

granddam of the seventh was by Darnley. The chief trophy in the Clydesdale world is the Cawdor Cup, presented by the Clydesdale Horse Society. This has been won in the past by Mr. W. Renwick's Prince Alexander 8890, Mr. James Kilpatrick's Prince of Kyle 7155, Messrs. P. & W. Crawford's Prince of Carruchan 8151, and Mr. Peter Crawford's Royal Gartly 9844. On the present occasion Royal Gartly won in the open class and secured the Cawdor Cup for a second time. Prince of Kyle, not being a registered horse, was not qualified to compete. The son of a former cup-winner, Prince of Kyle, won in the two-year-old class. This was Mr. James Kilpatrick's Cawdor Cup 10045, a raking, stylish young horse bred by the Earl of Cawdor, and out of the famous prize mare, Lady Lawrence. He is a horse with choice action, and many things are more improbable than that he should be he be much older win the Cawdor Cup for himself. Many horses were hired prior to the show, the total number being about 50, and at the show another 18 horses secured engagements. The largest number of horses have been hired by the Messrs. Montgomery, their contracts being 14 or thereabout; Mr. David Riddell has also hired a considerable number, the total being somewhere about a dozen. A great variety of breeding is represented in these 50 or 60 horses, and some account of it may be interesting. Macgregor 1487 himself is the only son of Darnley hired for service, and his terms are the highest being paid this year. Eight of his sons and an equal number of the sons of Prince of Wales 673 are on the list as engaged. There are five sons of Prince of Carruchan 8151, four sons of Gallant Prince, and an equal number of Castlereagh; three sons each of Sir Everard 5353, Prince of Albion 6178, Prince Alexander 8890, and Prince of Kyle 7155; two each of Top Gallant 1850, Prince Fortunatus 8136, Royal Signet 8957, Mains of Airies, Prince Robert 7135, and Buxom Lad 7533, with one each of Goldfinder 6807, Lord Lyndoch 4530, Knight o' Lothian 4489, Crusader 9178, Duke of Rothesay 9191, New Hope 3029, Darnley's Last 6663, Prince Lawrence, Prince Gallant 6176, Prince of Avondale, Mount Royal 8065, Prince of Albion, Royalist 6242, Skellormie 4027, Rosemount 8953, St. Lawrence 3220, Gallant Lad 2781, Bonnie Prince, The Royal Prince 4053, Mount Royal 8065, Prince Romeo 8144, Gregor Macgregor 5812, and Newtonairs 4564. A number of younger horses are thus coming to the front, but so long as the older sires are on the stage they are difficult to displace from the premier positions.

Several sales were held on the day preceding the show. The largest was that of Mr. Sinclair Scott, the Chairman of Editing Committee of the Clydesdale Horse Society. He sold 29 head, of varying ages and both sexes, the average price being £63 5s. each; 15 brood mares made £70 7d. of an average; the highest price of the sale being £178 10s., paid by Mr. Smith, Blacon Point, for the Darnley mare, Scottish Rose. A yearling filly by Prince Frederick 8905 drew £136 10s. A much smaller consignment from Mr. A. B. Matthew's stud, at Newton Stewart, drew excellent prices. The fine mare, Princess May, by Top Knot, drew £210, her buyer being Mr. W. H. Lumsden, of Balmede. On the same day a draught sale from Sir Walter Gilbey's stud of Shire horses was held down in Essex, and some extraordinary prices were recorded. The average for 39 head was £143, the top price being 550 gns., paid for the champion mare at Peterborough last year. Nine brood mares made the respectable average of £177 2s. apiece. The Shires enjoy the patronage of royalty and the English aristocracy in a pre-eminent degree, and the breeders of that class are reaping the benefit. Clydesdales are doing a more cautious trade, and it rests on a more solid foundation, namely, commercial value; nevertheless we could do with a little more of the patronage of the wealthy.

Breeders' Meetings.

SHORTHORN MEN IN SESSION.

The tenth annual meeting of the Dominion Shorthorn Breeders' Association was held in Toronto on February 13th, 1896, with President Arthur Johnston in the chair; Henry Wade, Secretary.

The Secretary's and Executive Committee's report showed that in 1895 3,150 certificates were issued and 450 changes of ownership had been registered, as against the issuance of 3,142 certificates and 493 transfers in 1894. At the close of last year there were in all on record 50,066 pedigrees. In 1895 60 new members had been received, 290 members had paid up. The membership roll had decreased 35 last year. The 11th volume of the Herd Book was to have been completed and in the hands of subscribers by midsummer. This was seriously delayed by the destruction of the whole volume by the fire on the 3rd of March. Mr. Wade sent circulars repeatedly to breeders asking them to send in all pedigrees recorded in 1894 and the first two months of 1895. A great many responded, but out of 1,873 bulls recorded for the eleventh volume there are yet about 807 missing. These are coming in by degrees, and will be printed in the 13th volume. A like number of female pedigrees are also missing. Mr. Wade hopes that breeders who have not yet attended to this matter will do so at once. The financial statement shows the receipts for 1895 to be \$7,228.87. Cash on hand at beginning of 1895, \$2,129.19. Expenditures for 1895 were \$4,571.52. Cash now on hand, \$4,786.54. The present assets amount to \$10,524.04.

Election of Officers.—President, Arthur Johnston, Greenwood; 1st Gen. Vice President, Jas. Russell, Richmond Hill; 2nd Gen. Vice President, John I. Hobson, Mosborough. Vice-Presidents for other Provinces—P. E. Island, Hon. D. Ferguson, M. P. P., Charlottetown; B. Columbia, J. H. Ladner, Ladner's Landing; Quebec, James Cochrane, Hillhurst; New Brunswick, Senator Josiah Wood, M. P., Sackville; Alberta, Malcolm McInnis, Calgary; Nova Scotia, O. Chase, Church-street; Manitoba, John E. Smith, Brandon. Board of Directors: A. List—Edward Jeffs, Bonhead; H. Smith, Hay; Capt. T. E. Hobson, Iderton; F. I. Patten, M. D., St. George; W. Dawson, Victoria. B. List—W. J. Biggins, Clinton; David Rae, Fergus; James Tolton, Walkerton; Wm. Linton, Aurora; John Davidson, Ashburn. C. List—D. D. Wilson, Seaforth; H.

Wright, Guelph; John Isaac, Markham; W. G. Pettit, Freeman; C. M. Simmons, Ivan. Executive and Finance Committee—Messrs. Russell, Miller, Hobson, Johnston, and Linton. Delegates—To Industrial Fair, Hon. Jno. Dryden and John I. Hobson; To Western Fair, Capt. T. E. Robson and C. M. Simmons. Secretary and Editor, Henry Wade, Toronto.

Freight Charges.—The two great railway companies of Canada have recently increased their rates upon the shipment of cattle in less than carload lots by freight over their lines. Before the change, calves under 6 months were rated at 500 pounds; between 6 and 12 months, 1,000 pounds; cattle over 1 year, 2,000 pounds; bulls under 1 year, 1,000 pounds; 1 year and under two, 3,000 pounds; bulls over 2 years, 4,000 pounds. According to the present rates, calves under six months go for 400 pounds, or actual weight if above that weight; all over six months are charged for the carriage of 4,000 pounds weight. After some discussion upon this matter, we, the breeders of Shorthorn cattle, consider the recent change in tariff for shipment of stock in small lots will make it impossible for breeders to do business at a profit, and unless the railway authorities encourage the breeders by giving them very favorable rates, it will mean inestimable loss to the farmers of Canada, and also to the railways of the country.

Quarantine.—Moved by John I. Hobson, seconded by Jas. Russell: That, in the opinion of this Association, whereas everything has been done that can be done, both by the Government and the press of the Dominion, to regain the privileges taken from us by Great Britain, namely, the privilege of selling our cattle in their inland markets if preferred to the seaport towns, and of selling them there if we most emphatically repeat that we have no pleuro-pneumonia or contagious disease of any kind in Canada, nor have we ever had, except in quarantine, where it was immediately stamped out and every possibility of infection destroyed; that it is not fear of disease that makes the farmers of Great Britain object to our cattle, but the fear of competition. The former might be removed, but the latter never can.

Therefore, having, we believe, lost the British market for our Shorthorn cattle, we would respectfully urge upon the Government at Ottawa the desirability of removing all quarantine restrictions, on our side, between Canada and the United States, and of asking the United States to allow our cattle to pass into their country without quarantine. No disease ever having found a foothold in Canada, and none having been found in the cattle of the United States for several years, it is not in the interest of the United States to have any hindrance placed in the way of the freest traffic in pure-bred cattle. It is acknowledged by all breeders, and has hitherto been a principle of all governments, that the improvement of live stock needs not only all the scope, but all the encouragement possible to give the industry. We have suffered for want of that scope for some years in order to go on with the improvements of our herd in America or Great Britain and buying the animal whose form and breeding suits our needs, no matter where it may be found. While there was a possibility of regaining what was a doubtful advantage at best, namely, the shipping of our store cattle to Britain, we held aloof from asking anything that would prejudice the case, but now when we are convinced that no danger from contagious disease exists in our Shorthorn cattle, and that all cases in that direction are gone, we humbly ask that we may be allowed every assistance to regain the trade that was profitable to us and beneficial to the country. Carried unanimously.

The Toronto Fair.—The manager of the Toronto Industrial Exhibition met this Association, asking that the live stock be placed on the Exhibition grounds on Wednesday, the first day of the week of the Exhibition. This is desirable to be able to advise the exhibitors the exhibition will be complete by that time, so to draw more of the crowds, thus avoiding the extraordinary jamming that has usually occurred upon two or three days of the second week. It was, therefore, resolved that this Association comply with Mr. Hill's request. Papers were read by Messrs. R. Gibson, Capt. T. E. Robson, and K. Miller. Mr. Gibson's appeared in our last issue, and Mr. Miller's is contained in this number.

AYRSHIRE BREEDERS.

The ninth annual meeting of the Dominion Ayrshire Breeders' Association met in Toronto on Feb. 14th, 1896, with President W. W. Ballantyne in the chair. The President in his address referred to some desirable changes needed in the Toronto Industrial prize list, and also recommended that an effort be made to have the Dominion and Canadian Herd Books. He also recommended that the appendix be done away with. The matter of registration was discussed, when it was considered wise not to make changes in Herd Books, except it is absolutely necessary. The appendix, therefore, remains as before. The idea of amalgamating the Herd Books was not entertained, upon the grounds that the Canadian Book records pedigrees similar to those recorded in the appendix of the Dominion Book.

The Executive Committee's report showed that 549 pedigrees had been registered during the last year, making in all 831 for the third volume of the Herd Book. Mr. Wade expressed a regret that several breeders have not returned the certificates of animals whose pedigrees were destroyed in the fire on the 3rd of March. The treasury had, at the close of the year, a balance of \$73.03.

Correspondence between this Association and the railway companies regarding the new tariff on less than car lots of cattle was read, and a resolution similar to that passed by the Shorthorn Breeders' Association carried unanimously.

With regard to the quarantine restrictions between Canada and the United States, the following resolution was unanimously carried: "This Association believes that all has been done that can be done to remove the embargo upon our cattle trade in Great Britain, and without success. Therefore, we beg to urge upon the Dominion Government the very great necessity of having the restrictions removed on Canadian stock, and ask the American Government to remove the quarantine now enforced against Canadian cattle, we being fully convinced that no danger from contagious disease exists in our cattle herds, and that a great impetus would be given to the business of pure-bred cattle by such action."

The manager of the Toronto Industrial, upon presenting his claim to the presence of live stock during the last half of the first week of the Exhibition, was met with a very light opposition upon the ground that this might possibly interfere with exhibiting stock at other early shows. The resolution passed by the other associations carried here as well.

Election of Officers.—President, H. E. Eyre, Harlem; Vice-Presidents—John Crosby, Campbellford, Ont.; W. C. Edwards, M. P., North Nation Mills, Que.; George Steele, Glanboro, Man.; Claude H. Manners, Moosomin, N. W. T.; W. Wells, Chilliwick, B. C.; C. H. Archibald, Truro, N. S.; C. C. Gardiner, Charlottetown, P. E. I. Secretary, Henry Wade. Directors—Messrs. W. W. Ballantyne, Jos. Yuill, Carleton Place; Wm. Stewart, Jr., Menie; R. G. Steacy, Thos. White, McCormick, Reckton; Wm. Smith, Fairfield Plains; Thos. Guy, Oshawa; A. Kains, Byron; Walter Nicol, Plattsville. Delegates—To Industrial Fair, Messrs. McCormick and W. W. Ballantyne; Western Fair, M. Ballantyne and A. Kains; Ottawa, Messrs. Jos. Yuill and J. C. Smith, Hintonburg. Auditors—Messrs. De W. Green, Toronto, and John Weld, London.

Judges Recommended.—Messrs. John Douglas, Warkworth; W. Hislop, Smith's Falls; M. Ballantyne, A. Kains, H. E. Clark Brantford; McCormick, Eyre, Stewart, Crosby, Wm. Hunter, Lancaster; Wm. Smith, Steacy, Thos. White, Blanchford; Alex. Hume, Burnbrae.

With regard to changes in the Industrial Exhibition prize list, the delegates were instructed to calculate the ages of cattle from August 1st, and calves under six months from February 1st. It was also recommended that the section for cow and two of her progeny, be changed to four animals, get of one sire. It was also recommended that a section be added for bull calf under six months, and a section for bull two years old and four heifers aged respectively two years,

one year, over six months and under twelve, and under six months, all bred and owned by exhibitor. It was also recommended that a section be added for bull and four of his progeny, bred and owned by exhibitor.

Papers were read by Messrs. Jos. Yuill, Wm. Stewart, and H. E. Eyre.

In Mr. Yuill's paper it was shown that the Ayrshire breed had won 17 first prizes when competing with other breeds since 1892. The claim was put forth that the Ayrshire cow produces dairy products more cheaply than any of the other breeds, and that upon grass alone she will surpass all others in point of production and profit. Mr. Yuill is strongly opposed to giving points in dairy tests for pounds of milk not solids. He considers that water can be more cheaply pumped than milked.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DOMINION CATTLE BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION.

The executive officers of the Dominion Cattle Breeders' Association met in Toronto, Feb. 13th, Hon. Thos. Ballantyne in the chair; F. W. Hodson, Secretary.

John C. Snell (Snellgrove) moved, seconded by Capt. Wm. Rolph (Markham): "That a committee be appointed to interview the authorities of the C. P. R. and G. T. M., and urge upon them the disastrous effects that we believe must result to the cattle industry of this country from the recent changes made by the said companies in the classification of cattle for shipment singly or in small lots. We believe that in the present depressed condition of Agriculture the farmers of this country who require the use of pure-bred bulls cannot stand the additional tax which these changes entail on them. The result will be the use of locally-bred grade and inferior sires, which must ultimately result in deterioration in the quality of the cattle produced for exportation, and thereby greatly endanger the reputation of our cattle in the great markets of the world. Such a condition will surely reduce the number of animals bred and exported. That the same committee interview the Minister of Agriculture of the Dominion regarding the very serious quarantine regulations now existing between Canada and the United States. And that said committee report at our next annual meeting, and that the expenses of these gentlemen be paid by this Association." Carried.

The following were elected the Transportation and Quarantine Committee: Hon. Thos. Ballantyne, Stratford, representing the Ayrshire breeders; A. Johnston (Greenwood), John I. Hobson (Mosborough), and Robt. Miller (Brougham), representing the Shorthorn breeders; J. C. Snell, Snellgrove, representing the Jersey breeders; D. G. Hamner, representing the Dominion Sheep and Swine Breeders' Associations. The Hon. Thos. Ballantyne was elected chairman of the Committee, and Mr. John I. Hobson, secretary.

The Secretary was instructed to arrange for a tent for the use of breeders and others at the large fairs, and also for a joint Live Stock, Farmers' Institute, and Industrial "round up" in Eastern Ontario, between June 1st and 20th.

The next annual meeting will be held at 1:30 p.m., Friday, April 17th next, in Shaftesbury Hall, Queen street, Toronto. The following have been requested to prepare papers: Mr. A. Johnston, "Transportation of Live Stock," discussion opened by Mr. Robert Miller, Brougham; Mr. John I. Hobson, Mosborough, "The Present Quarantine Regulations," discussion opened by Mr. J. C. Snell, Snellgrove; Mr. D. G. Hamner, "How Quarantine and Railroad Rates affect the Sheep and Swine Interests."

Government Recognition.—A large and influential delegation of representative breeders from various parts of the country waited upon the Ontario Minister of Agriculture, Hon. John Dryden, requesting a grant of \$1,500 to carry on the work of the Association, which must now take up the beef and dairy cattle departments of the winter show formerly in charge of the old Agriculture and Arts Association. Addresses in support thereof were delivered by Messrs. John I. Hobson, Arthur Johnston, and Robt. Miller. The Association is now fully organized on the same footing as the Sheep and Swine Associations. The deputation was favorably received by the Minister, who assured them that their request would be carefully considered.

EXECUTIVE DOMINION SHEEP AND SWINE BREEDERS' ASSOCIATIONS.

The executive officers and other members of the Dominion Sheep and Swine Breeders' Associations met in Joint Committee in Toronto, Feb. 13th, 1896.

It was decided to wait on the Provincial Minister of Agriculture, and respectfully urge that the annual grant to the Swine Breeders' Association for 1896 be \$1,200.00, and that to the Sheep Breeders' Association \$1,500.00, an increase in the former case of \$500 over last year, and in the latter case of \$500. The pure-bred sheep classification for the next show has been largely extended, and the going out of existence of the Agriculture and Arts Association imposes heavier burdens upon the Sheep and Swine Breeders' Associations.

President Brothour, of the Swine Breeders' Association, introduced the deputation. Mr. F. W. Hodson presenting a very complete statement of the work, finances, and needs of the two organizations to the Minister, after which Mr. Snell, Mr. Tolton, and others gave addresses, emphasizing the points made by the Secretary.

All present were most favorably impressed with the reception accorded them by the Minister. After the interview the members resumed business.

A letter from Mr. Wm. Jones was read, asking that the prize list for the Provincial Winter Show be amended in each of the pure-bred classes, adding a section for pigs under six months; as the pig list now stands sows and barrows under six months show in one class. Mr. Jones desired a class for sows and one for barrows. It was resolved: "That the prize list for 1896 remain as published."

A letter was read from Mr. John Kelly, pointing out that Hampshire and Suffolk sheep were classified together in the prize list of the Winter Show. Also a letter from Mr. W. M. Smith, suggesting a classification for Merinos. On motion of J. I. Hobson, seconded by D. G. Hamner, it was resolved: "That Hampshire and Suffolk form class 15, and that Dorsets and Merinos form class 14 in prize list of Provincial Show for 1896."

A letter was read from Mr. R. Gibson, suggesting a change in the color of ribbons given to prize winners. On motion it was resolved: "That red indicate 1st prize; blue, second prize; white, third prize; green, fourth prize; yellow, fifth prize."

By resolution the following motion was carried: "That a sweepstakes for best wether be not offered in each or any pure-bred class at the Provincial Winter Show of 1896."

Moved by Prof. Day, seconded by Mr. Jas. Tolton: "That the prize list be revised be the official list for the sheep and swine departments for the Provincial Winter Show of 1896." Carried.

A letter was read from the Minister of Agriculture in reference to swine registration, the purport of which appeared in the ADVOCATE of February 15th.

Moved by Mr. Green, seconded by Mr. Snell: "That the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture be most respectfully requested to vest in this Association all volumes of swine records, whether American, Canadian, or English, which are now in the office of the Registrar of Live Stock, and that all volumes of said swine records accruing hereafter in said office be also the exclusive property of this Association." Carried.

On motion of Mr. Green, seconded by Mr. Snell, Mr. Green's motion—that the membership fee be \$2, and that each member be furnished free the volume of the record issued in the year in which he is a member—passed at the last meeting of the directors, was amended by adding the words, "unless said member otherwise request."

On motion by Mr. Snell, seconded by Mr. Green, Mr. Snell's motion specifying details to be recorded in swine register, passed at the last meeting of the directors, was amended by adding the following clause: "Except in the case of imported animals, the pedigrees of which shall be published in full."

Mr. John I. Hobson was added to Winter Stock Committee of Sheep Breeders' Association.