

tance of giving more attention to the home market, and advised ranchers to buy Ontario stock, Ontario being the natural breeding ground for seed stock, instead of securing their supply from Texas.

HORSE BREEDING

A plan of placing stallions on service, known as the Scottish premium, was placed before the convention, by Mr. John Graham, of Manitoba, and Mr. Robert Ness, of Hewick, Que. This system has done much for the horse breeding industry of Scotland. One plan consists in paying a premium of from \$1,000 to \$1,500 for the sole use of a horse for the season, the society paying all expenses, and the owner guaranteeing to supply another horse in case of sickness. For commercial stock, the plan was to pay a premium of from \$250 to \$750 on hiving, and \$10 a mare, on service, and \$15, when mare proves in foal.

Hon. Mr. Dryden gave a short talk on pure-bred stock. He advised Canadians to get the best foundation stock available. The removal of the embargo would enable Canadians to sell bulls in Ireland. The breeder should use the knife a little more than he does, and not raise so many scrub bulls. Mr. Dryden also gave the convention the substance of an investigation made by him into the dressed meat question in Great Britain three years ago for the Dominion Government.

Some good advice on the breeding and feeding of cattle was given by Mr. Thomas McMillan, of Scarborough.

The health of Canadian live stock and its preservation," was discussed by Dr. A. G. Hopkins, of Ottawa. Dr. Hopkins mentioned the various diseases that were dealt with by the Veterinary Director General's Department at Ottawa, and how these were treated. Dr. J. G. Rutherford assisted in this discussion.

Canadian Seed Growers' Association.

The third Annual Convention of the Canadian Seed Growers' Association was held in Ottawa on Feb. 3 and 4 with a representative attendance. Members were present from as far east as Prince Edward Island and as far west as Alberta.

The Directors' Report recommended the following: "That the work of potato improvement be encouraged; that the holding of seed grain exhibitions be commended; that the holding of field crop competitions be commended to agricultural societies as an excellent means of improving the regular crops of the farm; that the regulations governing the membership of the association be so amended as to limit the number of members to one for one kind of grain grown on one farm; that is, two men on one farm cannot claim membership for one kind of selected grain grown on that farm, though one member may represent as many kinds of grain as he likes so long as the rules of the association are complied with; and that some recognition be given by the association to the standing of seeds originating at experimental farms and colleges. The report also recommended that the date of the beginning of the association's year be changed from July 1 to April 1; that the association express its appreciation of the services rendered to the association by the Dominion Seed Division in looking after the inspection of the seed plots of members; that application for the incorporation of the association be postponed for another year; that a Government grant of \$5,000 be applied for to carry on the work of the association during the incoming

year; that the Department of Agriculture be asked to again print the annual report of the association.

The report of the secretary, Mr. L. H. Newman, showed the present standing of the association to be as follows: 138 members reporting; 87 presenting satisfactory reports on hand selection; 63 of the 87 were admitted to the association, and 24 are now entitled to membership. The growers of seed of different kinds are as follows: wheat, 130; oats, 144; barley, 50; corn, 80; potatoes, 47; not specified, 50; miscellaneous, 10; total, 520. There were 389 applicants in 1907. Of these, 63 reported satisfactorily, 36 failed to make satisfactory returns, 3 dropped out of the work. Actual number reporting satisfactorily, 24, making a total of 508 working members. Six seed fairs had been held under the auspices of the association. There was a greater demand for good seed than the association members could supply. Many receive orders for seed before the crop is harvested.

Dr. J. W. Robertson gave an interesting address and was followed by Prof. Zavitz, whose address is re-reported separately.

The Hon. Sydney Fisher commended very strongly the work the association is doing. He expressed his disappointment that more farmers are not taking up this work. Farmers, he claimed, are not living up to their opportunities. The demand for good seed was far greater than the supply.

A very interesting address on farm conditions in the west was given by the Hon. Mr. Mothersell, Minister of Agriculture for Saskatchewan.

REPORTS ON THE WORK

Inspectors Raynor, Cote, and Moore presented reports of the work of the association members in Ontario, Quebec and the Maritime Provinces respectively. In general the work was satisfactory, though many farmers fail to comprehend what it means. One encouraging feature was that many farmers are voluntarily applying for membership instead of having to be solicited as formerly.

Mr. G. H. Clark, chief of the Seed division, commenting on the work, said that he was doubtful at the be-

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