



A Modern Shire Stallion.

H.—Breast: Muscularity and width should mark the formation of the bosom.

I.—Arm: Fine muscular power should be present at the juncture of this member with the shoulder-blade. It should stand prominently from the trunk, indicate power, and be broad and well formed.

J.—Elbow: This feature should not point inward; if anything, it should incline in the opposite direction.

K.—Knee: Flatness, good size, and a clean appearance are the necessary elements of this joint.

L.—Cannon-bone: Sheathed in strong muscles, this bone, from knee to pastern, should be straight and clean. Fine, silky hair on the tendons, from the knee to the fetlock, should be present. Coarse hair is a sign of weakness.

M.—Pasterns: These are the source of the elastic spring of the animal when in motion. They should be long and sloping. Undue labor manifests itself here, knuckling over, ring-bone, and abnormal ossification.

N.—Foot: This member should be proportionately large, with good width at heels. It should also be nicely dished, rising towards the front. Elasticity and toughness are necessary points in the horn. As ring-bone manifests itself by a bony protuberance on the coronet of the crust, care should always be exercised to see that this malformation is not present when an animal is bought.

O.—Withers: From a broad top these should slope to the back, arching to the crest.

P.—Back: Shortness is a necessary feature here, together with muscular indications.

Q.—Loin: This part of the animal must be fleshy, and of much strength and breadth.

R.—Flank: The underline should be straight all along. Depth is, too, a necessary feature.

S.—Ribs: Well-rounded ribs, springing clean from the backbone, to impart a cylindrical appearance, together with depth, should be the form of this part of the animal.

T.—Girth: Roundness and depth impart an appearance of stability and strength.

U.—Sheath: Forward placement and good development are desirable.

V.—Quarters: These should fall well down to the gaskins, and be deep, broad, and of great muscular development.

W.—Gaskins: Likewise muscular and short.

X.—Hocks: Here is one of the main points. A draught horse depends on the hock joint for his usefulness: it is a complicated and wonderful structure. While the animal here is equal to enormous strain, the hocks are easily liable to injury and the affections of disease. The joint should be clearly defined, and afford evidence of great strength.

Y.—Hips: The points here essential are squareness at the top, with fulness and width.

Z.—Croup: From the hips to the base of the tail there should be a slight fall.

& Tail: Quality is indicated by the setting of the tail, which should stand well from its juncture with the croup.

## St. John Market Slip

We reproduce on another page a very fine view of the market slip at St. John, N.B. The electotype showing this interesting maritime scene was kindly sent us by Mr. H. L. Spencer, of the *St. John Gazette*, some weeks ago for insertion in our Exhibition number, but as it did not arrive till after the forms were on the press we were not able to have it appear in that issue.

The market slip shown in the illustration is the headquarters of the coasting trade from Halifax to Boston. There are often from twenty to thirty vessels in the slip at a time. A great deal of the jobbing trade of the city is done along the wharves or in the immediate vicinity of this market slip.

But the spot has associations connected with it of greater interest to Canadians generally than being a place of great commercial activity. It was here that the Loyalists landed in the historic days of 1783. A few steps from the head of the slip, in what is known as the market square, the first child of a Loyalist was born, under canvas or birch bark, it is not definitely known which.

## The Border Leicester

By Stockman

John Clay, Jr., formerly at Bow Park Farm in the days of the late George Brown, now of Chicago, writes of the Border Leicester and his home as follows:

Before me is Haymount, with its well-tilled fields and faultless fences, redolent with memories of a Thomson, a Wilson, and a Gibson, ground hallowed by fertile associations to every borderer, for it lies under the shadow of Smailholm Tower, and close by Tweed's wooded banks. Twenty-three years ago I attended a farm sale there. The kernel of the whole thing was in the flock of Border Leicesters that had been nursed by an enterprising tenant. He had passed over to the great majority some years before, but his handiwork still remained. Haymount lies close to Mertoun, the mother lode of Border Leicester blood. They had drawn heavily upon it, and there was a grand style and character about the Haymount flock.