than the last, of good quality throughout.

Among the older horses is Lord Armadale (5975), foaled 15th of June, 1885, bred by John Waddell, of Inch, Bathgate, sire Young Duke of Hamilton (4122), dam Mons Meg (4221), by Crown Prince (207), second dam Mye (672), by Prince of Wales (670), third dam Jess, by Prince Royal (647). This is a large, good horse of superb breeding, being descended on the side of both dam and sire from a long line of prize winners. During the last few months this horse has grown out wonderfully. From his rich breeding he is destined to make his mark, as one of the best breeding stallions imported.

Blacksmith (5551), foaled 1885, bred by Alex. Nivision, Dalbeattie, sire Charmer (2014), is a rather finer horse than some of the others; he is of good quality throughout, very stylish, and a good mover.

Pride of Corsock, foaled 1884, bred by Robt. Muirhead, Dalbeattie, sire Michael (1530), first dam Sally of the Black Hills (282), is a massive, short legged horse, deep and round in the barrel, strong in the shoulders, and has well set and well feathered legs. His movements would fill the eye of even a Scotchman.

Jessie Macgregor, vol. viii., foaled 1885, bred by W. C. Booth, Yorkshire, sire Macgregor (1487), dam Bonnie Scotland (4430). This is a beautiful type of a modern Clydesdale, close to the ground and massive; her action and style are good. She won first at Toronto Industrial, first and sweepstakes at Ontario Central Fair, and first at each of the following shows:—Markham, Goodwood, Uxbridge, and Stouffville, and medal at the last place for best mare any age, all in 1888. She is a half sister to MacBean (6030), and is much like him in quality.

Local Gem, vol. vii., foaled 1883, bred by Wm. Lawson, Linlithgow, sire Sir Michael (1530), first dam Rosie (3711). This is, perhaps, not quite as good a mare as the last named, but is, indeed, a very good one; full of quality, massive and close to the ground; her feet, legs and pasterns are grand, and her action particularly good. They have eight other young mares, one and two years old, of similar quality, all having the same characteristics; all are neat, compact, massive and close to the ground; the colors are good; the quality of the bone, hair and legs is very uniform; the legs are flat and hard, and the pastern and feet good. They may be described, as a lot, as being of good size, full of quality and finely bred.

Last summer when in England they selected two Hackney stallions, viz.: Dorrington II. (956), color chestnut, foaled 1883, bred by J. P. Crompton, Hull, sire Denmark (177), dam St. Giles (687). This is a most beautiful horse, a true English Hackney, standing 15.2 hands. All the outlines of his body are most beautifully defined, neat, handsome, gay, full of spirit yet manageable; his action cannot be excelled and is seldom equalled; yet handsome and speedy as he is, he is compactly and strongly built; his back, loin and muscular development are unusually good. He is certainly a great acquisition to Ontario; his colts should be a better class of roadsters than we have ever had before in this province.

The other is Lord Roseberry (1307), color chestnut, foaled 1885, bred by Wm. Ushaw, Hull, sire Lord Derby II. (417), dam by Denmark (177). This is a more rangy horse than the last, standing 15.3 hands. He also is a good horse and speedy, making a fine appearance and stepping off well.

Lack of space prevents us in this case, as in others, going more fully into detail. We regret much having to leave many fine horses and mares in these stables without a word, and only a passing glance at any; yet what we have written will give our readers some idea of the excellence, both in breeding and otherwise, of Messrs. Graham's stock. Their catalogue can be had on application, and, like Messrs. Beith's, it ought to be in the hands of every Clydesdale breeder in Canada. It is full of valuable information, giving the history of many of the most noted Clydesdale stallions. The pedigrees are

all given in a frank, straightforward way, every thing being made plain, with no attempt to deceive, but rather to instruct. Our visit to them was of a most pleasant nature which will be the experience of all who call at Cairnbrogie.

These gentlemen were the importers of Macqueen (5200), which has created such a talk in the U. S. At the late Chicago show he won the grand sweepstakes over all ages and all breeds. He is now the property of R. B. Ogilvie, Madison, Wisconsin.

Third Annual Meeting of the Dominion Ayrshire Breeders' Association.

The Dominion Ayrshire Breeders' Association opened their third annual meeting in the Albion hotel on February 6th. There were present Geo. McCormick, Rockton, President, in the chair; Henry Wade, Toronto, Secretary; A. M. Smith, Simcoe; W. M. Smith, Fairfield Plains; Thomas Guy, Oshawa; David Nicol, Catarqui; William Spiers, Cobourg; Caldwell Bros., Orchardville; A. Gerrard, Hamilton; W. C. Edwards, Rockland.

The President, in opening the meeting, referred to some of the qualities of the Ayrshires as dairy animals, namely, compactness and symmetry of form, and power to make large returns of milk for the food consumed. He also spoke of the discredit into which the breed had fallen by disreputable people who sold inferior animals for thoroughbred Ayrshires. But now the Ayrshires, he said, are getting to be appreciated as they deserve.

The Secretary, Mr. Henry Wade, read the second annual report of the association. It stated that although the standard of admission to the Herd Book had been raised, entries were coming in freely. This new standard had been made widely known by circular. The demand for Ayrshire cattle was found to be increasing, and one large importation was made during the year. The association was confident that their favorite breed will soon become the leading dairy cattle. There are now recorded in the first volume of the Herd Book, 1,002 cows and 492 bulls, and in the appendix 241 cows and 126 bulls, making a total of 1,861. These have been brought into vol. 1 of the new series since last annual meeting, while many more will be recorded during the year. It is the intention to close vol. 1 with the entries received during this year. The number of members is now 31. The financial statement showed \$79.50 receipts, with no expenditure.

The following were named as competent persons to be judges of Ayrshires at the Industrial Exhibition:—William Crawford, Malvern; James McCormick, Rockton; James Anderson, Guelph; John M. Jones, Bowmanville.

The following officers were elected:—President, David Nicol, Catarqui; Vice-President, David Morton, Hamilton; Executive Committee James McCormick, Rockton; Thomas Guy, Oshawa; H. Caldwell, Orchardville; A. W. Smith, Simcoe; Joseph Yuill, Carleton Place; W. M. Smith, Fairfield Plains Auditors, J. C. Snell, Edmonton; William Spiers, Cobourg.

Thomas Guy and James McCormick were elected representatives to the Board of the Industrial Exhibition. Messrs. David Nicol and M. Ballantyne, St. Mary's, were elected delegates to the Central Farmers' Institute. The meeting then adjourned.

J. E. Neyland says he read in the F. A. to keep his cattle out of the cold and he did so, and they gained 50 lbs. on half the feed. He used to have to buy hay and now he has it to sell.

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