

Holstein Breeders Hold an Enthusiastic Meeting

An Increase in Membership, an Improvement in Finances, and Greater Interest in the Breed Proved Causes of Satisfaction

ANOTHER mile post in the history of Holstein-Friesian cattle in Canada was passed last week on the occasion of the holding in Toronto of the annual meeting of the Holstein-Friesian Cattle Breeders' Association. The reports presented were encouraging. They showed increased membership, and increased registrations. Under the new secretary, Mr. W. A. Clemons, the office of the Association has been re-organized, and its efficient management was a matter of frequent favorable comment during the meetings.

Feeling that the time had come when the work of the Association should be placed in the strongest possible position the members took two important steps when they adopted practically unanimously a motion introduced by Mr. George A. Laidlaw, of Aylmer, Ont., cancelling the existing rules governing the Record of Merit and substituting therefor a new set of rules. These rules provide among other things, that when breeders find that animals of theirs entered in the test are making more than a usually good test they must immediately advise the secretary of the Association in order that he might arrange to send another supervisor to conduct a new test in order that the authenticity of the test should be beyond dispute. The new rules provide also that during the official test no condiments, condition powders, tonics or drugs may be given any cows, nor any other liquid than pure water. It will be permissible to moisten dry foods with water but not with any other liquid.

SHOW REMOVING.
A resolution introduced by Mr. R. F. Hicks was also adopted. It provided that Holstein cattle exhibited at any fair or exhibition must be the bone-fide property of the exhibitor, and recorded in his name in the books of the Association, before they can be exhibited. Any animal that has been owned by the exhibitor for a period of less than 12 months prior to the date of being judged at a fair or exhibition shall not thereafter be eligible to be transferred to any previous owner, provided that objection has been made in writing to the secretary of the Association within 10 days following the date upon which the animal was judged. Breeders violating these rules will be subject to a fine of not less than \$25 or more than \$100, and in default of payment may suffer the forfeiture of all rights or benefits from the Association.

MOTION DEFRATED

A motion introduced by Mr. H. Bolter, of Cassel, regarding the importation of bulls from the United States was defeated. A report of the discussion will be given later. A motion by Mr. Herrick to prevent by-bidding at public sales was laid over. Mr. Herrick was not present to introduce it. The motion of Mr. T. W. Richardson favoring the obtaining of legislation tending to discourage the running of grade bulls at large, was carried.

OFFICERS ELECTED

The following officers were elected: President, R. F. Hicks; Vice-President, Brooks; Ist Vice-President, D. C. Platt, Millgrove; 2nd Vice-President, M. L. Haley, Springford; 3rd Vice-President, J. W. Richardson, Caledonia; 4th Vice-President, N. Michener, Red Deer, Alberta; Secretary-treasurer, W. A. Clemons, St. George;

Directors, Dr. Tolmie, Victoria, B. C.; W. B. Allison, Chesterville, Ont.; G. A. Brethton, Norwood; F. H. Sangster, Ormstown, Que.; A. Arditors, B. Mallory, Belleville; A. C. Hallman, Breslau.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

President James Rattie of Norwich, in his presidential address, stated that on account of the greatly increased business being done by the Association, it had been found necessary to close the books at the end of the calendar year, thus only 11 months work was shown in the financial statement. In spite of this, gains had been shown in almost every department. January had been one of the busiest months in the office and its exclusion from the year's report was responsible for the great decrease in the annual dues collected as well as in other branches of the work. In spite of this over \$1,000 had been added to the assets during the eleven months ending the year \$4,073.55 had been expended for the purchase of bonds of the city of Waterloo, which made the total securities of the Association exceed \$12,000. The new bonds will yield a return of 5 per cent. per annum.

The increase in the number of official tests entailed the expenditure of more prize money. Larger and larger tests were being made and in order to guarantee their accuracy Mr. Rattie advocated the adoption of new rules to be proposed by Mr. Laidlaw, which had been drafted in cooperation with the president and secretary. Their adoption will necessitate the making of provision for the services of a supervisor to make re-tests when desired by the secretary. Lengthy extracts from the president's address will be published in a later issue of Farm and Dairy.

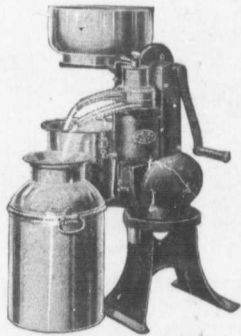
Secretary W. A. Clemons read the annual report. Two hundred and sixty-seven new members were admitted during the year. In the Record of Merit 676 official tests had been accepted, an increase of over 140 over the previous year. During the year 134 cows qualified in the Record of Performance bringing the total number to 435. Ten bulls qualified for admission by siring four tested daughters, all from different dams.

In the dairy test 1913 proved a banner year for the Holsteins. As far as it has been possible to discover the highest standing in every dairy test held in Canada during the year had been taken by a Holstein. These included contests at Winnipeg, Brandon, Calgary, Red Deer, Victoria, Vancouver, New Westminster, Brook, Charlottetown, Toronto, Guelph and Amherst. The demand for Holsteins continues unabated. Good cows were never so high in price before. Grade Holsteins had sold at auction for as high as \$275 a head. During the year Mr. Nell Sangster had made two shipments of Holsteins, numbering 57 head, to New Zealand.

REGISTRATIONS

The secretary reported as follows:	
Dual number of animals registered in 1913	654
Registry of animals under one year (no number)	492
Registry of animals under one year (no number)	974
Registry of animals under one year (no number)	78
Registry of animals over one year (no number)	117
Re-registry of Canadian bred animals	26
Duplicate certificates	4
Certificates on new form	4

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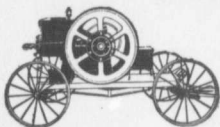
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