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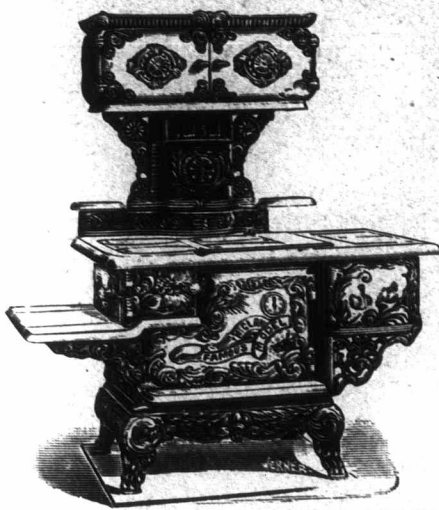
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American Shropshire Association

The annual meeting of the American Shropshire Registry Association was held on Sept. 4th, in Shaftesbury Hall, Toronto; Hon. John Dryden, President, in the chair; Mr. Mortimer Levering, of Lafayette, Indiana, Secretary. Mr. Dryden said he was pleased to open the meeting. First, because the Canadian members of the Executive Committee had had sufficient influence to induce the committee to hold the meeting of the Association in Canada for the first time in its history; second, that they had present so early in the week and so early in the morning such a large representation of the members of the Association; and, third, that so many American breeders were present. He was sure that all of the Canadian members would join in welcoming them to Canada and to our Exhibition. He said the Association was founded in 1881, and was thus still in its teens. It had a small beginning, but to-day it was the largest live stock association known. The membership covered the largest territory, and he was glad to say that long before the two flags had been intertwined as they now are at the Fair, they had become an association on both sides of the line, and had conducted their business pleasantly. They had a membership of very nearly two thousand in fifteen years, and it was increasing by from one hundred to two hundred annually. Primarily its success was due to the excellence and universal popularity of the breed of sheep which the Association represented. Their robustness of constitution, combined with activity, enabling them to find a living almost anywhere, had caused them to thrive in all places. In addition, their good size and excellent wool and mutton had made them an acquisition in every country where they had been introduced. The second reason for the success of the Association was that the utmost unity and harmony had always prevailed in it, and that the system of election was such that continuity of purpose was secured. They had encouraged increase of membership in the Association, and had done what they could to encourage the breeding of this particular breed of sheep by giving liberal prizes in all parts of the country. On the Toronto Exhibition grounds were found Shropshire sheep as near the ideal at which they were aiming as could be found anywhere.

Mr. Mortimer Levering presented an informal report. Owing to a change in the date of closing the financial year, no financial statement was presented, a motion being passed referring this to the Executive Committee. Mr. Levering explained that the last meeting of the Association was held in Omaha, it being the policy to hold the meeting where some large exhibition was being held. This year there was no such exhibition in the United States, and on the invitation of the Canadian members it was decided to meet in Toronto. The Association derived a large part of its support from the Canadian members. Mr. Levering also referred to the harmony that has always existed between the Canadian and American members. Since the last meeting 168 memberships were issued. Last year there were 169, the largest on record, and by the end of the year this number would probably be exceeded. The total membership was 1,950. The last certificate issued was numbered 129,300; the number of pedigrees was 12,117; the number of transfers last year was 2,444.

A letter was read from Mr. David Logan, of Pictou, N.S., charging irregularities in connection with an exhibit at the Halifax Exhibition. As the complaint was simply in the form of correspondence, no action had been taken on it. Some discussion ensued as to whether it should be made compulsory to have the Association tag attached to each registered animal, but the subject was left to the Executive Committee.

Wm. Ringwalt, New Castle, Ohio, was suspended pending the final action of the Executive Committee for refusing to supply a certificate of registration.

It was decided that after Jan. 1st, 1900, the fees on imported sheep be reduced from \$1.00 to 50 cents.

The following officers were elected: President, Hon. John Dryden, Toronto; 1st Vice-President, Prof. W. C. Latta, Lafayette, Ind.; Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Mortimer Levering, Lafayette, Ind.

Vice-Presidents: British Columbia, E. A. Kipp; Manitoba, J. A. S. Macmillan; N. W. T., O. P. Skrine; Nova Scotia, David Logan; Ontario, W. H. Beattie; P. E. I., Donald Ferguson.

Executive Committee: H. H. Clough, Ohio; Geo. Allen, Illinois; Dr. G. H. Davison, New York; T. A. Birby, Michigan; Richard Gibson, Canada; John L. Thompson, Indiana.

Committee on Pedigrees: E. G. Post, Ohio; W. J. Boynton, Minnesota; John Lessiter, Michigan; J. N. Greenshields, Quebec; Robt. Miller, Brougham, Ont.; Marion Williams, Indiana.

Cattle, Sheep and Swine Association.

A special meeting of the directors of the Dominion Cattle, Sheep and Swine Association was held in the Farmers' Institute tent at the Toronto Show, on the evening of Wednesday, September 6th, Mr. John I. Hobson in the chair. Mr. F. W. Hodson tendered his resignation as Secretary, having been appointed Live Stock Commissioner in the Department of Agriculture at Ottawa. On motion of Messrs. Jas. Tolton and Joseph Brothour, the resignation was accepted, and a committee appointed to draft a suitable testimonial to Mr. Hodson in recognition of his able services.

On motion of Mr. D. G. Hanmer, seconded by Mr. A. Elliott, Mr. A. P. Westervelt, who has been Mr. Hodson's assistant for five years past, was appointed to fill the vacancy.

Association of Fairs.

At a meeting of the Executive of the Canadian Association of Fairs, during the Toronto Exhibition (Mr. J. T. Murphy, of Simcoe, Ont., in the chair; Mr. Alex. McFarlane, Otterville, Ont., secretary), it was decided to hold the annual convention in Toronto in February next, date to be arranged by the President and Secretary. Papers will be read on "Special Attractions," "Doing Away with Membership," "Appointment of Judges," "What Fairs have Done for Agriculture," etc.

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