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Dominion Swine Breeders.

The annual meeting of the Dominion Swine Breeders' Association, held at the Grand Union Hotel, Toronto, on Tuesday, February 3rd, was largely attended by breeders representing many of the provinces of the Dominion. The Directors' report showed the year 1913 to have been the most successful financially in the history of the Association, the membership having increased 177 during the year, and registrations 4,813 over the preceding year, the total for 1913 being 11,509; number of transfers, 1,228, while receipts reached the satisfactory sum of \$8,498.12, and expenses in connection with the swine records, \$3,624.95.

The result of the election of officers was: President, John Flatt, Hamilton; Vice-President, J. D. Brien, Ridgetown; General Director, Dr. Tolmie, Victoria, B. C.; Directors for the various breeds: Berkshires, P. McEwen, Kertch; Yorkshires, Wm. Jones, Zenda; Tamworths, W. D. Germain, St. George; Chester Whites, W. C. Wright, Glanworth; Hampshires, A. Hastings, Crosshill; Poland Chinas, G. G. Gould, Edgars Mills; Duroc Jerseys, Mac Campbell, Northwood. The newly elected President on taking the chair spoke in glowing terms of the general prosperity of the swine breeding industry, and the splendid financial condition of the Association. He prophesied a most prosperous future for the industry.

Representatives to the various fair boards were chosen as follows: To the Canadian National, S. Doison, and J. Flatt; Western, London, P. J. McEwen, and J. D. Brien; Canada Central, Ottawa, J. C. Stuart, and R. J. Garbutt; National Live Stock and Dairy Show, J. E. Brethour, and H. A. Dolson; Guelph Winter Show, Major Hood, Prof. G. E. Day, and John Flatt, and J. D. Brien; Ottawa Winter Show, J. C. Stuart, J. C. Stuart, and R. O. Morrow.

Following is a list of the grants to the various Ontario shows: National Live Stock and Dairy Show, \$100.00; Canadian National, \$100; Provincial Winter Show, Guelph, \$50.00; Eastern, Ontario Winter Show, Ottawa, \$50.00; Canada Central, \$50.00; Western, London, \$50.00. A letter was read by Secretary Westervelt from Western Canada Breeders setting forth their claims for representation on the directorate. Several members speaking to the question were strongly of opinion that their claim was a just one, and promised that next year representation should be given. A resolution of sympathy from this Association was ordered to be drafted and sent to the families of the late members, Thos. Teasdale, Concord; Joseph Featherston, Streetsville, and E. D. George Putnam; also a resolution from the Association expressing their appreciation of the efforts of the management of the National Live Stock, Horticultural and Dairy Show, for the interest manifested for the comforts of both the exhibitors and their exhibits, and promising their hearty co-operation and sympathy to the success of future shows.

The Back Lots Were Not Planted.

Our readers will remember that at the annual meeting of the Ontario Plowmen's Association one year ago it was resolved to plough a number of back lots in Toronto that people might utilize the same to plant with garden vegetables, potatoes and other like crops. At the annual meeting of this Association, which was held Tuesday, February 3rd, in the Foresters' Hall, Toronto, it came to light that while the plowmen ploughed the lots nothing was planted on them, and they developed into weedy or barren wastes. It is plain that you cannot make small farmers and gardeners out of city people, but we suppose they would have eaten the potatoes had the plowmen seen fit to prepare the land, plant and hoe the crop.

There was a large attendance at the Association meeting this year, and much interest was manifested throughout the day. One of the important steps was the appointing of a deputation to wait on Hon. Martin Burrell, Dominion Minister of Agriculture, to ask that part of the Federal grant for agriculture apportioned to Ontario be given to the Plowmen's Association. The Association also discussed telephone questions, and asked that the Dominion Railway Commission order the Bell Telephone Co. to give connection with a number of independent companies, which are still not connected.

The work of the year had progressed favorably, many of the most successful ploughing matches ever held in this province, characterizing the practical end of the Association's doings.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: Honorary President, Joseph Kilgour; Past President, Frank Weir, Agincourt; President, James McLean, Richmond Hill; First Vice-President, A. P. Pollard, Orono; Second Vice-President, William Doherty, Eglington; Secretary, J. Lockie Wilson; Treasurer, T. A. Paterson, Ellesmere.

Yorkshire Swine Club.

The Ontario Yorkshire Club, at the annual meeting at the Grand Union Hotel, Toronto, on February 3rd, presented a most optimistic report, the finances being in a healthy state, the registrations for the past year totalling 4,414, an increase of 1,702 over that of 1912, and still increasing. The President, Wm. Jones, in his opening address was enthusiastic in his congratulations to the members on the unprecedented success of the Club during the year just closed, and the bright outlook for 1914. Secretary, A. P. Westervelt, in his report on the financial condition of the Club showed a cash balance on hand at the end of the year, \$192.83, and due the Club from the Dominion Swine Breeders' Association, \$506.00, making a total cash balance of \$698.83. A resolution was unanimously adopted expressive of appreciation of the efforts of the management of the National Live Stock, Horticultural and Dairy Show in their endeavor to cater to the wants and comfort of the exhibitors, and their charges at the late show in November last, and their hearty wishes for the future success of the show.

The following grants to the various shows were authorized: Canadian National, \$100.00; National Live Stock and Dairy Show, \$100.00; Guelph Winter Show, \$100.00; Ottawa Winter Show, \$75.00; Canada Central, Ottawa, \$50.00; Western, London, \$50.00; Dominion Exhibition, \$30.00.

The Directors elected for the ensuing year were: J. C. Stuart, Dalmeny; Major Hood, Guelph; John Flatt, Hamilton; J. E. Brethour, Burford; H. McDiarmid, Fingal; K. Featherston, Streetsville, and Wm. Jones, Zenda. A representative was asked for the National Live Stock and Dairy Show, K. Featherston received the appointment.

Thoroughbred Men Meet.

At the annual meeting of the Thoroughbred Horse Society, held at the Prince George Hotel, Toronto, on Monday, February 2nd, the Secretary's report showed the Society to be in a most flourishing condition. The total registrations for the year numbered 3,159, a substantial increase over the previous year, the largest provincial increase coming from Alberta. The total receipts for the year were \$2,292.72, including a cash balance on hand at the beginning of the year of \$1,323.44, and the total expenditure for the same period including a cash balance on hand of \$1,997.42, was \$2,442.78. The matter of grants to the various exhibitions was on motion left in the hands of the executive.

The election of officers for the current year resulted as follows: President, Col. Wm. Hendrie, Hamilton; First Vice-President, K. R. Marshall, Todmorden; Second Vice-President, A. E. Ogilvie, Montreal; Directors, J. W. Barbour, Toronto; R. M. Dale, Willowdale; Jos. Seagram, Waterloo; R. W. Davies, Toronto; M. B. Corlin, Victoria, B. C.; W. R. McCrackin, Brandon; C. Campbell, Montreal; J. C. C. Bremner, Bremner, Alberta; Secretary-Treasurer, J. J. Dixon, Toronto; Assistant Secretary, R. M. Dale; Representative to the Canadian National Exhibition, Col. Wm. Hendrie, Hamilton; To the National Live Stock Association, Col. D. McCrae, Guelph, and Dr. J. G. Rutherford; To the Record Board, Col. Wm. Hendrie, and Col. D. McCrae.

Ontario Horsemen Out Strong.

There was a large attendance at the Ontario Horse Breeders' annual meeting, held at the Grand Union Hotel, Toronto, on Wednesday, February 4th. Some plain talk was indulged in during the discussion on the Stallion Enrolment Act. It was pointed out that the Act was not framed for the protection of stallion owners, but for the protection of breeders by compelling owners of grade stallions to represent them in their true light. The unanimous opinion of the meeting was that inspection should be compulsory, and a motion was passed to that effect, as was also another recommending that an amendment to the Act be made prohibiting grade stallions standing for service and collecting fees. The financial statement showed a cash balance on hand over expenditure of \$392.22. Officers elected were: Clydesdales, W. F. Batty, Brooklin; Job. White, Ashburn; Wm. Smith, Columbus; J. A. Boag, Queensville; A. Scarf, Cumming's Bridge; Geo. Gormley, Unionville; Wm. Graham, Claremont; J. Torrence, Markham; J. Henderson, Belton; Dr. Hassard, Markham; P. Christie, Manchester; R. E. Gunn, Beaverton; A. E. Major, Whitevale; T. D. Elliott, Bolton; Robt. Graham, Claremont, and Walter Milne, Green River. Shires, John Gardhouse, Highfield; J. M. Gardhouse, Weston. Percherons, E. C. H. Tisdale, Beaverton, and M. Hamilton, Simcoe. Hackneys, J. W. Allison, Morrisburg, and Harry Boag, Barrie. Standard-breds, O. B. Shepherd, and Geo. Pepper, Toronto. Thoroughbreds, Col. Wm. Hendrie, Hamilton, and Col. D. McCrae, Guelph. Ponies, Harry Robinson, Toronto, and T. A. Cox, Brantford. Representatives appointed to the various fair boards were: Canadian National, Wm. Smith, M. P.; Western, London,

James Henderson, and Geo. Charlton; Provincial Winter Show, Guelph, Wm. Smith, John A. Boag, Peter Christie, and Geo. Pepper; Eastern Ontario Winter Show, Ottawa, Wm. Smith, Adam Scarf, Geo. Allison, and W. C. Smith; National Live-Stock, Horticultural and Dairy Show, Toronto, Wm. Smith, M. P. The matter of grants to the various exhibitions was left in the hands of the executive.

Dominion Cattle Breeders First.

The initial step was taken by the Dominion Cattle Breeders' Association in the series of interesting live-stock meetings in Toronto last week. In the Grand Union Hotel, on Monday afternoon, representatives of the different breeds assembled to discuss the outlook of the industry, and although, at such an early period of a busy week, the delegation was not large, the different breeds had their champions present.

Transportation of live stock to the West has long been a matter of discussion in this body of men. Last year several resolutions were adopted to present to the authorities in order to better the conditions, and Col. D. McCrae, and Col. R. McEwen, were commissioned to represent the Association in an effort to bring about a satisfactory understanding. At the last annual meeting Col. McCrae reported that the matter had received consideration, and that stockmen could soon expect a culmination of their efforts which would be highly satisfactory. It is now the desire of Eastern Stockmen to be allowed the privilege of sending as many men as are required, or at least two, in company with a car of pure-bred stock billed West for exhibition purposes. This is a commendable request which will no doubt be granted by the railway authorities who are looking to the future of the country's transportation business.

British Columbia had a representative present in the person of Dr. Tolmie, of the Dominion Live Stock Branch for that province. Dr. Tolmie invited Eastern breeders to exhibit at the Victoria Exhibition this coming season, where they might be expected to make satisfactory sales as well as advertise their herds. The Pacific Province annually imports from ninety to one hundred thousand live sheep, and in addition to this imports frozen mutton from Australia. Live hogs and dressed carcasses are annually imported, and last year over 5,000 head of cattle were brought in from Alberta. The dairy industry is paramount at the present time, but numerous requests are sent out for the dual-purpose type of Shorthorn.

John Gardhouse, Highfield, was re-elected President of the Association, and W. W. Ballantyne, of Stratford, as Vice-President. A. P. Westervelt, Toronto, still holds the office of Secretary. The general Directors for the coming year are John Gardhouse, and Prof. G. E. Day, O. A. C., Guelph, while the representatives to the various fairs and exhibitions are as follows: Canadian National, John Gardhouse; Western Fair, London, W. W. Ballantyne, Stratford, and Thos. O'Brien, London; Central Canada Exhibition, Ottawa, L. O. Clifford, Oshawa, and W. A. Wallace, Kars; Ontario Winter Fair, John Gardhouse, R. S. Stevenson, Ancaster. W. W. Ballantyne, and W. A. Dryden, Brooklin; Eastern Ontario Live Stock and Poultry Show, Peter White, Pembroke, W. F. Stephen, Huntingdon, Que., and J. H. Grisdale, Ottawa; National Live Stock, Horticultural and Dairy Show, Peter White, Pembroke, and H. D. Smith, Hamilton.

Holstein Breeders Alter Constitution.

One of the largest meetings of any live-stock association ever held in Canada was that of the Holstein breeders, gathered at the Temple Building, Toronto, on Thursday, Feb. 5. Never was there greater interest shown in the matters brought up for discussion than at this meeting and many a wordy battle took place, but in the main the recommendations of the committee carried.

President Jas. Rettie, of Norwich, Ont., in his address pointed out that owing to the fact that business has increased so rapidly it was thought advisable to close the books of the Association at the end of the calendar year, thus the month of January, which is a heavy one as far as membership fees are concerned, is not included in this year's report, which only covers eleven months. However, despite this fact and greatly increased expenses the Association has added over \$1,000 to its assets during the eleven months. The Executive believe it advisable to adopt now a new style of printing the herd books, using a condensed form and printing two columns to a page. Record of Merit and Record of Performance will be printed in the year book in greatly condensed form.

Several comments were made which were wholly unfavorable to the National Live Stock Records office at Ottawa and the Holstein breeders still stand aloof.

The annual report of the Secretary was very lengthy. During the year 676 official tests were accepted for entry in the Record of Merit, an in-