

The Griggs County Horse

The Griggs county horse is famous all over the northwest. At no other place can be seen so many splendid teams coming in from the farms and so few scrubs as in our towns. This reflects great credit on our citizens and testifies to their forethought and judgment.

If any one man has done more than others for the improvement of the Griggs county horse that man is Donald Campbell. He is the pioneer breeder of the pure bred horse. As early as 1894 he brought the first pure bred Clydesdale stallion to his farm two and one-half miles from Hannaford. Since that time he has brought in over \$40,000 worth of horses; the cream of the Clydesdale race of Europe and America has been secured by him.

In 1897 Mr. Campbell brought home nine mares and one stallion of pure bred Clydesdales from Illinois. These formed the foundation of his present stock. At this date he has 15 pure bred Clydesdale horses on his farm. Six of this number are stallions. He has an Illinois bred stallion that captured first prize at the St. Louis World's Fair last year; also a two-year-old which received second prize at the same fair. He has three head that won prizes at the International Exposition at Chicago. This exposition is without question the greatest horse show in the world. Nothing equal to it anywhere.

At the present time he has only one imported stallion in his barn. But the pure bred Clydesdales raised in this country are just as fancy and in some respects to be preferred to the imported ones. Mr. Campbell is a believer in the Clydesdale horse and with the exception of a few Percherons he has confined himself to the Scotch breed.

No man in the Northwest knows more about horses than Mr. Campbell and his acquaintance with horse breeders extends all over the country. This thorough knowledge of horse lore comes his county and his state to good use. He has been appointed superintendent of the horse exhibit of the Grand Forks State Fair and of the Fargo State Fair he is one of the directors. The effect of Mr. Campbell's influence on the class of horses now owned by Griggs County farmers cannot be easily overestimated. There must be some reason why the horse exhibit at the Griggs county fair this fall was immeasurably above that of the state fair exhibit at Grand Forks.

Within the last few weeks two carloads of splendid horses have been picked up in this county by Barrett & Zimmerman of Minneapolis. They buy only the best and pay top prices and these two carloads represent thousands of dollars left with the farmers of this county.

Mr. Campbell brought the first pure bred horses into this county. He has brought more pure bred horses into the state than any other firm or individual. Mainly through his efforts the average value of the farm-horses in this county have doubled and the farmers have been enabled to improve their stock to such an extent that they can sell horses to the most fastidious buyers at top prices.—Hannaford Enterprise.