

Name Changed To Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria

October 12th, 1889 (Council Meeting)

Thomas Brunton proposed the following notice of motion, "That the name of the Society be altered from that of National to that of Royal Agricultural Society, and that rule one be rescinded."

May 6th, 1890 (Letter from Buckingham Palace)

The Earl of Hopetoun, Melbourne.

My Lord,

I duly laid before the Queen your Lordship's despatch no. 92, on the 6th March, in which you recommend the application of the National Agricultural Society of Victoria be allowed to use the title Royal, and I have the honour to acquaint you that Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to grant the requisite permission for the Society to assume the title of the Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria.

1890 Royal Agricultural Society Show (Aug. 27-28-29-30)

In the section for trotting stallions interest in the competition was increased by the presence of the famous chestnut Honesty, who holds the Australian record for a mile and many expected that he would gain first prize. Looking at him from the ringside it was indeed hard to realise that he was 14 years old, for he bore himself gaily, whilst his liver colored coat shone like satin, bearing testimony to the attention of Mr. D. G. Clark's stud groom.

There were half a dozen exhibits, but there was no question about the first prize resting between Honesty and last years winner Red Wind, imported from America a few years back by Mr. J. J. Miller. Beside Honesty, Red Wind looked a pony, but the latter is a beautifully made little horse, whose symmetry and compactness are undeniable, and as Honesty when extended hardly exhibited his former freedom (which indeed could not be expected) the judges again awarded Red Wind first prize and championship, with Honesty second and Young Merryhawk third.

Mr. D. G. Clarke's mare Richmond Belle, though showing less of the groom's attention than Honesty had done, quite outclassed her solitary opponent, a chestnut mare by Von Moltke Junior, and was again awarded first prize and the championship for trotting mares.

The prizes for 3-year-old trotting colts or fillies were contested by a trio, first prize being awarded to Eclipse, a handsome brown, by Romeo from the Touchstone mare Mary, and bred by Mr. David Syme, of Killara. Richmond Vale, by Honesty, from Richmond Belle's dam, ran the first prize taker closely, the third exhibit being Lord of the Manor, by Von Moltke Junior from the Abd el Kader mare Cora, Dr. Fenwick took first prize for 2-year-old trotters with Sir Walter Scott, a chestnut son of Walter Scott and Lady Douglas by Boccaccio.

TROTTERS

Stallion, ridden or driven (not necessarily for speed) - 1st prize, J. J. Miller, Bayswater, RED WIND (USA); 2nd, D. J. Clark, Richmond Vale, Carrajung, South Gippsland, HONESTY (USA); 3rd, J. W. Fleming, Park-Street, Brunswick, YOUNG MERRYHAWK.

Mare, driven in a sulky or buggy - 1st, D. G. Clark's RICHMOND BELLE (by Childe Harold USA); 2nd, John Phillips, 88 Easy-street, Collingwood, ESQUIRE (by Von Moltke Junior)

Colt or filly, 3 years old, driven in a sulky or buggy - 1st, H. Farnsworth, Green Hills, Spring Vale. ECLIPSE (by Romeo); 2nd, D. G. Clark's COLT (Childe Harold - Countess); 3rd, John Phillips' LORD OF THE MANOR (by Von Moltke Junior)

Colt or filly, 2 years old or under - 1st, H. Marshall Fenwick, M.D., 185 Lygon-street, Carlton, SIR WALTER SCOTT

Grand Champion Trotting stallion, 2 years or over - T. J. Miller's RED WIND (USA).

Grand Champion Trotting mare or filly, 2 years old or over - D. G. Clark's RICHMOND BELLE.

TIME TEST (Twice round – approx. 7fur)

First Day

Edward Hulme & Sons ROCKET (by Junius) TT2:35s

E.M. Row's (Scoresby Park) SIR JOHN (by A.T.) TT2:35 1/2s

Frank Hazzard's ESSENDON TT2:37s

John Coupar's DEXTER (by Von Moltke Junior) TT2:52s

George Purdy's PETER (by XYZ) TT3:21 1/2s

Second day

Edward Hulme & Sons ROCKET TT2:35 1/2s

E.M. Row's SIR JOHN TT2:28s

F. Hazzards ESSENDON TT2:40s

J. Coupar's DEXTER TT2:53s

G. Purdy's PETER TT3:43s

Third day

Edward Hulme & Sons ROCKET TT2:27s

E.M. Row's SIR JOHN TT2:28s

F. Hazzard's ESSENDON TT2:35 1/8s

J. Coupar's DEXTER TT2:30 1/2s

G. Purdy's PETER TT3:29 7/8s

WINNER (BEST AVERAGE): SIR JOHN (2:30 1/2s) – 1 ROCKET (2:32 1/2s) - 2

1891 Royal Agricultural Society Show (Aug. 25-26-27-28-29)

The trotters were relatively better than the thoroughbreds and the first class that for stallions brought out two of the best known and best bred American trotters in Australia, Honesty and Red Wind.

Honesty, who is a handsome dark chesnut and the holder of the Australian record for one mile, got first, and later on champion prize, thus turning the tables on Red Wind, who was placed first a year ago. Honesty is the property of Mr D. G. Clark of Richmond Vale, Carrajung, South Gippsland while Red Wind is owned by Mr. J. J. Miller, a gentleman who has worked as earnestly as any one in this community to encourage the breeding of trotting horses. His stallion Red Wind is handsome and compact, nearer to the type of a blood horse than Honesty is. Third honours fell to a New Zealand bred - Patchem - a dark chestnut and a very handsome horse.

In the class for trotting mares which, it should be mentioned all appeared harnessed to vehicles as the stallions had done, there were six paraded and all were good looking. The judges in their decision in this class were hardly consistent with their judgements in the stallion class. In the latter they placed Honesty first but amongst the mares they did not place his daughter Mystery, either first second or third though she resembles Honesty so closely that anyone could tell at a glance that there was a relationship. Mr. D. G. Clark's fine mare Richmond Belle, by Childe Harold, was first while Mr. E. B. Green's Midnight, a New Zealand bred was second and Mr. John O'Donnell's Fairy third. Mystery the present champion of Australia not being considered worthy of a place.

No prize was awarded in the class for colt or filly three years old there being only two exhibits neither of which were admired by the judges. Mr. D. G. Clark had a full brother to Richmond Belle entered for this, but the colt was hurt in the train coming to the show, and could not be exhibited. Another full brother won the first prize in the next class but he had only one to defeat.

Trotting Stallion (driven) - 1st and champion - D. G. Clark, South Gippsland, HONESTY (USA); 2nd, J. J. Miller, Melbourne, RED WIND (USA); 3rd, E.E. Lowe, North Brighton, PATCHEM (by Sulieman Pasha).

Trotting Mare (driven) -1st, D .G Clark, South Gippsland, RICHMOND BELLE (by Childe Harold); 2nd, E. B. Green, North Brighton, MIDNIGHT (by Mungo Park); 3rd, J. J. O'Donnell, Melbourne, FAIRY (by Abe Lincoln).

Colt or Filly, 2 years or under - 1st, D. G. Clark, South Gippsland, FILLY (Childe Harold USA - Countess); 2nd, H.M. Fenwick, M.D., Carlton, LADY PATCHEN (Patchen Chief).

The greatest interest was manifested in the time test trotting. Three special prizes are offered for the fastest. They are to trot on three days - to-day, tomorrow and Saturday. The distance is something under a mile. The prizes will be awarded to the horses making the best average time in the three days. It was anticipated that the American horses belonging to Dr. Slate. of Sydney, would take part in the contest, but his entries - Huon and Valentine - did not put in an appearance. This was somewhat disappointing to many. Mystery, the chestnut belonging to Mr. Frank Robbins, of Port Melbourne, and the mare that won the recent "internatorial" match against Valentine, took part and made the fastest time to-day. The rain which fell last night had a beneficial effect upon the track, which was in excellent going. Results:-

FASTEST TROTTERS

1. Mr. Frank Robbins' chm7 MYSTERY (Honesty USA - Blacksmith's Daughter) 2m 22s - 2m 25 1/4s - 2m20s
2. Mr. E. M. Row's chha SIR JOHN (A.T— Alice May) 2m 29 1/2s - 2m 24 1/4s - 2m 26 1/2s
3. Mr. E. B. Green's blma MIDNIGHT (by Mungo Park) 2m 32 1/2s - 2m 36 1/4s - 2m 37s.
4. Mr. E. B. Green' s chma MAUD H (Walter Scott — Flora) 2m 45s - 2m 40 1/4s - 2m 37 1/4s

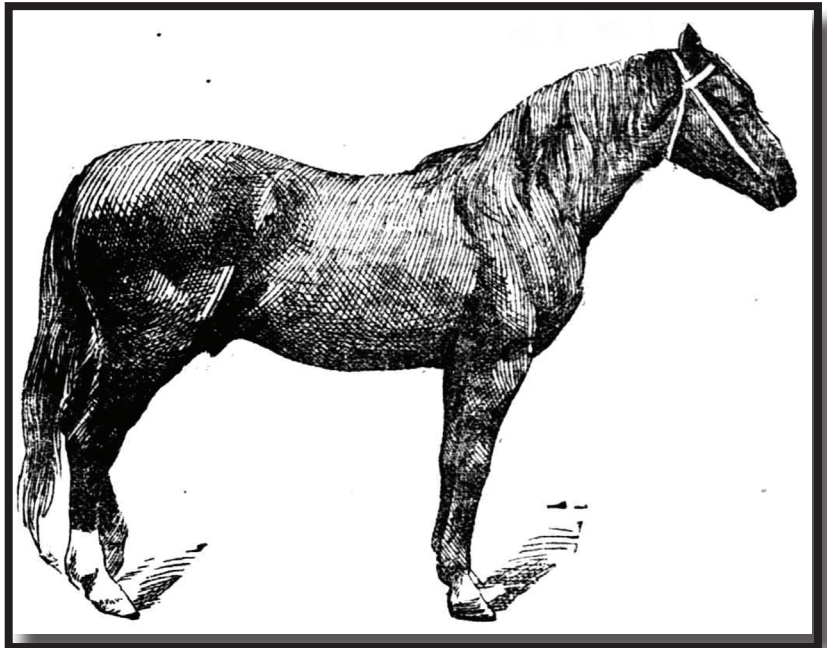
FASTEST TROTTING PONIES (14 HANDS AND UNDER)

1. Mr. John Stephens jnr's bga BOB - 3m 16s - 3m 18 1/4s
2. Mr. T. N. Grierson's bg6 LORD GRIERSON - 4m 29s - 4m 17 1/4s



1892 Royal Agricultural Society Show (Aug. 23-24-25-26-27)

Relatively the trotters were a better lot than the thoroughbreds and the appearance of the old rivals Honesty (pictured right) and Red Wind both imported horses imparted interest to the competition .



A couple of years ago Red Wind was placed before Honesty but judges like doctors differ and last year Honesty secured premier honours. Mr. J. J. Miller, Red Wind's owner was confident that he would run Honesty close again this time but as the years pass on Red Wind recedes in favour and he had to be content with third place. Specification, a mean looking crooked legged son of Contractor owned by Dr. Fenwick, being placed second to Honesty. Mr Miller took but little comfort in the fact that he bred Specification whose style of moving is the best thing about him. Patchen, a dark chestnut by Sulieman Pasha was the other entrant he did not appear to give satisfaction in his paces. The four horses were each driven in a sulky. Old Honesty looked remarkably well and his gait is as taking as ever.

Later on the judges had no hesitation in awarding him the champion prize. Four mares were turned out in sulkies and Mr. D. G. Clark, who owns Honesty again scored Richmond Belle, a handsome bay by Childe Harold (imp) securing first honours as last year. Richmond Belle is expected to foal to Honesty in three weeks time. Midnight a stylish looking black with fine action was a good second and Miss Curtis a small evenly made brown by Childe Harold third.

The well known mare Lady Hopetoun (also by Childe Harold) was placed at an disadvantage owing to her driver Mr. M. Smith J.P. neglecting to provide himself with driving gloves and as she was very fresh and is at all times a hard puller much of his time was taken up in managing the mare and he had no opportunity of properly showing off her paces.

Hot Wind (by Red Wind), Rysdyk (by Childe Harold) and Lord Byron (full brother to Richmond Belle) were the only exhibits in the class for three year old colts or fillies. These also appeared in sulkies. The best looking and most valuable of the trio was distinctly Lord Byron, but like many another youngsters his education had been sadly neglected, and he was therefore out of court. The first prize went to Rysdyk, which is rather small for a Childe Harold, but shows some quality and has a taking gait. Hot Wind was too short in the back to please much, but he has an excellent style of going. He was placed second, and Lord Byron third,

Thee class for fillies or colts, two years old or under, attracted four exceedingly poor exhibits. They were a bay, by Honesty from Countess, Granger Junior, a brown, by Granger (imp) from Yarrowonga, Storm King a bay by Pell Mell from Lucy and an undergrown 10 months old youngster by Honesty from Snowflake. Granger Junior was placed first, but the judges did not consider the others worthy of a prize. The champion prize for trotting mares went to Richmond Belle.

Trotting Stallion, driven in a sulky or buggy - 1st, D. G. Clark (Carrajung) HONESTY (USA); 2nd, Dr. H. M. Fenwick (Carlton) SPECIFICATION; 3rd, J. J. Miller (Bayswater) RED WIND (USA)

Trotting Mare, driven in sulky or buggy - 1st, D. G. Clark (Carrajung) RICHMOND BELLE (Childe Harold USA -n Countess); 2nd, E. B. Green (Brighton) MIDNIGHT (by Mungo Park); 3rd, King, Smith and Kleinhan (Northcote) MISS CURTIS (by Childe Harold USA)

Trotting Colt or Filly, three years old, driven In sulky or buggy -1st, Dr. Fenwick's RYSDYK (Childe Harold USA - Julia USA); 2nd, J. J. Miller's HOT WIND (Red Wind USA - Clara M)

Trotting Colt or filly, two years or under - 1st, J. Robertson (Melbourne) GRANGER JUNIOR.

Grand Champion Trotting Stallion, two years or over - D. G. Clark's HONESTY (USA)

Grand Champion Mare or Filly, two years and over: D. G. Clark's RICHMOND BELLE

HORSE TIME TEST (three days) – twice round

1. F. Robbins MYSTERY 2m 24s - 2m 28 3/4s - 2m 21 1/4s
 2. King, Smith & Kenihan's COMET 2m 29 3/4s - 2m 29 3/4s - 2m 27 1/4s
 3. E.M. Row's SIR JOHN 2m 33 1/2s - 2m 28 1/2s - 2m 27s
 4. E. Humphrey's WALLABY 2m 38 3/4s - 2m 34s - 2m 30 1/4s
 5. H. Marshall Fenwick's SPECIFICATION 2m 39 3/4s - 2m 33 1/4s - 2m 36 1/4s
- DNF King, Smith & Kenihan's MISS CURTIS 2m 42s - 2m 37 1/2s - dns
DNF F. Wright's THE DON 2m 55 1/4s - 2m 29 1/s - dns

PONY TIME TEST (two days) – Three times round

1. John Moodie's TOBY 2m 48s - 3m 18 1/2s
2. Robert James' TOPSY 3m 14 1/2s - 3m 16s
3. Alfred C Head's TOMMY 3m 34 1/4s - 3m 24s
4. Frank Morteson's SAILOR 3m 42s - 3m 50 1/2s
5. David Kendall's BLKM4 4m 01 1/4s - 3m 49s

1893 Royal Agricultural Society Show (Aug. 29-30-31; Sep 1-2)

The entries in this class did not come up to those of last year in point of numbers. Three stallions were shown, and the ancient Honesty secured the first prize for the third successive time. He was, considering his age, looking remarkably well, and retains all his old attractiveness of action, which Mr. C. Glasscock, who drove him, allowed him to show off to the best advantage. Osterley, a taking looking son of Childe Harold well managed in a pneumatic tyred sulky by Mr. M. E. Albaugh, was a good second. The only other exhibit Lord Byron, is a full brother to Richmond Belle, but he is somewhat green in his style, though a good shaped one. The only mare to put in an appearance was Midnight, who was awarded a first prize, and a similar honour was paid Granger Junior, a three year old colt who had no opposition in his class.

Trotting Stallion, driven in sulky or buggy - 1st, D. G. Clark (Carrajung) HONESTY (USA) (Priam - Western Girl); 2nd, J. Robertson (Melbourne) OSTERLEY (Childe Harold USA - Kentucky Maid USA); 3rd, D. G. Clark (Carrajung) LORD BYRON (Childe Harold USA - Countess)

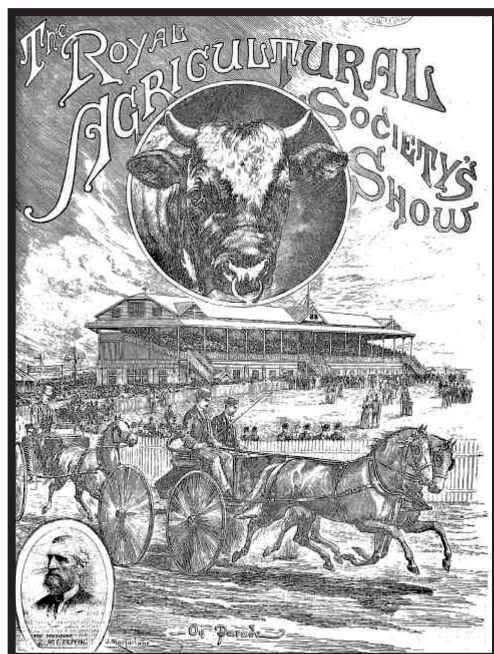
Trotting Mare, two years and over - 1st, E. B. Green's (Brighton) MIDNIGHT (by Mungo Park)

Trotting Colt of Filly, 3 years or older - 1st, J. Robertson (Melbourne) GRANGER JUNIOR (Granger USA - Yarrowonga)

TIME TEST (three days) (two laps - approximately one mile)

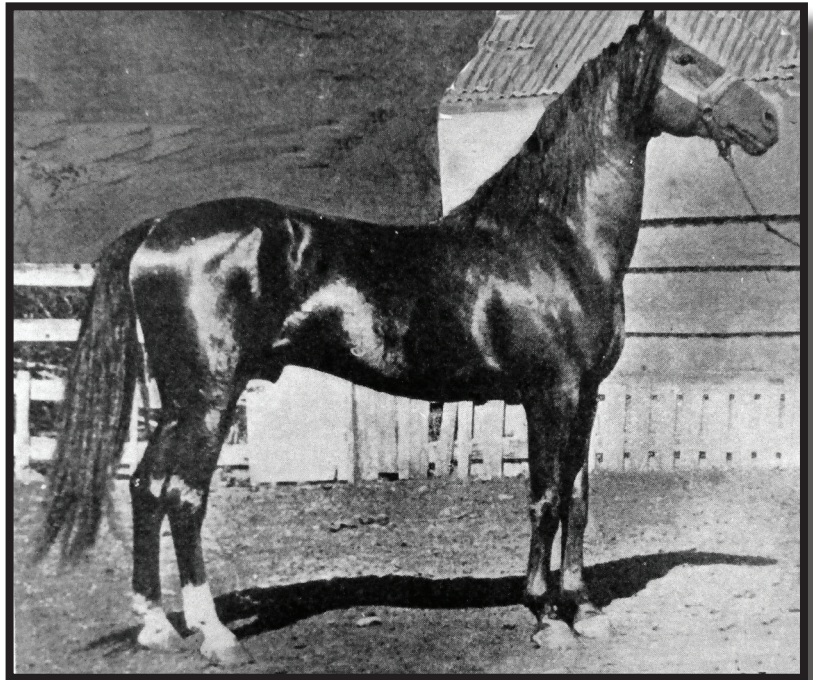
John Robertson's OSTERLEY (trotter) (by Childe Harold USA) 2m 43 3/4s - 2m 31 1/2s - 2m 30s

Frank Robbins' MYSTERY (pacer) (by Honesty USA) 2m 46 1/2s - 2m 30 1/5s - 2m 32s



1894 Royal Agricultural Society Show (Aug. 29-30-31; Sep. 1)

Those two beautiful stallions Honesty and Osterley (pictured) were again shown, and the awards given in accordance with last year's verdict, Honesty, who carries his years wonderfully and can trot for a quarter of a mile as fast as ever he could, being placed first, and Osterley second. Granger Junior, the only other exhibited was given a third ticket. Mr. D. G. Clark intended to send Lord Byron into the ring but the horse injured himself a few days ago.



Mr. John Robertson showed Lucretia and Mystery in the class for mares. Both were once well known on the track. Lucretia has had a foal and therefore did not present the symmetrical appearance of Mystery who was placed first. Had the class been for broodmares, Lucretia (who was whitened by age) would probably have reversed the verdict.

A three year old filly by Honesty from Lady Gibson received a first prize in her class, there being, no opposition. Five very nice two year olds were shown. Honest Tom, a very handsome dark chestnut by Honesty being awarded the coveted ribbon, though Honour Bright another chestnut by the same sire ran him closely. A grey, by Honesty from Lucretia was third.

The champion ticket for stallions was given to Honesty, and for mares to Mystery.

Trotting Stallion driven in sulky or buggy - 1st and champlon, D. G. Clark (Melbourne) HONESTY USA; 2nd, J Robertson (Melbourne) OSTERLEY; 3rd, J. Robertson (Melbourne) GRANGER JUNIOR

Trotting Mare - 1st, John Robertson (Melbourne) MYSTERY 1; 2nd J. Robertson (Melbourne) LUCRETIA USA

Trotting Colt or Filly three years - 1st, G. Clark (South Gippsland) 3YOF (Honesty USA - Lady Gibson)

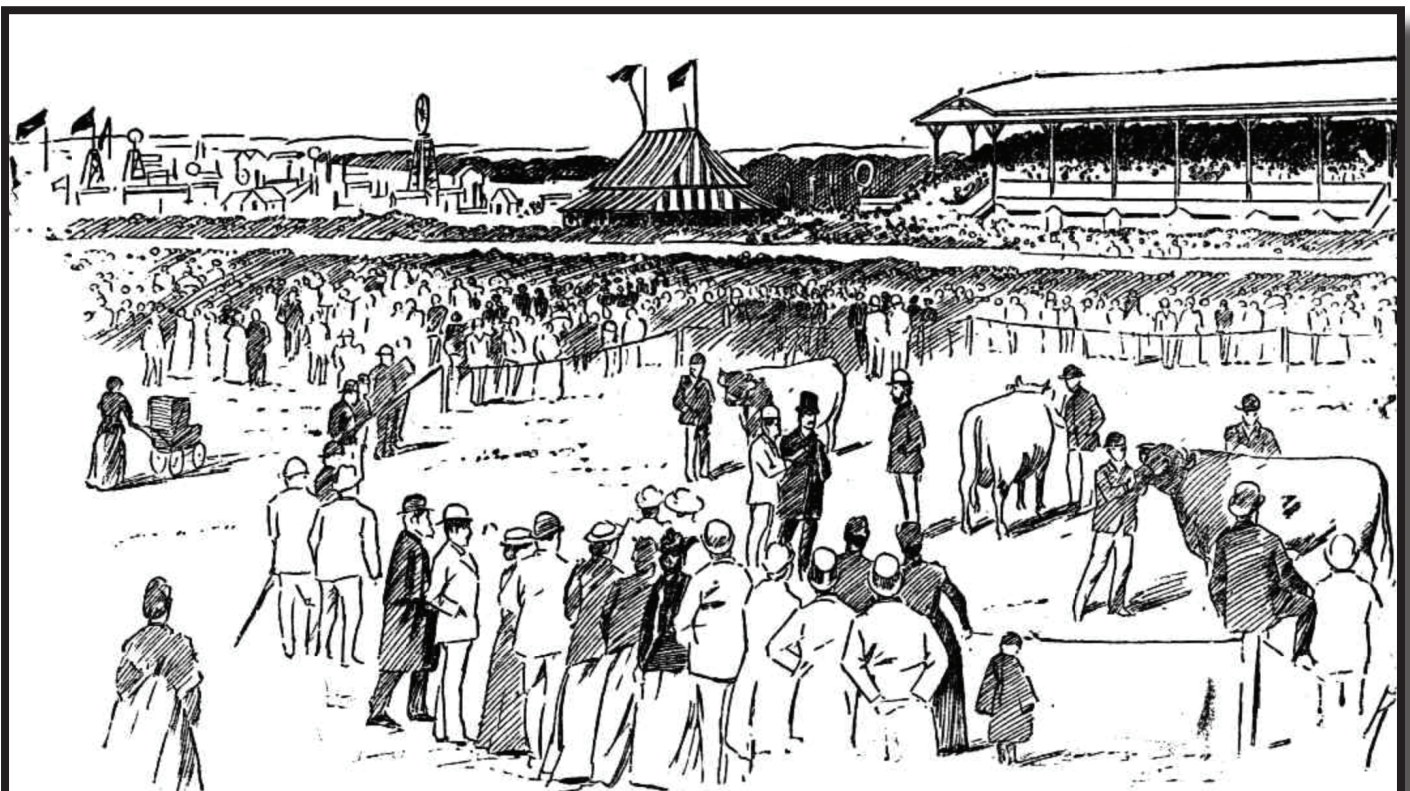
Trotting Colt or Filly two years or under - 1st, T. J. Dean (Mooree Ponds) HONEST TOM (Honesty USA - Our Nell); 2nd, C. Mitchell (Northcote) HONOUR BRIGHT (by Honesty USA) 2; John Robertson (Melbourne) 2YOC (Honesty USA - Lucretia USA)

TIME TEST (three days) (60 yards short of one mile)

1. John Robertson's OSTERLEY (trotter) (by Childe Harold USA) 2m 27 3/5s - 2m 26s - 2m 20 4/5s

2. John Robertson's MYSTERY (pacer) (by Honesty USA) 2m 34 3/4s - 2m 34 3/5s - 2m 30 4/5s

3. John Robertson's GRANGER JUNIOR (trotter) (by Granger USA) 2m 48s - 2m 47 4/5s - 2m 46s



1895 Royal Agricultural Society Show (Aug. 29-30-31)

Much more interest was taken in the trotters than the thoroughbreds. Honesty, who is now about seventeen name of age took first prize in the stallion class for the fifth consecutive year. The old fellow carries his years wonderfully well; and driven in a sulky by Mr. Bob Glasscock, he showed that he retains all his old attractiveness of movement. Osterley, it was thought, might run Honesty closely for first honours this year, but sometimes has to be considered in awarding the prize, and a dicky leg put the track champion out of court. Second place was secured by Lord Byron, a very fine son of Childe Harold driven by Mr Will Whitbourn; and third place by Mr. Gus Sleight's Last Chance, a dark chestnut, sired by Honesty and taking very much after his father in style and cut. There were seven horses exhibited in this class and the show was certainly the best seen for some years.

Last year's verdict in the section for mares was reversed, Lucretia being placed in front of Mystery, but the grey, it must be admitted, was looking in much better condition than she was last August. Both mares are owned by Mr John Robertson A third mare, White Rose, exhibited by Mr. S. W. Gibson was not considered worthy of a prize.

Guardsman a very light grey, with an aristocratic pedigree (by Honesty - Lucretia), did not get a place in the stallion class, but he was far and away the best shown in the class for colt or filly three years old and was an easy first from two other competitors. Mr John Robertson also got first prize for Jim, a two-year-old by the Melbourne Cup winner Mentor from Lucretia, who showed a fair amount of quality.

Trotting Stallion - 1st, D. G. Clark (Melbourne) HONESTY USA (Priam - Western Girl); 2nd, D. G. Clatk (Melbourne) LORD BYRON (Childe Harold USA - Countess); 3rd, A. A. Sleight (East Melbourne) LAST CHANCE (Honesty USA - Molly Darling).

Trotting Mare - 1st, John Robertson (Melbourne) MYSTERY (Honesty USA - Blacksmiths Daughter); 2nd, John Robertson (Melbourne) BELL HEROD (Childe Harold USA - Kentucky Maid USA)

Trotting Colt or Filly, three years old - 1st, John Robertson (Melbourne) GUARDSMAN (Honesty - Lucretia); 2nd, R. Stenning (Essendon) HONEST LEA (Honesty USA - Vale).

Trotting colt or filly, two years and under - 1st, John Robertson (Melbourne) JIM (Mentor (thor) - Lucretia USA)

TIME TEST (three days) - New Track

1. John Robertson's OSTERLEY (pictured below) (by Childe Harold USA) 2m 30s - 2m 30 4/5s - 2m 31s

2. John Robertson's MYSTERY (by Honesty USA) 2m 37s - 2m 34s - 2m 35 2/5s

3. John Robertson's GRANGER JUNIOR (by Granger USA) 2m 49 2/5s - 3m 42s - dns

DNF John Robertson's GUARDSMAN (by Honesty USA) TT3:28 2/5s - dns



1896 Royal Agricultural Society Show (Sep. 2-3-4-5)

There was a fair show of trotters, a notable absentee was Honesty, who took first prize in the stallion class for five consecutive years. The judges, Messrs Cook, Orr and Evans, showed no hesitation about awarding Osterley first honours. Mr John Robertson's horse was looking in (fine condition, and he is without doubt a very handsome horse of his class. His action is also still very attractive. Mr Robertson had the further satisfaction of taking second prize will Granger Junior, a son of imported Granger. Neither Lord Byron a good looking bay who took second place last year, and Mr. Gus Sleight's dark chestnut Last Chance who got third ticket last year, pleased the judges as an end on that, occasion, third honours being taken by Honest Lea, a four-year old son of Honesty, liking in appearance after his sire. The others exhibited here Mr. John Robertson's Grey Hawk, and Mr. T. Phillips' Gloucester.

Four mares were shown, and Mr. John Robertson, who is a most enthusiastic trotting man, was again to the fore with Mystery who was looking rather lighter than when last shown. Mr. John Robertson also took second place with Mayflower, by Boccaccio, and a neat mare named Mysterious (by Honesty) was a good third. Lucretia, last year's winner was not shown. Mr. John Robertson took first prize in the class for three years old colts and fillies with Bay Hawk, who is by the Melbourne Cup winner Mentor. Mr. W. Leslie was an easy first in the class for two year old colts and fillies with Honest Tom (In Honesty), the only other exhibit, Grey Eagle, by Osterley from Lucretia being is awarded a second ticket.

Trotting Stallion (driven) - 1st, John Robertson (Melbourne) OSTERLEY; 2nd, John Robertson (Melbourne) GRANGER JUNIOR; 3rd, John Robertson (Melbourne) GREY HAWK

Trotting Mare (driven) - 1st, John Robertson (Melbourne) MYSTERY; 2nd, John Robertson (Melbourne) MAY FLOWER (by Boccaccio USA); 3rd, J. R. Fiske (Melbourne) MYSTERIOUS (by Honesty USA)

Trotting Colt or Filly, 3 years old (driven) - 1st, John Robertson (Melbourne) BAY HAWK (Mentor (thor) - Lucretia USA); 2nd, R. Stenning (Essendon) LEANER (Honesty USA - mare by Boccaccio USA); 3rd, W. J. Muhleback (Batesford) RETREAT (Von Moltke Junior USA - Maud)

Trotting Colt or Filly, 2 years old or under - 1st, W. Leslie (Glenroy) HONEST JIM (Honesty USA - Miss Tubal); 2nd, John Robertson (Melbourne) GREY EAGLE (Osterley - Lucretia USA)

Grand Champion Trotting Stallion - (2 years old or over) - John Robertson (Melbourne) OSTERLEY

Grand Champion Trotting Mare - (2 years old or over) - John Robertson (Melbourne) MYSTERY

TIME TEST (three days) (60yds short of one mile)

1. John Robertson's OSTERLEY (trotter) (by Childe Harold USA) 2m 29 4/5s - 2m 30 4/5s - 2m 29 4/5s
2. John Robertson's MYSTERY (pacer) (by Honesty USA) 2:30 1/5s - 2m 38s - 2m 32s
3. John Robertson's GRANGER JUNIOR (trotter) (by Granger USA) 2m 35 1/5s - 2m 39s - 2m 35 4/5s

1897 Royal Agricultural Society Show (Sep. 1-2-3-4)

The trotters shown were, on the whole, an excellent lot. Mr. John Robertson entered four stallions, and had the satisfaction of repeating last years performance by taking first and second prizes. Osterley was again the successful horse. He was looking well and trotted is attractively as ever. Granger Junior had an improved appearance compared with last year, and many thought he could run his companion closely for first honours, but the judges were unanimously in favour of Osterley. Mr Robertson's other exhibits were Grey Hawk, and Bay Hawk, a son of the Melbourne Cup winner Mentor from the well known trotting mare Lucretia. If anything, he showed either too much quality for a trotter. Last Chance, a dark chestnut driven in buggy, had a most showy style of going. He is by Honesty and secured the third ticket. The other stallions shown, were Hassan Pasha (by Von Moltke Junior USA), Rysdyk (by Childe Harold USA), Don Cleve (by Fritz's sire Vancleve), and Bell Boy (by Hambletonian Bell Boy USA).

The first prize for mares went to Mr. J. R. Fiske's Mysterious who in colour and markings is almost a counterpart of Mystery by whose sire she was got. She was a very taking style of going. Spec, a bay daughter of Specification possessing plenty of style secured second honours and Mr. Fiske took third prize will Nancy (by imported Granger).

In the class for colts or filly time years or under there were only two entries Osterley Junior, a son of Osterley was far the better looking animal but the judges did not regard him as sound and awarded first prize to Honest Jim. Four two year olds were shown, Mr John Robertson taking first prize with Ocretia, a grey by Osterley from Lucretia. She is a strong filly, as regards head and shoulders, after her dam. Ostrich, a bay colt by Osterley ran her closely for first honours. Honest Lad, by Honesty, got third place. The champion prize for stallions went to Osterley, and for mares to Mysterious.

Trotting Stallion (driven in a sulky or buggy) - 1st, John Robertson (Melbourne) OSTERLEY; 2nd, John Robertson (Melbourne) GRANGER JUNIOR; 3rd, John Pierce (Bendigo) BELL BOY

Trotting Mare (driven in a sulky or buggy) - 1st, John R. Fiske (Melbourne) MYSTERIOUS (by Honesty USA); 2nd, W. Whitehead (Brunswick) SPEC (Specification - Minnie); 3rd, John R. Fiske (Melbourne) NANCY (by Granger USA)

Trotting Colt or Filly three-years old, driven in a sulky or buggy) - 1st, Wm. Leslie (Glenroy) HONEST JIM (Honesty USA - Miss Tubal); 2nd, D. Dunn (Camberwell) OSTRICH (Osterley - Dorothy); 3rd, Frank Hazzard (Essendon) HONEST LAD (Honesty USA - Dolly).

Trotting Colt of Filly, two years old or under - 1st, John Robertson (Melbourne) OCRETIA (Osterley - Lucretia); 2nd, D. Dunn (Camberwell) OSTRICH (by Osterley); 3rd, Frank Hazzard (Essendon) HONEST LAD (by Honesty)

Champion Trotting Stallion (two years or over) - John Robertson (Melbourne) OSTERLEY

Champion Trotting Mare (two years or over) - John R. Fiske (Melbourne) MYSTERIOUS

TIME TEST (three days)

1. C. Alexander's CALISTA (trotter) (Berlin USA) TT2:38 1/5s - 2m 27 1/5s (**record**) - 2m 27 2/5s
2. J. Robertson's OSTERLEY (trotter) (Childe Harold USA) 2m 36 2/5s - 2m 34 4/5s - 2m 36 4/5s
3. J. Robertson's GRANGER JUNIOR (trotter) (Granger USA) 2m 39 3/5s - 2m 43 1/5s - 2m 35s

1898 Royal Agricultural Society Show (Aug. 30-31; Sep. 1-2-3)

As usual there was a better show of trotters than thoroughbreds. An exhibitor who takes first and second prizes in a particular class is usually a happy man, but Mr. John Robertson was by no means pleased with the decision of the judges in the class for stallions. He showed Osterley and Granger Junior and last year's verdict was reversed when Granger Junior was placed first and Osterley second. Osterley was looking in the very pink of condition, while Granger Junior though a really handsome animal, was not at his best. Had the judges sent them round to see their pace they might have decided otherwise, as Osterley's action was always much more attractive than his mate's. They were, however, content to judge them on points only. Gloucester, a stylish bay, by imported Contractor, got the third card.

Five mares, Calista, Rose Wilkes, Lucretia, Mystery and Fly were shown. Lucretia was always a handsome mare and while she at present wears a somewhat matronly appearance there is no gainsaying her good points, and she easily beat Mystery for first honours.

In the class for colt or filly, three years or under, there were half-a-dozen entries, and Ostrich, a good-looking bay, sired by Osterley, bore off the palm, Mr. John Robertson taking second and third honours with Harold Wilkes and Ocretia, both of whom favour their sire (Osterley) in appearance.

Four trotters, under two years old, entered the ring. They were an even lot. The Osterley colt, Lord Collingwood, a most promising looking animal, secured the first verdict.

Trotting stallion (driven in a sulky or buggy) - 1st, John Robertson (Melbourne) GRANGER JUNIOR (by Granger USA); 2nd, John Robertson (Melbourne) OSTERLEY (by Childe Harold USA); 3rd, J. Phillips (Collingwood) GLOUCESTER (by Contractor USA).

Trotting mare (driven in a sulky or buggy) - 1st, John Robertson (Melbourne) LUCRETIA USA; 2nd, John Robertson (Melbourne) MYSTERY (by Honesty USA); 3rd, C. E. Alexander (Melbourne) CALISTA (by Berlin USA)

Trotting Colt or Filly (three years old) - 1st, D. Dunn (Box Hill) OSTRICH (by Osterley); 2nd, John Robertson (Melbourne) OSTRICH (by Osterley); 3rd, John Robertson (Melbourne) HAROLD WILKES (by Osterley)

Trotting Colt or Filly (two years old) - 1st, S. W. Gibson (Kew) LORD COLLINGWOOD (by Osterley); 2nd, John Robertson (Melbourne) OSPREY (by Osterley); 3rd; S. W. Gibson (Kew) MISS JEFFREY (by Osterley)

Champion Trotting Stallion (two years or over) - John Robertson (Melbourne) GRANGER JUNIOR (by Granger USA)

Champion Trotting Mare (two years or over) - John R. Fiske (Melbourne) LUCRETIA USA

TIME TEST (three days)

1. C.E. Alexander's CALISTA (trotter) (by Berlin USA) 2m 26s (**record**) - 2m 40s - 2m 35 1/2s
2. John Robertson's OSTERLEY (trotter) (by Childe Harold USA) 2m 35 1/4s - 2m 33 3/4s - 2m 36 1/2s
3. John Mills' DANIEL DENNIS (trotter) (unknown pedigree) 2m 34s - 2m 40 3/4s - 2m 40 1/4s
4. John Robertson's MYSTERY (pacer) (by Honesty USA) 2m 34s - 2m 40 3/4s - 2m 42s

CALISTA (Will Whitbourn)



1899 Royal Agricultural Society Show (Sep. 5-6-7-8-9)

If the thoroughbred section is deteriorating there is a gratifying improvement in the class of trotters shown. This year's Show was an excellent one, though the entries are not as numerous as they might have been.

There were four stallions shown, two of them, Osterley and Granger Junior, being owned by Mr. John Robertson. Last year Granger Junior, much to Mr. Robertson's surprise, beat Osterley, but though the younger horse was looking in much better trim on this occasion, Osterley was placed in front of him. Both were, however, beaten by a very stylish dappled bay, named Governor Tracey, bred in New Zealand, and exhibited by Mr. W. B. Veirs. He is a very compact animal, with a splendid back, well ribbed up and, driven by Mr. Will Whitbourn, displaced attractive action, though it is doubtful if he outclassed Osterley in this particular department. The fourth stallion shown, B.S., a son of Osterley, is, like his sire, neat, but the judges considered him weak in the pasterns.

Mr. Robertson took first and second prizes with Lucretia and Mystery respectively amongst the trotting mares. Mystery looks a little the worse for wear, but she is a fine mare. Spec, a daughter of Specification, got third prize. The only other mare shown was White Rose (by Len Rose).

Five nice three-year-olds exhibited. Lord Collingwood, who took first honours last year in the two-year-old section, was an easy first. He was sired by Osterley, and is a very stylish chestnut, with good action. Hospray, a good mover, took second, and Miss Jeffrey third ticket. Both were sired by Osterley who gets fine stock.

Seven two-year-olds were led into the ring, Mr. S. W. Gibson taking first prize with The Draper, who is by Osterley from White Rose, by Len Rose. They were a fair lot. The Draper, a strongly built colt, with plenty of style, unmistakably standing out from the others. Our Boy, by Osterley, and Honest Lincoln (by Honest Tom) took the other tickets.

The champion prize amongst the stallions was awarded to Governor Tracey and amongst the mares to Lucretia.

Trotting Stallion (driven in sulky or buggy) - 1st, W. B. Veirs (Melbourne) GOVERNOR TRACEY (by Ebony); 2nd, John Robertson (Melbourne) OSTERLEY (by Childe Harold USA); 3rd, John Robertson (Melbourne) GRANGER JUNIOR (by Granger USA)

Trotting Mare (driven in sulky or buggy) - 1st, John Robertson (Melbourne) LUCRETIA USA; John Robertson (Melbourne) MYSTERY (by Honesty USA); 3rd, Wm. Whitehead (Brunswick) SPEC (by Specification)

Trotting Colt or Filly (three years old driven in sulky or buggy) - 1st, S. W. Gibson (Studley Park) LORD COLLINGWOOD (Osterley - White Rose); 2nd, F. Beamish Jnr (Werribee) OSPREY (Osterley - Lucretia); 3rd, S. W. Gibson (Studley Park) MISS JEFFREY (Osterley - Kitty)

Trotting Colt or Filly (two years old or under) - 1st, S. W. Gibson (Studley Park) THE DRAPER; 2nd, Thos. J. Dean (Moonee Ponds) OUR BOY (Osterley - Our Nell); 3rd, Thos. J. Nally (Moonee Ponds) HONEST LINCOLN (Honest Lea - Lincoln Twist).

TIME TEST (three days)

1. J. Robertson's OSTERLEY (trotter) (by Childe Harold USA) 2m 26 3/4s - 2m 29 3/4s - 2m 27s
2. C. E. Alexander's ALISTA (trotter) (by Osterley) 2m 30s - 2m 27 3/4s - 2m 27 1/4s
3. J. Robertson's GRANGER JUNIOR (trotter) (by Granger USA) 2m 48 1/4 - 2m 41s - 2m 44 1/4s

