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Meeting of Executive Committees of Stock Breeders' Associations.

A meeting of the executive committees of the Dominion Cattle, Sheep and Swine Breeders' Associations was held at Brantford, Ont., May 21st, to make arrangements for the holding of the Fat Stock Show in that city in December, and to transact other business in the interest of the associations. There were present Messrs. John I. Hobson (Chairman), J. C. Snell, F. W. Hodson, D. McCrae, Jas. Tolton, John Jackson, D. G. Hamner, Arthur Johnston, G. W. Clemons, J. E. Brethour, R. H. Harding, Geo. Green.

Live stock trade with South America.—A motion was adopted requesting Hon. Mr. Dryden, Minister of Agriculture for Ontario, and Secretary Hodson, to interview the commercial agent of the Dominion Government for Central and South America, in the event of his appointment, and to urge upon him the importance of enquiring into the possibilities of securing trade in pure-bred live stock with that country.

Transportation.—On motion, Mr. Hobson, who is about to visit the Northwest and British Columbia, was authorized to make enquiry into the rates and facilities for transportation of pure-bred stock from the East to those Provinces. The Secretary was instructed to convey to the general freight agents of the G. T. R. and C. P. R. the thanks of the breeders' associations for the improved facilities and more favorable rates on pure-bred stock shipped over their lines to Manitoba and the N.-W. T., in response to the representations of the associations in this regard. In this connection it was stated by the Secretary that since the middle of January nineteen carloads of pure-bred stock have been shipped to the Western Provinces under the terms of those reduced rates, and the prospect is that many more will follow in the near future.

Freight rates to fairs.—The Transportation Committee was authorized to correspond through the Secretary with the Secretary of the Montreal Exhibition respecting the possibility of securing more favorable rates of freight on Western stock sent to that show.

Standards of excellence.—The Secretary was instructed to proceed with the work of collecting and compiling data for the preparation and publication in the annual report of a short history of the different breeds of cattle, sheep and swine, and a scale of points and standard of excellence for each breed, and to enlist such assistance as is necessary to get these ready for the next report. These to be submitted to the directors for approval.

It was agreed that a committee again be provided for the use of the associations for holding meetings, etc., at the Toronto Industrial Exhibition.

Special prizes.—The Prince of Wales prize of \$48 was allotted to the dairy department of the winter show, and will be given in two sweepstakes prizes: one for the best cow over 36 months old, the other for the best cow under 36 months.

A special prize of a grain crusher given by the Gould, Shapley & Muir Co., of Brantford, value \$45, will be awarded as a sweepstakes for the best beef animal of any age or breed in the exhibition.

The Wilkinson Plough Co., of Toronto, offer a plow valued at \$15, which will be given as a sweepstakes prize for the best sheep of any age or breed in the show.

The Thom Implement Works, Watford, Ont., offer a corn and root cultivator, value \$10, which will be given as a sweepstakes prize for the best pig in the show.

The Wm. Davies Co., Toronto, offer a prize of \$25 for the three best bacon hogs, and the Ingersoll Packing Co., Ingersoll, Ont., give two prizes of \$15 and \$10 for the six best light singers in the class of hogs.

These are in addition to the specials mentioned in a former number of the ADVOCATE.

GOSSIP.

A model farm is about to be established by Chang Chi Tung, Viceroy of Wu Kwang, in central China. At the recommendation of Prof. I. P. Roberts, President Schurman, of Cornell University, N. Y., has named Mr. G. D. Brill, of Poughquag, N. Y., who is now taking a post-graduate course in agriculture at the university, as director. The application for the selection of a suitable person for this position came to Dr. Schurman through a missionary whose assistance the Viceroy invoked, and who writes that Chang Chi Tung is, next to Li Hung Chang, "the most progressive ruler in China." The salary is understood to be at least \$3,000 in gold per annum.

The Flock Book of the Suffolk Sheep Society, Vol. XI, has reached us. We extract the following from an article on "Suffolk Sheep," contributed by the secretary and editor, Mr. Henry Prentice, 61 Oxford St., Ipswich, Suffolk, Eng.: An interesting experiment was carried out in 1894-96 by the Colonial College at Hollesley Bay, a few aged Merino ewes being mated to a Suffolk ram. The resulting produce averaged fully a lamb and a half per ewe, and gave when slaughtered, at the age of fifteen months, an average live weight of 94 lbs. per sheep, and an average "dressed carcass" weight of 54 lbs. or 60 61 per cent. The average weight of the fleece was 6.56 lbs., the length of the staple being about 50 per cent. greater than that of the average South-down, and the wool of equally fine texture. The heaviest wether weighed 110 lbs. and yielded 70 lbs. or 63.63 per cent. of "dressed carcass," and a fleece of 74 lbs. The flesh was of excellent quality, fine in grain, and of good flavor, with a large proportion of lean meat. The following report was received from a well-known "wool expert," Mr. J. W. Turner, of Bradford: "I have carefully examined your sample of Suffolk-Merino wool. Of its kind the wool is most excellent. It has a 'soft handle,' and is withal quite firm in staple, and would make a small proportion of 'noil.' For wool of its class it could not be beaten." The book contains the pedigrees of rams Nos. 4021 to 4411, besides a record of a large number of flocks. The secretary has enumerated in verse form 101 good points of the Suffolk sheep, the last of which is— "Well-bred, well-fed, and kept in health, A never-failing source of wealth."



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