

and when held in Toronto the seven western directors' term of office will expire.

The annual meeting to be held in February of each and every year.

After due consideration the following plan of registration of animals and printing of the Herd Book was adopted, viz.: That a new Herd Book to be called "The Canadian Ayrshire Herd Book" be started, commencing with the next to the highest number in the Volume of the Quebec book now in print, and that the pedigrees of this book be abbreviated, only giving the sex, color, age, sire, grandsire, dam, and sire of dam, and that they be numbered consecutively irrespective of sex, then quoting as foundation stock the names and numbers of their sires and dams from either the Quebec or Ontario book, where the rest of the pedigree will be found, then doing away with the necessity of reprinting the pedigrees that have already been printed, and leaving the volumes already printed of as much value as heretofore.

The standard of the new book to be as before, that no animal be accepted that cannot trace to imported stock from Great Britain, on both side of sire and dam. Animals imported after January 1st, 1899, must be recorded in the Scotch Herd Book to be eligible to record in this record. That the fee to become a member be \$2 per annum. Becoming a member entitles each member to a volume of the Herd Book as well as to reduced rates of registration.

Fees to record an animal under two years of age, as per Herd Book, with certificate to a member	\$ 75
Fees to record an animal, etc., to a non-member	1 25
Fees for transfer certificate, duplicate certificate, each	25
Fees to record an animal over two years to a member	1 00
Fees to record an animal over two years to a non member	1 75
Fees for an extended pedigree	25

It was resolved that the new book be edited by the secretary at Toronto, who will pass on and issue pedigrees under rules furnished by the Executive Committee and correct proof for a fee of 35 cents per pedigree and 10 cents per transfer or duplicate certificate. Also that a secretary be appointed at Montreal at such a salary as the Executive Committee shall think fit to allow.

It was moved by Jos. Yuill, seconded by F. W. Hodson, and resolved, That all pedigrees that were allowed to be recorded in the different volumes by an arbitration that cannot be clearly traced be suspended until additional information be obtained by the following committee appointed for the purpose of investigating and finally deciding whether these pedigrees can be accepted for the new book or not. This committee consists of Messrs. R. Ness, D. Drummond and H. Wade.

It was also finally resolved that the two associations shall amalgamate on the basis of the resolutions as above. That the present directors of each association be the directors of the joint association for 1898 and till the next annual meeting in February, 1899, which shall be held in the city of Montreal; also that the president of the Quebec association be president and chairman of the joint association, and the president of the Ontario association be the vice-president of the joint association, and that the present joint committee be the Executive Committee for the joint committee up to that date.

It was also resolved that the unprinted pedigrees of the Ontario book be printed in the first part of the new volume in the same manner as before to prevent the confusion in numbering, and that the fifth volume of the Quebec Herd Book, now being printed, be also accepted as part of the series. It was also resolved that back numbers of both the Quebec and Ontario books be sold at the rate of \$1 per volume.

These resolutions were adopted unanimously by the joint committee.

Minutes of adjourned meeting of delegates from Canadian and Dominion Ayrshire Breeders' Associations, held at the office of the Exhibition Association, Montreal, March 25th, 1898:

Same delegates present as at the meeting held on March 10th, with R. Ness, of Howick, Que., in the chair.

The minutes of the meeting held in Ottawa on March 10th were adopted.

The secretary of the Quebec association, Mr. Berube, then read the following resolution passed at a meeting of the members of the Ayrshire Importers and Breeders' Association, held in Montreal, on the 21st inst.

After a long discussion, it was moved by Mr. J. L. Wilson, seconded by Geo. H. Muir, and resolved,

That the report just read be received and adopted, and that the Executive Committee be empowered to make final arrangements with the Special Committee of the Dominion Ayrshire Breeders' Association and enter into amalgamation. It was then moved by Jos. Yuill, seconded by D. Drummond,

That we, the authorized delegates from the Ayrshire Breeders' Associations, do hereby agree to amalgamate on the basis of resolutions already reported from the Ottawa meeting, and that, from this date, March 25th, 1898, there be only one Ayrshire Breeders' Association for the Dominion of Canada. Carried.

Moved by F. W. Stephen, and seconded by W. W. Balantyne, and resolved,

That all properties now owned by the two associations, such as cash on hand, herd-books, pedigrees and applications for pedigrees, etc., from this date be the property of the newly-organized Canadian Ayrshire Breeders' Association.

It was also resolved, That the Stay There Ear Markers, made of aluminum, and supplied by Wilcox & Harvey Mfg. Co., of Chicago, Ill., U.S., be used by this Association, and a tag with a corresponding number to the number on the certificate be supplied with each pedigree, with the understanding that it be put in the ear of the animal that is recorded—that the Exhibition Associations be requested to pass resolutions insisting that these tags be in the ears of all animals of this breed exhibited.

It was resolved that the photograph of the late S. C. Stevenson be procured and published in the frontispiece of the 5th Volume of the Canada Ayrshire Herd Book, and one of Mr. Robert Ness, president, and one of Mr. H. Wade, be published in the first volume of the new edition.

On motion of J. C. Smith, seconded by D. Drummond, it was resolved, That the names of all persons recommended at the annual meetings for judges for the various exhibitions shall be selected by ballot, requiring a two-thirds majority. Carried.

The constitution and by-laws as prepared by Mr Wade was then read, corrected and approved of.

CONSTITUTION.

PREAMBLE.

In consequence of the Basis of Union agreed upon by the representatives of the Canada Ayrshire Importers' and Breeders' Associations, and the Dominion Ayrshire Breeders' Association at a meeting held in Ottawa, Thursday the 10th March, 1898, it becomes necessary to revise the constitution.

ARTICLE I.

Section 1. Name. This Association shall be called the Canadian Ayrshire Breeders' Association.

ARTICLE II.

Section 1. Membership. The present members of the Canadian Ayrshire Breeders' and Importers' Association, and the members of the Dominion Ayrshire Breeders' Association, shall constitute the original members of the association.

Section 2. Any person taking an interest in Ayrshire cattle, who, having signified to the secretary his desire to become a member and pay such fees as may be prescribed by by-law, may do so.

Section 3. Defining membership. Every member shall be an annual member.

Section 4. Membership; how terminated. A member may at any time withdraw from the association by giving three months' notice in writing to the Executive Com-