

THE FARM BULLETIN.

WHY PROMPT RENEWAL IS IMPORTANT.

Many thousands of subscriptions expired with the end of 1907. Thousands have already renewed, and our circulation receipts to date show an encouraging advance over the corresponding period of previous seasons. There are still, however, a good many subscribers who have yet to send in their renewals, and knowing, from past experience, that nearly all of these wish the paper continued, we are reluctant to strike their names from our list. But we would urge all who have not renewed to do so at once. A dollar and a half is a dollar and a half to you whether paid in January or February, but we have to figure in totals, and a month's interest on 30,000 times \$1.50 is \$225, and a year's interest would be \$2,700. This is an important consideration. The regular price of "The Farmer's Advocate" (\$1.50) is based upon the cash in advance principle, and any departure from it is a direct loss to us, reducing by so much the amount we can afford to pay for illustrations and contributions of a special character. We have done our best during the past year to give every subscriber good value for his money, and we are sure all will appreciate the reason for our urgent request for prompt renewal. Indications point to a record year in the history of "The Farmer's Advocate." Let every subscriber do his part to swell the grand total. Send us your renewal now.

HEREFORD BREEDERS' ANNUAL MEETING.

The seventeenth annual meeting of the Canadian Hereford Breeders' Association was held at the Wellington Hotel, Guelph, on Wednesday, Dec. 11th; President J. A. McDermaid presiding.

The Secretary-Treasurer's report showed a splendid financial state of affairs, there being a balance on hand of \$543.

Registrar J. W. Nimmo presented his report, which stated that during the past year the demand for all kinds of pure-bred animals has not been quite so brisk, and, of course, there has been a noticeable decrease in the number of Hereford pedigrees recorded; and, as the ancestors were nearly all brought in during the past two years, very few were required to be brought in this year, so we have hardly sufficient pedigrees on hand as yet to print Vol. 5 of the herdbook, and it will no doubt be the end of next year before we are in a position to issue another Hereford Record.

The pedigrees of 869 bulls and cows have been recorded during the year, as well as 251 transfers and duplicate certificates being issued. The actual number of pedigrees, for which were received the regular fees, were 663, or 198 less than last year.

The officers elected were: President, J. A. Govenlock, Forest, Ont.; Vice-President, W. H. Hammill, Beeton; Vice-Presidents for Provinces—Ontario, H. D. Smith, Hamilton; Manitoba, Jas. H. Champman, Beresford; Quebec, L. L. Bennett, Bennett; Alberta, C. Palmer, Lacombe; Saskatchewan, R. Sinton, Regina; Nova Scotia, W. W. Black, Amherst; New Brunswick, H. B. Hall, Gagetown; British Columbia, J. L. McKay, Sinclair; Directors—Jas. Reynolds, Highgate; A. F. O'Neill, Maple Grove; A. Warnica, Painswick; R. W. Stutt, Forest; Mossom Boyd, Bobcaygeon; F. M. Copland, Harrison; A. S. Hunter, Durham; Jno. Wallace, Cartwright; Jas. Tough, Edmonton, Alta.; A. S. Phillip, Brandon; Alf. Stone, Guelph; R. J. Penhall, Naber; Sec.-Treas., R. J. Mackie, Oshawa; Registrar, J. W. Nimmo, Ottawa; Executive and National Record Committee—R. J. Mackie and W. H. Hunter.

On motion, the sum of \$200 was donated for prizes—\$100 to Toronto, \$50 to Winnipeg, \$25 to Calgary, \$25 to Regina.

Each member was made a member of the Dominion Cattle Breeders' Association on payment of 50c. per member by the Hereford Association.

This money was left in the hands of the representatives to the Winter Fair for prize money.

It was decided that \$25 was to be given at the next Provincial Winter Fair to the pure-bred Hereford, or a Hereford grade, sired by a registered Hereford bull, if such animal wins the grand championship.

ELECTRICITY ON THE FARM.

The Free Press, of London, Ont., in a complimentary editorial reference to our Christmas number, which it regards as excelling any previous holiday number of "The Farmer's Advocate," after commenting upon various special features, concludes as follows:

"Foremost is the well-considered and clearly-expressed exposition of the electrical development in Ontario, by Prof. W. H. Day, of the Ontario Agricultural College, who visited the works at Niagara for this purpose. It is illuminated by pictures of the buildings and machinery used in generating the gigantic power, which is distributed through Western Ontario. The writer concludes an able article by a series of calculations, showing how this electric energy might be utilized on the farm. Though he saw no specific promise of this kind in the schemes under discussion, the feasibility of applying electricity to farm uses is pointed out, as regards those sections served by traction lines.

There are, he says, many operations for which a smaller motor than a five-horse-power one would be suitable, such as turning the cream separator, turning grindstone, churning, pumping water, pulping turnips, etc. By grouping the various articles concerned, one small motor of from one-half to one horse-power could be made to answer, at a possible cost of \$50, saving the time of one man. Along the trolley lines of Wisconsin, Illinois and Indiana, farmers have begun to use electric power for this class of work, as well as for the heavier. The facts adduced by Prof. Day are well worthy of perusal by every farmer from this point of view."

SHEEP-BREEDERS' ASSOCIATIONS.

The following American sheep-breeders' associations held their annual meeting at Chicago, during the week of the International Live-stock Show, the first week in December, and elected the following officers for the current year:

Cotswold.—President, T. Hardy Shore, Glanworth, Ont.; Secretary, F. W. Harding, Waukesha, Wisconsin. Lincoln.—President, R. S. Robson, Ilderton, Ont.; Secretary, Bert Smith, Charlotte, Mich. Oxford.—President, R. J. Stone, Stonington, Ill.; Secretary, W. A. Shaffer, Hamilton, Ohio. Shropshire.—President, R. Gibson, Delaware, Ont.; Secretary, Mortimer Levering, LaFayette, Ind. Hampshire.—President, M. C. Ring, Neillsville, Wis.; Secretary, C. A. Tyler, Nottawa, Wis. Southdown.—President, W. H. Compton, Monroe, Ohio; Secretary, Frank S. Springer, Ill. Continental Dorset Club.—President, J. R. Nash, Tepton, Ind.; Secretary, Jos. E. Wing, Mechanicsburg, Ohio.

Leicester.—President, James Snell, Clinton, Ont.; Secretary, A. J. Temple, Cameron, Ill. Meeting for last-named association held at Guelph, second week in December.

THE MORE THEY GET, THE MORE THEY WANT.

Mr. Edward Gurney, of "Haman's Gallows" notoriety, has again plunged into the limelight of unenviable publicity, by a speech at the annual banquet of the Commercial Travellers' Association of Canada, when in reply to a toast of "Our Manufacturers," he advised the commercial travellers to "look at the tariff from a personal point of view," urging that the tariff of Canada should meet that of the United States, and remarking that "if this is to be purely a farmers' country, and not a country of manufacturing and mining, then so be it, but we should know it now." This is the kind of gratitude meted out to the farmers and productive workers of this country, who, for the sake of supreme national reasons, have foregone their own direct interests and borne the burden of fiscal protection in order to build up a diversified industry in Canada. It is not enough that we should tax ourselves twenty, twenty-five, thirty or forty per cent. to assist our struggling manufacturing industries, but we are berated because we do not imitate the fatuous example of the United States. Now, we give Mr. Gurney credit for all sincerity, but his trouble is that of all other favorites and beneficiaries. He comes to regard privilege as right, and in looking narrowly and greedily at his own and his fellow manufacturers' interests he forgets the interests of the farmer and laborer, who are the bulwark of the nation, the foundation of its prosperity, and by far its most important classes. He thinks of the farmers and laborers as he would of the horses or cattle in the country, that is as so many more consumers for himself and his friends to exploit.

No, Canada is not to be purely a farmers' country, but neither is it to be overridden by a few overreaching manufacturers, and the sooner that men of the Gurney stamp find this out the better for themselves and for the interests they profess to serve. Canada's tariff henceforth must be levelled down, not up.

FAVOR A NATIONAL FARMERS' ASSOCIATION FOR CANADA.

Representatives of agricultural societies of the Province of Saskatchewan, in convention in Regina, December 11th and 12th, urged that in view of the large amount of frozen grain in the Province this year, the Dominion Government should establish a central testing station in the Province, where farmers may have their seed grain tested free of charge.

They also resolved, that in their opinion the conditions of the grain trade in Western Canada demand that the elevators, both terminal and local, should be under direct public control and operation.

That as great financial loss has been experienced year by year by the farmers of this Province, on account of the failure of the railway companies to furnish adequate transportation to meet the public needs, especially in grain, coal and cattle, this convention urge that in view of the enormous public assistance given to railways, the Parliament of Canada take active steps to exercise some more direct public control of railway transportation than has hitherto been the case.

Whereas, farmers are the producers of the necessities of life, and deserve a suitable reward for their labors; and, whereas, they have no control over the prices they receive for their products, or the prices they pay for what they purchase; and, whereas, under present conditions the middlemen and transportation companies obtain an undue share of the wealth produced by the farmer; and, whereas, the agricultural community has

not the influence and power in the public life of the country that its importance demands, and that the best interests of the country require; therefore, be it resolved: That it is essential, in the best interests of the farmers of Canada, that a National Farmers' Association, embracing the whole country, be organized at the earliest possible moment, so as to protect and advance the interests of agriculture on all legitimate lines; and this convention strongly recommends the formation of such organization, and would press upon the attention of all local and provincial agricultural and kindred associations the necessity of at once taking definite steps to accomplish such an object.

PROGRAMME WESTERN ONTARIO DAIRYMEN'S CONVENTION.

Following is the programme of the Western Ontario Dairymen's Convention, to be held in the Opera House, Woodstock, Ont., Wednesday and Thursday, January 15th and 16th, 1908. It will be noticed that the Wednesday afternoon session is the one set aside especially for farmers:

Wednesday Morning, Jan. 15th.—10.30—President's Address and Director's Report, Jno. McQuaker; Financial Statement, Frank Hens. Wednesday Afternoon, Jan. 15th.—1.30—Address, Winner of Dairy Herd Competition; "Some Notes on Cow-testing Associations for 1907," C. F. Whitley; "Farm Management from the Dairymen's Standpoint," J. H. Grisdale; "The Cheap Production of Milk," Hy. Glendinning. Wednesday Evening, Jan. 15th.—7.30—Address of Welcome, Mayor of Woodstock and President of Board of Trade; Provincial Dairy Exhibition, J. N. Paget and H. B. Cowan; Address, "Clean Milk," E. H. Webster; Address, Hon. Nelson Monteith; Address, M. Schell, M. P.; "Some Phases of Dairying Abroad," J. A. Rudick; Address, D. Sutherland, M.L.A.; Appointment of Nominating Committee. The proceedings of this session will be interspersed with music.

Thursday Morning, Jan. 16th.—Cheesemakers' Session.—9.30—Report of Cheese and Butter Judges; Report of Instruction, 1907, Frank Hens; "A Model Situation for Handling Milk, a Clean Factory and How to Keep it Clean," Jas. R. Burgess; "Preparation and Care of Cultures," E. N. Hart; "Practical Cheesemaking," Alex. McKay; "Up-to-date Cheesemakers," G. G. Publow; "Handling our Cheese and Butter at the Port of Montreal," Geo. H. Barr; "Disposal of Factory Sewage," C. A. Hodgetts. Thur. Aft.—Buttermakers' Session.—1.30—"The Producers' Side of the Cream-gathering System," Mack Robertson; "Creamery Systems," Past and Present, Fred Dean; Address, E. H. Webster; "The Cream-gathering Creamery," Prof. H. H. Dean; "A New Test for Determining Casein in Milk," T. Herbert Lund; Address, Geo. A. Putnam. Report of Nominating Committee. Thursday Evening, Jan. 16th.—7.30—Address, Col. Jas. Munro, M. P.; "Milk as a Food," Prof. R. Harcourt; Address, Hon. Sidney Fisher; Presenting Trophies, A. F. McLaren, M. P.; Address, G. C. Creelman; Address, Geo. Smith, M.P. Report of Committees. Closing Addresses. The proceedings of this session will be interspersed with music.

EASTERN ONTARIO LIVE-STOCK AND POULTRY SHOW, OTTAWA.

The exhibit of poultry at the Eastern Ontario Live-stock and Poultry Show, to be held at Ottawa, January 20th to 24th, will be the largest and best ever held in the eastern part of the Province. The unprecedented number of enquiries for entry forms and prize-lists show the large number of prospective exhibitors who are preparing to take advantage of the liberal prizes offered for poultry in the regular as well as the special list. Special prizes are offered for all breeds, consisting of silver cups, gold and silver medals, and cash. The value of prizes offered in the different classes is:—Asiatics, \$10; Plymouth Rocks, Barred, \$20; White and Buff, \$16; White Wyandottes, \$30; Wyandottes, other than White, \$10; Rhode Island Reds and Javas, \$12; Games, \$5; White Leghorns, \$22; Leghorns, except White, \$8; Spanish and Minorcas, \$12; Buff Orpingtons, \$19; Orpingtons, except Buff, and Dorkings, \$16; French varieties, \$4; Hamburgs and Poles, \$6; Bantams, \$9; Turkeys, Geese and Ducks, \$6. In addition, there are silver cups offered, one for best cock, hen, cockerel and pullet, from among the utility breeds; the other cup for best bird in show—pigeons, bantams, turkeys, geese and ducks not competing. Three silver cups, a gold and two bronze medals and camera are given for pigeons, and a silver cup for best collection of pheasants. The following specialty clubs are offering ribbons to club members: American Buff Wyandotte Club; Canadian Buff Wyandotte Club; National Golden Wyandotte Club; Silver-laced Wyandotte Club of America; National White Wyandotte Club. Competitors for specials are confined to contributors. Contributions of \$1 or upwards may be sent to the Secretary on or before the 6th of January. Prize-lists and entry forms will be sent upon application. Entries close January 6th. A. P. Westervelt, Secretary, Parliament Buildings, Toronto.

The annual short course and the Iowa Corn-growers' annual meeting at the Iowa State College generally draw a crowd, which approximates one thousand strong. This year the Corn-growers' Association distributes something over \$5,000 in premiums and prize money to its members, and the Iowa State College will award over \$2,000 in scholarships among the young men who are in attendance upon this occasion.