

Ontario Horse Breeders Meet

Some members of the Ontario Horse Breeders' Association are concerned over the effect that the proposed reciprocity measure will have upon the horses coming into this country should the proposals be given effect in law. The Clydesdale men also had some discussion on the subject at their annual meeting in Toronto last week. Under existing conditions where a duty is charged upon horses imported into Canada it is possible to supervise and control the quality of importations. Should reciprocity become a fact this control would become more difficult to exercise.

With this in view there was submitted to the gathering of Clydesdale men by the executive committee a set of new prices to govern the registration of Clydesdales in the future, in the event of the reciprocity arrangement becoming law. Chief amongst these changes were those which compelled the registration of animals within 30 days of arrival at a Canadian port. For these horsemen who obey this charge was but nominal, but those who fail to comply will have to pay fines at the rate of \$25 to members and \$50 to all others.

A resolution, setting forth the satisfactory condition of the horse business in Canada under existing conditions and the confidence reposed in the system of national records which now obtain, and viewing with grave apprehension the proposed reciprocity measures with the United States, and praying that the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture use his influence to discontinue the summation of the measure without first appointing a royal commission to investigate the whole question, was discussed. A number of members spoke strongly against its adoption, favoring reciprocity, and when the resolution was put to a vote it was lost by a considerable majority. The resolution was moved by R. E. Gunn, of Beaverton, who also brought up the question at the meeting of the Ontario Horse Breeders. There it was again shelved, in a sense, by its reference to the Board of Directors.

CLYDESDALE OFFICERS

The following officers were elected for the Clydesdales: Pres., John Bright, Myrtle; First Vice-Pres., Robert Graham, Bedford Park; Vice-Pres. for Ontario, Peter Christie, Manchester; Sec.-Treas., J. W. Sangster, Toronto.

Directors: Messrs. John Boag, Queensville; William Graham, Claremont; James Torrance, Markham; William Smith, Columbus; A. G.

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ONTARIO HORSE BREEDERS

Those chosen to guide the affairs of the Ontario Horse Breeders were: Pres., William Smith, Columbus; Vice-Pres., John Boag, Queensville; Sec.-Treas., P. Westorrell, Toronto; Executive Committee: John Gardhouse, Highfield; A. G. Gormally, Unionville; and John Bright, of Myrtle.

The directors will be composed of 13 men from the Clydesdale Association, and two each from the Shire, Hackney, Standard Bred, Thoroughbred and Pony Societies.

Mr. George Pepper in recognition of his services in bringing the association into being, was made a life member of the Ontario Horse Breeders' Association. The resolution was moved by Mr. John Bright.

Points of a Good Dairy Cow

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In the selection of the dairy cow line one of the essentials of success. The wise dairyman will select his cows from among these breeds which are characterized by dairy qualities, rather than those noted for beef making. When selecting cows for breeding, as well as for milking purposes it is important to have animals which belong to milking families or strains as well as belonging to one of the dairy breeds. A cow's milk giving depends not so much upon her breed as upon her own characteristics, her food and management.

If butter-making be the chief object we should select cows that give as large a flow as possible of rich milk or milk rich in butter fat. For cheese making and general dairying, quantity of flow is as important as richness.

The dairy cow should have a good constitution, as indicated by plenty of width between the forelegs, combined with a full heart girth, giving plenty of room for the heart and lungs. She should have a large haunch or middle showing that she has the power of consuming food in large quantities, and also a large mouth, strong lips, good appetite and a general appearance of contentment.

The nervous power for the transformation of food into blood; and for the elaboration of milk is indicated by a high broad dishing forehead, bright prominent eyes and a prominent spinal column. A large well-balanced udder, which is not fleshy and shows elastic quality; udder and mammary veins prominent; large milk wells and good-sized teats; these indicate power to produce milk. "No udder, no cow" may serve as a guide in selecting cows.

If possible the dairy cow should have combined with utility qualities those of beauty, which consist of a fine, clean-cut head, fine horns, bright eyes, medium length of rather thin neck, fine shoulder, large barrel, broad loin and hips, long rump rather long fine tail with good switch and short limbs. No one part should be unduly prominent unless it be the udder.

Entries in the various classes at the Sherbrooke Poultry Show this year were large in numbers and in quality of exhibits was equal to any show held in the province of Quebec this year. Mr. J. I. Brown, of Montreal gave an instructive address on "Commercial Poultry." The awards were placed by V. Fortier, Ottawa.

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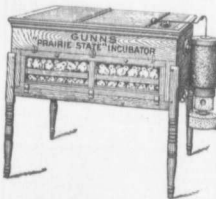
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