

Large Numbers Attend the Live-stock Meetings.

Dominion Shorthorn Breeders.

One of the most business-like and successful in the whole series of gatherings in Toronto last week was held in the Temple Building on February 3, when the Dominion Shorthorn Breeders assembled to conduct their annual affairs and plan for the future. A spirit of confidence and prosperity permeated the entire proceedings, which manifested the faith of the breeders in an industry and a breed built upon the sure foundation—the nation's wants. It might be said that the association had its innings in 1913.

President Harry Smith reviewed the prosperity of the association during the season closed and made fitting allusion to the mantle of regret which overhung the members through the loss of the late W. G. Pettit and A. W. Smith. In reference to the newly established Record of Performance in the association, very marked approbation has been bestowed upon it by the members. A large number of entries have been received and the records of the tests have been creditable indeed. The underlying current of progress is apparently in the direction of combining milk production with beef conformation in so far as it does not detract from the excellence of the latter quality. In order to demonstrate the possibility of this achievement the president referred to the Scotch-bred cow, Beatrice 22nd, with a milk record of 57 pounds per day and yet was the dam of Bandmaster, first-prize bull at the Royal and Golden Arrow, a champion steer at the Smithfield show.

At the last annual meeting a committee composed of W. A. Dryden, John Gardhouse and Prof. Geo. E. Day were requested to draft a standard for animals registered in the Shorthorn Record of Performance. The following qualifications were presented and adopted by the association:

Bulls admitted after having four daughters in the Record of Performance, each from a different dam.

Cows admitted fulfilling the following requirements of production and breeding as supervised by the Live Stock Branch of the Department of Agriculture. All cows admitted must equal or exceed the records specified below:

Class.	Lbs. Milk.	Butter Fat.
Two-year-old	4,000	140.
Three-year-old	4,500	157.5
Four-year-old	5,000	175.
Mature cows	5,500	192.5

Tests to be made by the Babcock test.

Year's Milk Record.—If the test be commenced the day the animal is two years old or previous to that day she must produce within 365 consecutive days from that date 4,000 pounds of milk. For each day the animal is over two years old at the beginning of her year's test the amount of milk she will be required to produce in the year will be determined by adding 1.37 pounds for each such day to the 4,000 pounds required in the two-year-old class. This ratio is applicable until the animal is five years old, when the required amount will have reached 5,500 pounds, which will be the minimum amount of milk required of all cows five years old and over.

Year's Butter Fat Record.—If the test be commenced the day the animal is two years old or previous to that day she must produce within 365 consecutive days from that date 140 pounds of butter fat. For each day the animal is over two years old at the beginning of the year's test the amount of butter fat she will be required to produce will be determined by adding .048 of a pound for each such day to the 140 pounds required when in the two-year-old class. This ratio is applicable until the animal is five years old, when the required amount will have reached 192.5 pounds, which will be the minimum amount of butter fat required of all cows five years old and over.

Every cow accepted for registration of performance must drop a calf within 15 months after the commencement of the test. In the four-year-old class and mature cows, no cows will be accepted for registration of performance if the beginning of her previous lactation period was more than fifteen months before the commencement of the test.

All applications for the test must be addressed to the secretary of the Dominion Shorthorn Breeders' Association.

The Western Canada Live Stock Union, composed of all the live-stock associations west of the Great Lakes, sent in a strong plea for more representation on the Board of Directors.

In presenting their claims, Drs. Rutherford, Bell and Tolmie, with Andrew Graham, emphasized the growing importance of the live-stock industry in the Western Provinces and the necessity of Eastern branches keeping closely in touch with them.

Importers are under some restraint as to the registration of animals in Canada that may be duly registered in the Old Country. There is a feeling throughout America that the time has arrived when some change is warranted in the constitution, which stimulates that short-pedigreed cattle must be in the future. A committee will confer with a similar body from the United States in order to agree on some concerted action in this matter, but it may not be expected that any radical steps will be taken.

The annual report was received with satisfaction on the part of the members as it showed an increase of 2,365 registrations and 884 transfers over that of the previous year. In 1913 there were 9,046 registrations, 3,647 transfers and \$3,376 received in memberships. After the amount of the liabilities is deducted from the cash on hand there is a balance of \$7,835.73 left in the treasury of the association.

Fairs and exhibitions will receive a liberal grant during 1914 and it will be distributed in the following manner: Canadian National (Toronto), \$1,000; Western Fair (London), \$250; Central Canada Exhibition (Ottawa), \$100; National Live Stock, Horticultural and Dairy Show (Toronto), \$150; Winter Fair (Guelph), \$225; Winter Fair (Ottawa), \$175; Winnipeg Exhibition, \$200; Brandon Exhibition, \$200; Brandon Winter Fair, \$100; Regina Exhibition, \$200; Saskatoon Exhibition, \$200; Regina Winter Fair, \$100; Calgary Exhibition, \$200; Calgary Winter Fair, \$100; Edmonton Exhibition, \$200; Victoria Exhibition (Dominion), \$500; Sherbrooke Exhibition, \$200; St. John Exhibition, \$50; Halifax Exhibition, \$100; Charlottetown Exhibition, \$50; Amherst Winter Fair, \$50.

Officers.—President, Harry Smith, Hay; vice-president, John Gardhouse, Weston; second vice-president, W. A. Dryden, Brooklin; secretary-treasurer pro tem, Harry Pettit, Freeman, Ont.; directors, John Gardhouse, Highfield, Ont.; Dr. Sutherland, Saskatoon; J. A. Watt, Salem; P. M. Bredt, Regina; C. A. Archibald, Truro, N. S.; Wm. Smith, Columbus; J. G. Barron, Carberry; J. F. Mitchell, Burlington; J. A. McClary, Hillhurst; R. Amos, Moffat; R. W. Caswell, Saskatoon; H. M. Pettit, Freeman; S. Dymont, Barrie; W. D. Cargill, Cargill; W. R. Elliott, Guelph; delegates to Dominion Cattle Breeders' Association, Harry Smith and J. A. Watt, Salem.

Representatives to exhibition boards: Canadian National Exhibition, Toronto—J. A. Watt; Robert Miller, Stouffville. Western Fair, London—J. T. Gibson, Denfield; Capt. T. E. Robson, London. Central Canada Fair, Ottawa—W. A. Wallace, Kars, Ont.; R. E. White, Perth. Provincial Exhibition, Halifax, N. S.—R. S. Starr, Port William, N. S. Provincial Exhibition, New Brunswick—Harold Etter, Westmoreland Point, N. B.; A. E. Trites, Salisbury, N. S. Provincial Exhibition, Charlottetown, P. E. I.—Thos. Cass, North River, P. E. I.; John Richards, Bideford, P. E. I. Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition—James Yule, E. Selkirk; J. G. Washington, Nimga, Man. Calgary Exhibition—J. F. Lyall, Strome; J. A. Turner, Calgary, Alta. Brandon Exhibition—George Allison, Burnbank, Man.; Andrew Graham, Pomeroy, Man. Regina, Sask., Exhibition—Joe Barnett, Moose Jaw; Robt. Douglas, Tantallon, Sask. Sherbrooke, Que., Exhibition—E. V. Norton, Coaticook, Que.; F. R. Cromwell, Cookshire, Que. Winter Fair, Guelph—J. M. Gardhouse, Weston, Ont.; W. R. Elliott, Guelph, Ont. Edmonton Exhibition—James Sharpe, La Combe; A. R. Gillis, Clover Bar. Saskatoon Exhibition—Hon. Mr. Sutherland and R. W. Caswell, Saskatoon, Sask. Ottawa Winter Fair—W. A. Wallace, Kars, Ont.; Jas. Smith, Rockland, Ont. Regina, Brandon and Calgary Winter Fairs—Same delegates as appointed to summer fairs. Amherst Winter Fair—E. Crowe, Beaverbrook, and R. Albert Boswell, Pownell, P. E. I. National Live Stock, Horticultural and Dairy Show, Toronto—John Gardhouse, Highfield, and John Mitchell, Burlington.

Hackney Men Meet.

The announcement made at the annual meeting of the Canadian Hackney Horse Society, held at the Prince George Hotel, Toronto, Wednesday, evening, February 4th, that this Society was now in affiliation with both the English and American Societies was received with much satisfaction by the large number of members present. The financial statement, as read by Secretary Harry Robinson, was the best yet, showing a healthy condition of the Society, in its twenty-two years of organization. Including the balance on hand at the beginning of 1913, the total receipts for the year were \$2,069.43, and the expenditure \$720.92, leaving a balance on hand of \$1,348.51, a substantial increase over that of last year's report. There was also a most satisfactory increase in both membership and registrations. The officers elected were: Honorary President, J. H.

Allison, Morrisburg; President, A. E. Yeager, Simcoe; Vice-President, Harry Boag, Barrie; Directors, Robt. Graham, Claremont; J. R. Thompson, Guelph; C. W. McLean, Pointe Claire, Que.; L. Mossip, St. Marys; Thos. Cussion, Whitby; Dr. E. Watson, Hudson Heights, Que., and R. P. Grann, Lancaster, Pa., U. S. A.

Canadian Jersey Cattle Club.

At the annual meeting of the Canadian Jersey Cattle Club, held at the Prince George Hotel, Toronto, on Wednesday, February 4th, a resolution was passed asking that a committee be appointed to act in conjunction with the committees from the other societies to interview the Minister of Agriculture, asking for legislation prohibiting the running at large of scrub bulls, or the running at large of a pure-bred bull of any breed, and in case such bulls are found within the confines of another man's property they can be lawfully detained until all damages are settled, and in case a pure-bred cow gets in calf to such bulls unlawfully running at large, the owner may recover damages. Another resolution was passed asking for a committee to act in conjunction with the committee from the other associations, with the object of recommending that in the R. O. P. test the period of lactation for the test be changed from 365 to 300 days, and that the period in which she must freshen from the commencement of the test be 400 days. Reciprocal registration between this and the American Jersey Club is now an almost established fact. The financial report of Secretary B. A. Bull showed an increased prosperity of the club over any former year. Registrations, 1,155; transfers, 675; total receipts, \$1,662.95; expenditure, \$780.62. Grants to the various exhibitions amounting to \$400.00 were voted. Some changes in membership and registration fees were made as follows: Annual membership, \$2.00; registration to members for animals under two years of age, \$1.00; to non-members, \$2.00; for animals over two years to members, \$2.00; to non-members, \$4.00. It was also declared that the Canadian Jersey Club wishes to go on record as deploring the fact that the salaries paid to the officers of the Live Stock Branch of the Experimental Farm, at Ottawa, are not of sufficient importance to keep the better class of man in those positions. A resolution expressing appreciation of the management of the National Live Stock and Dairy Show in their efforts looking to the comfort of the exhibitors, and their exhibits was passed. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, S. J. Lyons, Norval; Vice-President, D. O. Bull, Toronto; First Vice-President, F. L. Green, Greenwood; Directors, W. N. McEachern, Toronto; E. S. Archibald, Ottawa; R. J. Fleming, Toronto, and H. A. Dolson, Altona. Much feeling was expressed by several of the members in speaking to a motion expressing sympathy for the retiring President, David Duncan, Don, through his serious illness.

Clydesdale Men in Annual Session.

A slight falling off in the cash balance on hand at the end of 1913, as compared with that of the preceding year, due to the largely increased grants to fairs, was the most prominent feature of the financial report as read by Secretary Wheaton at the annual meeting of the Clydesdale Horse Association of Canada, held at the Grand Union Hotel, Toronto, on Thursday, February 5th, 1914. The cash balance on hand at the end of the year was \$16,824.39, an excess of assets over liabilities \$19,613.40. The Directors' report, which was of considerable length, dealt with the continued supremacy of the Clydesdale as the ideal draft horse, and the superior quality of the horses exhibited at the various exhibitions, particular stress being laid on the splendid success attained by horses of Canadian breeding at the International Show, held in Chicago last November. An amendment to the constitution was ordered, which provided that article 16 be amended by adding thereto the following: Vice-Presidents of the provinces shall have all the powers of Directors, and they with the other officers, provided for in said article 16, shall constitute the governing body of the Association. On motion a committee was appointed to confer with the Record Board re the changing of the form of pedigree to give a more extended line of the animal's breeding. Officers elected for 1914 are: President, John A. Boag, Queensville; Vice-President, W. Graham, Claremont; Vice-President for Ontario, Peter Christie, Manchester; Directors, James Henderson, Belton; Geo. Gormley, Unionville; James Torrence, Markham; Fred Richardson, Columbus; Walter Milne, Green River; T. D. Elliott, Bolton; W. Grant, Regina. By a unanimous vote the following were elected life members of the Association: Robt. Graham, Claremont; Peter Christie, Manchester; Col. D. McCrae, Guelph, Ont., and T. C. Graham, Claremont, all of them past presidents.