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**Hereford Breeders' Association.**

The annual meeting of the above Association was held at Guelph, in December, during the Provincial Fat Stock Show, Mr. F. A. Fleming, Toronto, President, in the chair.

The report of the Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. H. Wade, was read. The officers elected in Dec. 1895, were still in force. He had gone on recording Herefords since that time. There were then 2,000 on record; since then 385 were recorded. Unfortunately, all the manuscript was lost when the offices of the Agriculture and Arts Association were burnt on the 3rd of January, 1895. Some of the breeders of Herefords, amongst them the President, Mr. Fleming, have sent in all their private records to help complete the lost records, but there are several certificates outstanding yet that have not been sent in to copy. It is hoped they will be sent in shortly, otherwise they cannot be published.

The list of members was also lost. There were twenty-six paid members at that time, which means \$78 in the treasury as a nucleus for increased work.

Mr. Wade referred to the going out of existence of the Provincial Agriculture and Arts Association, which leaves, he said, an income of \$4,000 a year to the Government in perpetuity. He also reported the results of the joint meeting of Breeders' Association representatives with the Hon. John Dryden, in Toronto last fall, when all the associations there represented, by resolution, promised to fall in with the proposal of the Minister of Agriculture, which was as follows:—"That the Government under the statute have power to appoint a superintendent of registrations, who will have an office in the Parliament Buildings (Toronto), and whose salary will be paid in part directly by the Government, who in that regard take the place of the Agriculture and Arts Association." The business of that meeting was to confer together with the view of arriving at some definite arrangement as to the payment of the salaries of the superintendent's salary, and as to the necessary expenditure in connection with the work of registration. The delegates were requested to meet again some time before the first of January, 1896, to fix the remuneration of the superintendent. This has, as yet, not been done, but can be at this meeting. Arrangements have been concluded with the different Home Associations and with the Shorthorn Breeders' Association. Mr. Wade's proposal to the representatives was to do the recording for 35 cents per pedigree and 10 cents per transfer, leaving the balance of the fees the property of the Hereford Breeders' Association as a fund towards the publishing of the first volume, and he do the preparing and revising of the copy—the Association to bear the expenses of stationery and postage. The present membership fee is \$3, and another assessment of \$3 when occasion requires. The present fees for recording to members, giving them a certificate, is 75 cents; to non-members, \$1.25.

The President, Mr. F. A. Fleming, informed the meeting that he was not a candidate for the honor of the presidency again, as the office should not be monopolized by any one man.

The following gentlemen were elected officers for 1896:—Mr. H. D. Smith, of Compton, President; Alf. Stone, Guelph, Vice-President; H. A. Muntz, Olds, Alberta, Vice-President for N. W. T.; Sir Donald A. Smith, Vice-President for Manitoba. Directors—Gen. Brant, Warwick; A. Waldon, Acton West; Richard Stutt, Forest; Jas. Carewell, Renfrew; F. A. Fleming, Weston; A. Rawlings, Forest; W. W. Black, Amherst, N. S.; H. Reed, Mimosa, and D. W. Green, Toronto. Henry Wade, Toronto, Secretary-Treasurer.

On motion of Mr. Stone, seconded by Mr. Rawlings, a vote of thanks was tendered to the retiring President, Mr. Fleming, and was appropriately acknowledged.

Moved by Mr. Stone, seconded by Mr. Waldie, "That the delegates, Messrs. Fleming and Rawlings, be authorized to sign the agreement with the Superintendent of Live Stock, that an occasional assessment of \$2 be made as occasion requires.

It was also resolved that for the future the annual members' fee be reduced to \$2—a call to be made for the first of January, 1896, and that an occasional assessment of \$2 be made as occasion requires.

Moved by F. A. Fleming, seconded by A. Rawlings, "That the Canadian Hereford Breeders' Association add 25 per cent. to any of the prizes in class 6 (grade) and crosses at the next Ontario Provincial Fat Stock Show (1896), if such prizes should be taken by Hereford grade and crosses; and also that if the championship prize of the Show (class 7) should be won by a Hereford or grade Hereford, that \$25 be added to the prize." Carried.

It was resolved that the Industrial Exhibition Association be asked to allow a representative on their committee, and that Mr. F. A. Fleming be said delegate.

Mr. D. W. Green then read a very able paper on Hereford subjects.

Jas. S. Smith, Maple Lodge:—"During the past season we made very good sales of our Leicesters to different parts of Canada and the States, and reduced our flock from over one hundred to sixty. In September we sold and shipped a very fine shearing ram to Mr. M. H. Parlee, Sussex, New Brunswick, which pleased him very much, and which he afterwards showed very successfully at St. John and elsewhere. With reference to this ram Mr. Parlee afterwards wrote us as follows:—"I was quite successful at St. John show with the shearing ram purchased from you. He won first easily, and was by far the finest ram on the grounds. There was strong competition; exhibitors were there from Prince Edward Island, the crack place for sheep down here. Most of them showed stock purchased in Ontario, or those bred from such stock; but the shearing I got from you was the center of attraction of all." A New Brunswick journal referring to this same ram, says: "The shearing Leicester ram shown by Mr. Parlee was one of the finest specimens ever shown in the Maritime Provinces." We have retained a few ram lambs which we expect will next fall be such shearings as will suit the most fastidious. Our young Shorthorn bulls are doing splendidly."