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Death of Mr James Park, Dechmont

The death of one of the most noted agriculturalists and dairy farmers in the West of Scotland is reported in the passing away, somewhat suddenly, of Mr James Park, Dechmont Farm, near Cambuslang which took place yesterday morning shortly after three o'clock. Mr Park frequently judged Clydesdales at Angus show with great acceptance.

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Mr James Park, Dechmont, a well-known agriculturalist in the west of Scotland, has died of pleurisy at the age of 56. About 16 years ago Mr Park embarked with several other well-known farmers in the West of Scotland in a project for the exportation of Clydesdales to the United States. The scheme was a disastrous one for all concerned, and it says much for Mr Park's industry and enterprise, that at the time of his death he had fully recovered all the ground which he had lost by that adventure, and that within a period of about a dozen years.

Another tribute courtesy of Robert Stevenson:

The death took place at Dechmont, Cambuslang, on the 27th ult., of Mr James Park. Deceased belonged to a noted Clydesdale breeding family, one of whom is Mr Walter Park of Hatton, and there are several brothers all identified with high-class farming and the raising of draught horses. The late Mr Park was for many years in the lower reaches of the Clyde at Balquhanran, Dalmuir, and it was there he (or his father) bred from the old Brickhouse mare the famous London Maggie, so named because she took first prize at the 'Royal' Show at Battersea in 1861. From London Maggie a long line of famous stock, including Mr Taylor's champion stallion Prince Everard, are descended. Deceased judged Clydesdales at all the noted Scottish shows, notably Glasgow, and the Highland Agricultural Society - for more than thirty years, and was an undoubted authority, having been asked recently to demonstrate the points of the breed to the students of the Glasgow Technical College of Agriculture