

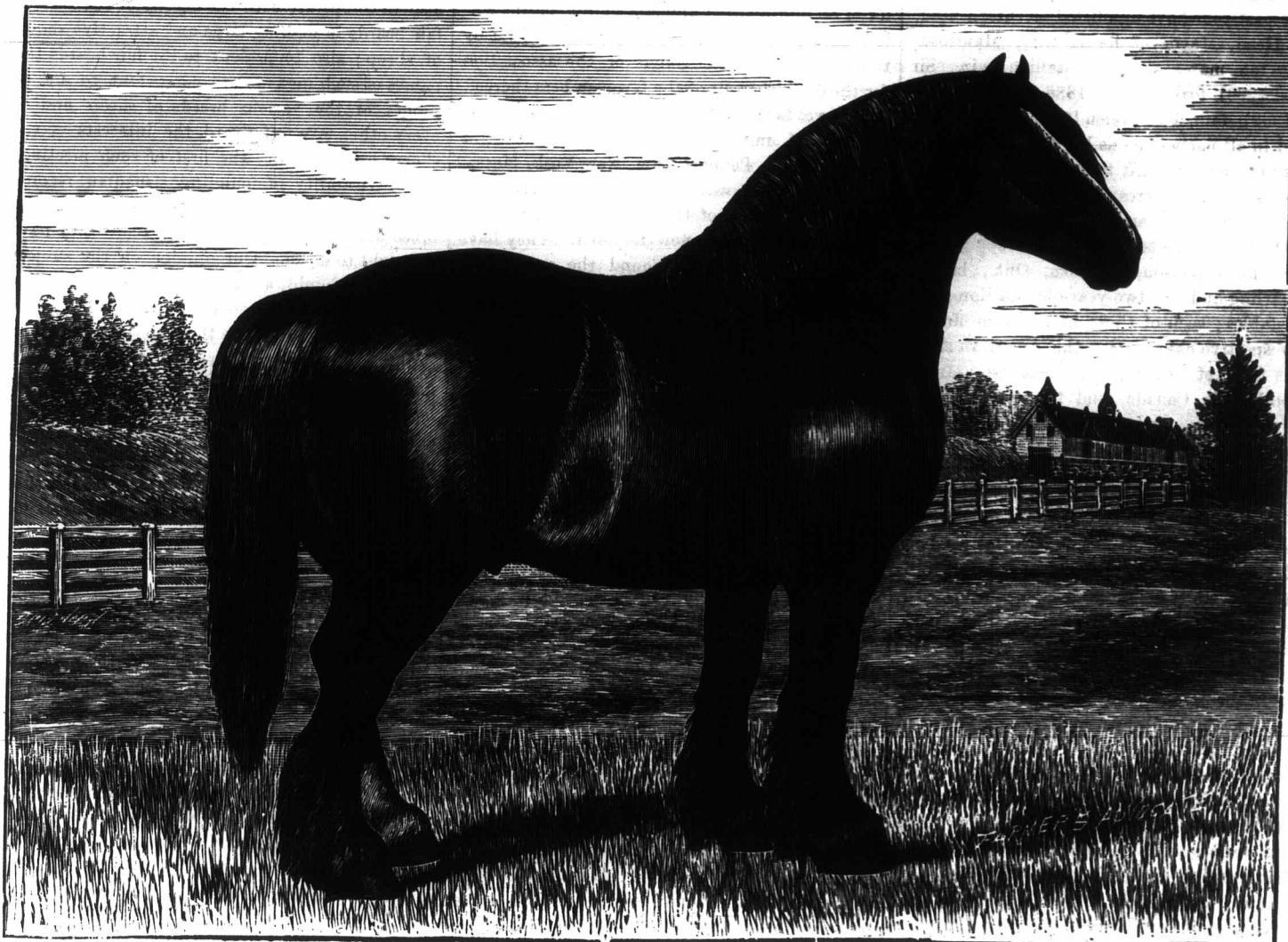
D. & O. Sorby's Clydesdales.

The farm where these horses are kept is the homestead, where Mr. and Mrs. Sorby settled many years ago. Mr. Sorby, sr., was a business man, being interested in the cutlery and coal trade in England. After travelling in America for some time, he at last bought this farm, which is known as Woodlands, and is situated four miles south from Guelph. When purchased it was in a poor state of cultivation, and not beautified in any way: since buying it, the proprietor and his family have brought it into a high state of cultivation. In the year 1882 it was one of the Provincial prize farms. The approach to the house is by way of a well gravelled road, which winds through a lot of beautiful ornamental

kept in high condition—rather the reverse—just in that condition that if they have a fault it can be seen by intending purchasers. Collectively, they are a heavy, thick, massive lot of horses, standing on short legs with good muscular development. The breeders and importers throughout Ontario acknowledge that these gentlemen have imported a lot of as good mares as were ever brought to America. Considering the merit of their stock, the prices they ask are very reasonable—we would say low.

The famous Boydston Boy (111), the sire of the celebrated Lord Erskine (1744) is at the head of their stud. This is not a large horse but a strong, even beast, and, although nearly fifteen years old, he is fresh and youthful looking.

Highland Society's Show, also at Ayr. This is a very nice, neat, compact, little horse of grand quality, and one of the best "movers" we have ever seen; he is a great favorite among the Clydesdale breeders in Ontario. McLay [964] was foaled May 27th, 1887; imported August, 1888. This is the subject of our sketch; he is like nearly all the others, a beautiful bay, very massive and stands on strong, short legs, of good quality, well set for work; his sire was Gallant Lad (2781). 1st dam Maggie, by Never-Mind-Him (557); 2nd dam by Gartverrie (321). Gallant Lad won 4th at Highland Society's Show, 1884, and first at same in 1885; he was got by Druid (1120). Never-Mind-Him is a son of the famous Prince of Wales (673). In McLay's extended pedigree



THE YEARLING CLYDESDALE STALLION MCLAY [964], THE PROPERTY OF D. & O. SORBY, GUELPH, ONTARIO.

trees. The house is surrounded by a handsome and well kept shrubbery and lawn, and all are well surrounded by a lot of very fine evergreens. The house is a solid structure, and its fittings within and surroundings without, proclaim the refined and cultivated taste of the residents. The out-buildings are very substantial, the stabling is the best we have seen anywhere. A new horse barn, which they have just erected, is probably the best finished and most imposing horse stable in the Dominion. Most farmers have their buildings close together, but these gentlemen have placed theirs many rods apart—so far apart are they that if one building was burned the others would not feel the heat from it. Their stables will accommodate seventy horses in box stalls; at the present time they have between forty and fifty head of pure-bred Clydes, many of which are imported. Their horses are not

In 1875, Boydston Boy was first at Ardrossan as a one-year-old. In 1876, he was first at Renfrew, and third at the Highland Society's Show, at Aberdeen, as a two-year-old. In 1877, he was third at Glasgow May Show, and second at the Glasgow Autumn Show, and commended at the Highland Society's Show at Edinburgh, as a three-year-old. In 1878, he was highly commended at the Highland Society's Show, at Dumfries. In 1879, he was first at the Royal Northern Agricultural Society's Show, at Aberdeen, and very highly commended at the Highland and Agricultural Society's Show, at Perth, in a class of 24. A prize-winner himself, he has descended from a long line of prize winners, and has been the sire of considerable good stock, of which the popular Scotch horse Lord Erskine is the most famous. Farmer Lyon (3340) was a prize-winner before leaving Scotland, at the

the following well-known names occur: Lockfurgus Champion (449), Samson (741), Broomfield Champion (95). The latter occurs eighteen times, and the well-known Lampit's mare twenty-four times. Among their home-bred stallions we will only mention Renfrew Jock [526], foaled May, 1887; sire, What's-the-Odds (301); dam, Princess [214]; before leaving Scotland, this mare won 2nd at Highland Society's Show in 1879. In 1880, she won 1st at each of the following places, viz., the "English Royal Show," at Glasgow, at Kilbride, at Girvan, and at Hamilton; after coming to Canada, she was shown for the first time at the Provincial in 1886, where she took first for mare with foal by her side.

Renfrew Jock, except in color, is doubtless one of the best, if not the best, yearling colt in Canada to-day. If he is properly fitted for the coming spring show, unless the judges are prejudiced