

Canadian Horse-breeders' Association Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Canadian Horse-breeders' Association was held in the Repository, Toronto, Feb. 9th, Dr. Andrew Smith in the chair. The Secretary, Mr. H. Wade, Toronto, read the annual report, which showed a prosperous condition of the society, there being a cash balance on hand of \$5,536. On motion, \$750 was granted as prizes at the Canadian Horse Show, and \$200 to the open-air show, the grant to the Spring Clyde and Shire Show being left to the Executive.

The election of officers for 1906 resulted as follows: President, Thomas A. Graham, Claremont; First Vice-President, O. B. Shepherd, Toronto; Second Vice-President, Wm. Hendrie, Jr., Hamilton; Secretary-Treasurer, Henry Wade, Toronto. Directors, representing breed societies: Hackney, Thos. A. Graham, Claremont, and E. C. H. Tisdale, Beaverton; trotting and pacing, Samuel McBride and G. W. Pepper, Toronto; Shires, J. M. Gardhouse, Weston, and W. E. Wellington, Toronto; Clydesdales, Wm. Smith (Columbus), John Bright (Myrtle), and Thos. A. Graham (Claremont); harness, hunter and saddle, J. J. Dixon and O. B. Shepherd, Toronto; pony, W. J. Stark and Dr. J. O. Orr, Toronto; Thoroughbred, D. A. Smith, Toronto; Open-air Parade Association, Noel Marshall and Jesse Applegarth, Toronto.

Dominion Sheep-breeders' Association.

The annual meeting of the Dominion Sheep-breeders' Association, held in Toronto, February 9th, was perhaps more largely attended than any previous annual meeting in the history of the association. This circumstance is doubtless due to the great demand prevailing for breeding sheep, in response to the high prices being paid for wool and mutton, as remarked by the President, Mr. J. M. Gardhouse, of Weston, Ont., in his opening address. The splendid success of Canadian sheep-breeders in prize-winning at the International Exposition at Chicago was also referred to as indicative of the high-class character of Canadian flocks. The representatives of this society and of the National Record Board, appointed to interview American Record Associations, with a view to effecting affiliation of Canadian and American records, reported encouraging prospects of progress in that direction, the proposal being that all pedigrees of sheep registered in American records shall go automatically into the American records.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

The following are the officers elected for 1906: President, J. M. Gardhouse, Weston; Vice-President, John Campbell, Woodville; Secretary-Treasurer, A. P. Westervelt, Toronto. Directors—For Cotswolds, D. McCrae, Guelph; Leicesters, A. Whitelaw, Guelph; Lincolns, John T. Gibson, Denfield; Southdowns, John Jackson, Abingdon; Shropshires, W. A. Dryden, Brooklyn; Hampshires and Suffolks, Geo. L. Teller, Paris; Oxfords, T. R. Arkell, Arkell; Dorsets, Col. J. A. McGillivray, Bedford Park; Ontario Agricultural College, Prof. G. E. Day, Guelph; General Director, R. H. Harding, Thorndale. Representatives to National Record Board, Col. McGillivray and J. M. Gardhouse.

Annual Meeting of Dominion Grange.

The annual meeting of the Dominion Grange opened in Victoria Hall, Toronto, on Wednesday, February 7th. Chairman Killam, of the Railway Commission, had notified the Grange, with reference to the resolution passed at last meeting, to have the speed of trains limited while passing unprotected crossings in villages, towns and cities, and to regulate shuntings at important crossings, that the Commission hoped to take this matter up in the near future.

The resolutions included the following:

Abolition of the Senate.

of farm buildings from taxation.

That no action be taken on the subject of exemption A motion submitted, "That actions for damages against municipalities be limited to such claims as can be made under the common law," was passed with an amendment to provide for some commission or arbitration in such cases.

That the Government be asked to re-consider the legislation of last session regarding salaries, pensions and indemnities.

Resolutions were passed, complaining of the rapidly increasing expenditure by the Dominion Government; requesting that any changes to be made in the customs tariff be in the direction of lowering rather than increasing it; disapproving the system of bounties and subsidies; asking that the railways be not allowed to discriminate in favor of or against any passengers carried in Canadian territory; recommending that express rates be placed under control of the Railway Commission; requesting the Ontario Government to make further efforts to secure a larger proportion of agricultural immigrants for Ontario, and asking the Government to pass such legislation as will effectually protect the public from the automobile nuisance.

A recommendation was adopted: "That the Government be urged to pass at the coming session a bill to tax railways on the same basis as other property; 85 per cent. of taxes collected from all railways to go to the municipalities, and 15 per cent. to the Government; that the Provincial Government should retain full right to control rates to be charged by electrical power companies to the advantage of the public rather than to the undue advantage of the few."

Officers elected are: Master, J. G. Lethbridge, Strathburn; Overseer, R. A. Sutherland, Vile; Secre-

tary, W. F. W. Fisher, Burlington; Treasurer, James Fallis, Newbridge; Chaplain, W. Goodfellow, Stroud; Lecturer, W. L. Smith, Toronto; Steward, A. A. Carruthers, Whitby; Assistant Steward, W. E. A. Peer, Freeman; Gatekeeper, J. Todd, Gilford. Executive Committee—J. G. Lethbridge, W. F. W. Fisher, Jabel Robinson, Middlemarch.

To the deputation which laid some of these recommendations before the Government, Premier J. P. Whitney said the Province should have control of the rates charged by the electrical power companies. He was emphatic as to the need of legislation in regard to automobiles, and also said: "I think there is no harm in my saying the Salvation Army will very likely be enabled by this Government to settle a number of townships within the next year—outside of laborers."



Thomas A. Graham.

President Clydesdale Horse Association of Canada.

The Canadian Clydesdale Association Annual Meeting.

The 19th annual meeting of the Canadian Clydesdale Horse-breeders' Association, held in Toronto, Feb. 8th, was attended by about 200 members, and was one of the largest and most enthusiastic meetings in the history of the society, as a result of the very active demand and high prices prevailing for heavy-draft horses, to which fact the retiring President, Mr. Wm. Smith, of Columbus, Ontario, referred in his exceedingly able address at the opening of the meeting, in which he reviewed the history of the Canadian spring show of Clydesdale and Shire horses from its small beginning to its present high standing. Mr. Smith also referred with pride to the signal success in prize-winning of Canadian exhibitors at the International shows at Chicago, gracefully ascribing praise to the splendid enterprise of the firm of Graham Bros. as leaders in upholding the Canadian standard at those great exhibitions.

A motion was adopted, leaving to the directors the appropriation of the money grants from the society to leading exhibitors to be offered as prizes for Clydesdales.

OFFICERS ELECTED FOR 1906.

Honorary President, F. W. Hodson; President, Thos. A. Graham, Claremont; Vice-President, John Bright, Myrtle; Secretary-Treasurer, Henry Wade, Toronto; Registrar, F. M. Wade, Ottawa. Vice-Presidents for the Provinces—Ontario, Robert Beith, Bowmanville; Manitoba, J. A. S. MacMillan, Brandon; Alberta, John A. Turner, Calgary; British Columbia, H. A. Vasey, Ladner; Saskatchewan, Geo. Mutch, Lumsden; Quebec, Robert Ness, Howick; Maritime Provinces, W. W. Black, Amherst. Board of Directors—Peter Christie, M. P., Manchester; Wm. Smith, Columbus; A. G. Gormley, Unionville; James Henderson, Bolton; E. C. H. Tisdale, Beaverton; James Torrance, Markham; John Boag, Ravenshoe. Delegates to Fair Boards—Toronto, Peter Christie, M. P., Manchester; Ottawa, Wm. Smith, Columbus, and Geo. Grey, Newcastle; Western Fair, London, J. W. Innis, Woodstock, and Jas. Henderson, Bolton; Quebec and Sherbrooke, R. Ness and Geo. Stewart, Howick; Winnipeg, Geo. H. Greig and Henry Nichol. Delegates to the Canadian Horse-breeders' Association—Wm. Smith and John Bright.

Notice of motion was given by Dr. A. G. Hopkins, of Winnipeg, that at next annual meeting the question of a higher standard of registration for imported stallions and mares shall be dealt with, in order to bring them under the same rules as to the number of registered crosses as are required for Canadian-breds to entitle them to registry here.

The Fourth Annual Canadian Clydesdale and Shire Show.

"Greater than has been," aptly describes the fourth annual Canadian Clydesdale and Shire Show, held in the Repository, Toronto, February 7th, 8th and 9th. Favored with ideal weather, patronized by large and enthusiastic crowds, with an entry far in excess of any former year of a class of horses of which Canadians may well be proud, a class that for size, conformation, style, action and quality could hold their own with those at any like exhibition in the world. The judges were Mr. John Bright, of Myrtle, and Mr. Robert Beith, of Bowmanville, assisted by Mr. Robert Graham, of Bedford Park, with Peter Christie, M. P., of Manchester, as referee. That their work was well done, was proven by the almost entire absence of dissatisfaction.

CLYDESDALES.—The first class called was Clyde stallions, foaled previous to January 1st, 1902, of which nine lined up, and a more even lot has seldom, if ever, been seen together in a Toronto show-ring, confirming our oft-repeated remark, that the quality of recent importations shows a decided improvement over those of former years. It took the judges considerable time to decide on the ribbon bearers in this class, as several of them were very even in the more prominent Clydesdale characteristics. The first-prize horse was found in Smith & Richardson's newly imported Olympus, by the banner son of Baron's Pride, up-to-time, a horse of great scale, with model underpinning. A very close second was R. Ness & Sons' model Clydesdale, The Rejected, a horse that has carried the red and blue out of many a show-ring. Third went to O. Sorby's grand quality horse, Prince of London, a horse that, did he carry a little more weight and feather, would be very hard to turn under. Fourth was found in T. H. Hassard's Breadalbane, a worthy son of Hiawatha, a horse possessing a vast amount of substance and quality, and a strong favorite with many of the onlookers. Fifth went to Wm. Duncan's Prince Orla, a horse that required considerable looking over to fault. Seldom are judges called on to face a harder problem than this class presented, and that their decision gave general satisfaction was plainly evident.

The next class in order was stallions foaled in 1902, of which there were 11 entries, which for size, style, quality and action galore was here in abundance, and the judges had their work cut out for them from the drop of the hat. Here the premier aristocrat was found in Smith & Richardson's lately landed horse, Mascot, a worthy son of Baron's Pride. Second was found in Graham & Renfrew's wonderfully well-put-up colt, Recruit, a horse that in motion instinctively draws all eyes in his direction; third went to Smith & Richardson, on that big, quality colt, Prince Cairnbrogie; fourth to T. H. Hassard's Pearl Finder, a horse of great scale and quality; fifth to James Henderson's Minmore, a stylish, natty-going horse, that had many admirers. Another horse in this class that commanded a great deal of admiration was T. Mercer's Knight of Glamis, that, unfortunately, happened with a slight accident that caused him to go a little lame when moved in the ring, which, of course, was Mr. Mercer's loss, as had he been all right he would have stood a good chance of carrying off very high honors.

Stallions foaled in 1903 were next in order. In this class 14 came out, an exceptionally even, well-balanced lot, that taxed the judge's skill to pick out the winners. Graham & Renfrew's Celtic Lad was finally decorated with the red, a decision that met with the general approval; second went to Chas. Bennett's Moncrieffe Paronnet, a colt showing a heap of quality; third to Smith & Richardson's Baron Richardson, a colt that had many admirers for higher honors; fourth to J. A. Boag's Lord Durham, an exceedingly good, all-round colt, and only the exceptionally high-class company he was in presented him being at the top; fifth went to Smith & Richardson's Blacon Prince.

Stallions foaled in 1904 were next in order, and the call brought out half a dozen colts that showed a rare combination of size and quality, and of the form that makes future winners. First in this class went to one of Graham Bros.' importation, in Blacon Chime, owned and exhibited by Graham & Renfrew, a very sweet colt, full of quality and a grand mover. Second went to Smith & Richardson's Celtic Prince; third to Smith & Richardson's Baron Smith; fourth to J. A. Boag's Forgiven Chief; fifth to J. A. Boag's Ardmore, and sixth to A. Aitchison's Gallant James.

Canadian-bred Clydesdale or Shire stallions, foaled previous to January 1st, 1904, made one of the most interesting classes of the show, from the fact that all the candidates were Canadian-bred, and the animals lined up were living testimonials to the fact that Canada and Canadians are quite capable of breeding as good a class of animals as the world produces. Erskine Lyndoch, property of John Vipond, rightly carried off the red. He is a horse of grand quality and very hard to fault. A. Doherty's Golden Conqueror was placed second; he shows a trifle more substance, but not quite so much quality. R. L. Graham's Admiral was placed third; this horse showed size and a goodly amount of quality, but did not move quite so well. O. Sorby's Prince Patrian was placed fourth; a grand, good type of quality horse. Fifth went to J. W. Cowie's Alexander Macqueen.

Stallions foaled on or subsequent to January 1st, 1904. In this class six came forward at the call, and they were a very even lot—a credit to their breeders. Graham & Renfrew's Superior, a colt full of quality and a flashy mover, was placed first; second went to Chas. Stewart's Chief Harmony, a larger colt, but of