

was rendering to its members, and the advantages to be derived from it by all breeders of thoroughbred stock.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

Dr. Couture then reported that, in conformity with a resolution passed at the last meeting, he put himself into communication with the Department of Agriculture and the provincial Council of Agriculture, as well as with the different exhibition companies, with regard to certain irregularities, committed by some of the agricultural societies, in the application of the law, and concerning some modifications to be introduced into the programmes of the various exhibitions. The Department replied, that the complaint of the Society should be submitted to the Council of Agriculture and asked for the names of those Agricultural Societies that did not act in conformity with law, a demand with which the Secretary did not see fit to comply.

The Three-Rivers' Agricultural Society did not reply to the Secretary's letter. The Sherbrooke and the Ottawa Societies granted everything asked for by this Society, except the giving of the prizes in money instead of in medals and diplomas, to wit :

1. That cattle of 12 months and under (1) shall form two classes, one for animals under 6 months, the other for those from 6 months to twelve months ;
2. That the age of animals shall date from the 1st of August ;
3. That every proprietor exhibiting stock be required to make a solemn declaration that the age of any animal he exhibits is such as it is represented to be, if such a declaration is asked for by one of the other exhibitors in the same class.

The Secretary reported that every year, after the exhibitions, a number of complaints reach him concerning dishonest exhibitors, and that he receives requests from the Secretaries of the exhibitions for information about persons suspected of having won prizes dishonestly.

"It was proposed" by Mr. R. D. Cow-

an, seconded by M. A. Denis, and carried : that MM. N. Garneau, M.P.P., J. C. Chapais, and Dr. J. A. Couture form the executive committee of the Society, and that all complaints and requests for information be submitted to them, with full powers to enquire into them and to act as they shall see fit in the premises.

Dr. Couture informed the meeting that the breeders of Canadian cattle were invited in a splendid manner, by the managers of the "Pan-American" (1) Exhibition Company at Buffalo, to send some of their herds to that show. He observed that the breeders of Canadian cattle ought not to miss such an opportunity of making our stock known to the people of the States ; it was greatly to the interest of the country at large that that breed should be well represented at the Buffalo exhibition.

"Proposed" by M. A. Denis, seconded by M. Ls. Thouin, that the committee of management of the section of Canadian cattle be authorised to take all necessary steps to send a couple of herds of that breed to Buffalo : four members to constitute a quorum.

"Proposed" by the Rev. F. P. Côté, seconded by M. Frs. Gagnon, that thanks be voted to Dr. H. S. Perley, Ottawa, for the special prize of \$20.00 that he gave, this year, for the best herd of Canadian cattle (a bull and four females, under (over ?) a year old), exhibited at Ottawa.

"Proposed" by M. Girouard, seconded by M. Sylvestre, that steps be taken to persuade the exhibition companies to allow in future only one ewe, instead of two, to make up the lot in the section of sheep for the herd-prize.

The election of the different committees and officers for the next year was then carried out.

The following general committee of management was then elected unanimously :

President, Mr. Robert Ness ; 1st Vice-President, M. N. Garneau, M.P.P. ; 2nd Vice-President, Mr. Thos. Drysdale ; Secretary, M. le Dr. Couture ; Directors, MM.