

It was pointed out by President Wm. Jones, of Zenda, Ont., that the falling off in Berkshire registrations during the year was due to the fact that in 1910 a large number of American breeders, in order to further their interests, had registered hogs in Canada. This made a phenomenal registration in 1910. The work, on the whole, was very satisfactory during the past year, and the pig business is on a good footing.

During 1912, the following grants were made to Provinces: Ontario, \$1,261.35; Quebec, \$605.12; Manitoba, \$297.79; Alberta, \$187.40; Saskatchewan, \$164.40; British Columbia, \$66.24; Maritime Provinces, \$149.70—making a total of \$2,732.00.

Liberal grants were made to the following fair associations: Provincial Winter Fair, Guelph, \$50; Canadian National Exhibition, Toronto, \$75; Eastern Ontario Live-stock and Poultry Show, Ottawa, \$50; Central Canada Exhibition, Ottawa, \$50; Western Fair, London, \$50.

Nine cars of pure-bred live stock were shipped West during the past year.

The meeting passed a resolution approving of the action taken in appointing Peter White, K. C., as counsel in connection with the drafting of the new live-stock shipping contract, and agreed to pay an equitable amount of the expense incurred.

R. J. Garbutt and Samuel Dolson were elected representatives to the meeting of live-stock men in Ottawa, February 12th and 13th.

A resolution was passed, asking that representatives wait on the executives of Guelph Winter Fair, and the Central Canada Exhibition, Ottawa, asking that Hampshires be added to the prize lists of these shows.

The officers for 1912 were elected as follows: President, Geo. Douglas, Mitchell; Vice-President, Sam Dolson, Norval Station; Sec.-Treas., A. P. Westervelt, Toronto. Directors—For Berkshires: J. D. Riden, Ridgetown; for Yorkshires: J. E. Brethour, Burford; for Chester Whites: D. De-courcy, Bernholm; for Poland-Chinas and Durocs: Mac Campbell; for Tamworths: A. C. Hallman, Bre-lau; for Essex: K. Featherstone, Streetsville; for Hampshires: James O'Neil, Birr; Prof. G. E. Day, and John Platt, Millgrove, Ont.—the latter being General Director.

Yorkshire Breeders Stronger Financially.

The annual meeting of the Ontario Large Yorkshire Society was held at the Walker House, Toronto, February 7th. The financial statement showed the total receipts for the year to be \$654.34, and expenditure \$412.75, leaving cash on hand to the amount of \$241.59, an increase over that of last year of \$103.15.

In view of the fact that the Society has more money at its disposal, it was decided to increase the grants to several of the exhibitions to be held in 1912. The Canadian National, Toronto, gets \$125; Ontario Provincial Winter Fair, \$125; Ottawa Winter Fair, \$75 (raised from \$50); Central Canada Exhibition, Ottawa, \$50; Western Fair, London, \$50 (raised from \$25); Dominion Exhibition wherever held, \$50 (raised from \$30).

Officers.—President, J. E. Brethour, Burford; Vice-President, Wm. Jones, Zenda. Executive Committee—President, Vice-President and John Platt, Millgrove. Directors—J. E. Brethour, Wm. Jones, John Platt; Jos. Featherstone, Streetsville; I. A. Snider, Floradale; R. Honey, Brickley; R. J. Garbutt, Belleville. Auditor—W. R. Reek, Toronto.

Ontario Berkshire Breeders' Society.

The Ontario Berkshire Breeders' Society held their annual meeting in the Walker House, Toronto, February 7th. The financial statement showed a substantial increase in cash on hand over the amount on hand a year ago. The receipts for the year were \$604.65, with an expenditure of \$387.65, leaving a balance on hand of \$217.00, an increase of \$85.50 over the amount in 1910.

The following grants to exhibitions were voted by the meeting: Canadian National, Toronto, \$100; Ontario Provincial Winter Fair, Guelph, \$100; Eastern Ontario Live-stock Show, Ottawa, \$50; Western Fair, London, \$50; Central Canada Exhibition, Ottawa, \$50.

Officers for 1912 were elected as follows: President, Thos. Teasdale, Weston; Vice-President, John Kelly, Shakespeare. Executive Committee—Thos. Teasdale, P. J. McEwen, Kertch. Directors—E. E. Martin, Canning; T. A. Cox, Burford; Thos. Teasdale, Weston; W. W. Brown, Ashgrove; S. Dolson, Norval Station; J. Kelly, Shakespeare; P. J. McEwen, Kertch.

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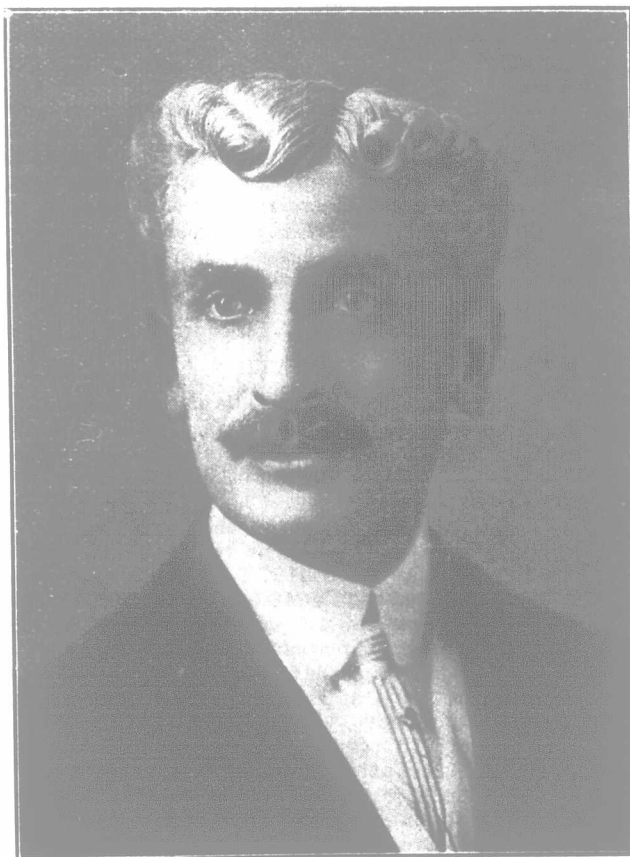
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Dominion Cattle Breeders' Association.

President John Gardhouse, of Highfield, in speaking to the Cattle-breeders assembled at their annual meeting in the Walker House, Toronto, Feb. 7th, said that it was, in his opinion, more necessary than ever before that the breeders pay closer attention to their business, breed the best, and feed in the right way, in order to get the highest possible prices. Referring to the scarcity of beef, he said that more of the calves now being marketed as potted chicken, etc., should be fed to maturity on the farms. The scarcity of feed and the rapid advance of dairying were also having their effect upon beef production.

The Association passed a resolution sustaining the President and Secretary in authorizing the guarantee that the Association would bear an equitable portion of the expense incurred by Peter White, K. C., counsel employed to look after the live-stock interests in the formation of a new live-stock shipping contract.

During the last few years live stock has been shipped to the West in cars supplied by the Association, at reduced rates, and during the past year the returns from this venture showed a loss of \$224. This was caused by extra cost of labor and feed, and the increased cost of transportation for the returning attendant. In view of this fact, the Association passed a resolution to co-operate with the other live-stock associations in furnish-



J. Wesley Allison.

President Canadian Hackney Horse Society.

ing these cars, the cars to be sent out at stated dates, about the first of January, February, March, April, May, July and October, the schedule to remain the same.

The financial statement showed receipts of \$1,015.19, and expenditure of \$492.20, leaving a balance on hand of \$522.99—a slight decrease as compared with last year.

The directors of the Association are elected by the various cattle-breed associations, and the executive committee, president and vice-president by these directors, making it impossible to elect them at this meeting. John Gardhouse was appointed General Director, and Prof. G. E. Day, Ontario Agricultural College, representative on the Board. The President, Vice-President W. W. Ballantyne, and Secretary, A. P. Westervelt, were appointed representatives to the National Live-stock Conference, held in Ottawa, Feb. 12th and 13th.

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Record Attendance at Ayrshire Meeting.

The largest number of Ayrshire breeders ever gathered at an annual meeting of the Association in Canada was that which assembled at the Prince George Hotel, Toronto, on February 7th, when the business of the Canadian Ayrshire Breeders' Association was transacted. Dairying is making rapid strides in the Dominion, and few breeds are showing as great progress as the Ayrshire.

The retiring President, John McKee, of Norwich, in a very able address, referred to the grand showing of the breed during the past year. Never before was the business of the Association on so firm a financial basis. The Association has a membership of 785, and the cash balance of \$2,853.06 on hand on December 31st last showed an increase of nearly \$1,500 over the amount on hand a year previous. The sum of \$4,115.68 was expended by the Association during the last year, showing the volume of business done.

The Record of Performance has, since its inception, showed an increase in the production per cow, until now nearly 16,000 pounds of milk have been given in a year by a mature cow, and during the past year a two-year-old heifer made a world's record of 14,133 pounds of milk.

The President urged that, in view of the fact that the West was breeding more Ayrshires year after year, it should have a stronger representation on the Board. He also discouraged the breeding of heifers so as to drop their calves before two and a half to three years of age, believing that greater maturity was necessary to keep up the size. The need of more stringent and systematic work in connection with the Record of Performance tests was emphasized, and monthly test records must be more promptly made. He also thought that Record of Performance certificates should be awarded to bulls having four of their progeny in the Record of Performance.

The danger of injury to the breed's utility in the forcing of high records was clearly pointed out by Mr. McKee, and he counselled those present not to sacrifice the large, square and well-balanced udder, also warning against the importation and breeding of small-teated strains.

The duplicating of names, and payment for milk by test were dealt with, and later covered in resolutions. Mr. McKee also advocated the registration of names of stock farms and more careful use of the diagram in making certificate applications. He thought that all Winter Fair tests should be made on the same basis, and that the grants to the fairs should be restored, having been withheld last year on account of lack of funds.

W. F. Stephen, Secretary, gave a full and complete report, in which he stated that the Canadian farmer is awakening to the fact that the Ayrshire is first, a rustler, and second, a hustler rustling in search of food, and hustling to convert it into rich, yellow milk. The excellence of the breed has not come by chance, but is the result of careful breeding and feeding. The progressive policy of the Association has resulted in an increase of registrations, members and finances. Better exhibits have resulted, and a larger entry in the Record of Performance than in any previous year, being over 60. Registrations increased 438, and transfers 175, over 1910. Most marked increase in membership was in Ontario, with Quebec a close second. Membership now stands: Quebec, 369; Ontario, 253; New Brunswick, 28; Nova Scotia, 28; Prince Edward Island, 13; Alberta, 34; Manitoba, 23; Saskatchewan, 10; British Columbia, 16; and United States, 11.

Higher prices were realized at auction, and better exhibits were made at shows, particularly the Canadian National, Toronto, and the International, at Chicago, than ever before. One hundred and seventeen head at Robert Hunter's sale averaged \$343.50—a world's record.

The formation of Ayrshire Clubs to further the interests of the breed, is to be encouraged.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED.

The following important resolutions were adopted:

That the vendor of an animal cannot be compelled to surrender the registration papers until the animal is paid for.

That the Secretary be authorized to get Record of Performance diplomas for bulls, as well as for females, and that the design be left in the hands of the secretary.

That bulls be admitted for registration after four of their progeny are recorded in the Record of Performance, each from a different dam.

That, where a female has qualified in the Record of Performance test, her certificate be returned to the Record Office for enrollment of her record thereon, and, in the case of a bull qualifying, the number of qualified progeny be also inserted.

That the secretary prepare a strong memorial,