

ance on the right side of \$168.70. Addresses were delivered, chiefly on swine breeding and feeding, by F. W. Hodson, Dominion Live Stock Commissioner; J. H. Grisdale, Agriculturist, Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa; Joseph Yuill, and others. The principal officers for 1900 are: President, Andrew Graham, Pomeroy; 1st vice, Wm. Kitson, Burnside; 2nd vice, J. A. McGill, Neepawa; and secretary-treasurer, George Harcourt, Winnipeg.

Western Horse Breeders.

The Horse Breeders' Association of Manitoba and the Territories held its annual meeting at Winnipeg on Feb. 23rd. The chief topic of discussion was a statement attributed to Dr. McEachran, who purchased the horses for the Strathcona mount, "That it is impossible to secure horses for military purposes in the Canadian West, and that it is necessary to bring in such animals from the United States." A resolution was passed repudiating this statement as being contrary to the fact. The prices offered were too low, and this was the chief reason why good horses were not procurable. A number of cheap horses had been imported during 1899 at an average price of \$27 per head. It was felt that the importation of such inferior animals was injurious to the horse-breeding interests of the West, and a resolution was passed memorializing the Dominion Government to reserve a minimum value of \$50 per head for all horses imported. The chief officers for 1900 are: President, Dr. Rutherford; vice-president for Manitoba, J. A. Smith; vice-president for the Territories, C. W. Peterson; and secretary, Geo. Harcourt, Winnipeg.

Canada Central Fair.

The annual report of the Central Canada Exhibition Association for 1899 has been published. It gives a complete and detailed statement of the financial position of the association for the year and recommends certain lines of action for 1900. The 1899 exhibition, which extended over two weeks, was in point of exhibits one of the best shows ever held by the Central Association. The directors

report that financially it was not the success expected. This is ascribed to less favorable arrangements with the railways, the very unfavorable weather which prevailed during the show and the fact that the live stock was not on the grounds till the second week of the fair. The directors conclude that the experience of last year with a two weeks show did not prove sufficiently satisfactory to warrant a continuance of the extended time and therefore recommend that the dates for holding the 1900 fair be Sept. 14th to Sept. 22nd, inclusive.

The report gives a summary of the milking competition and a special account of the receipts and expenditures for the year. The receipts from the gate and grand stand amounted to \$22,855.22, which with the others including a number of bills payable make a total of \$49,534.89. The expenditures, including \$13,321.05 for prizes, were such as to leave a balance on hand of \$75.04. The total liabilities of the association amount to \$17,332, and the assets, which comprise fixtures, fixing, etc., to \$10,433.46, leaving a balance of liabilities in excess of assets of \$6,898.54. Considering the very unfavorable weather which prevailed during the entire fair of 1899 this seems to be a very good showing.

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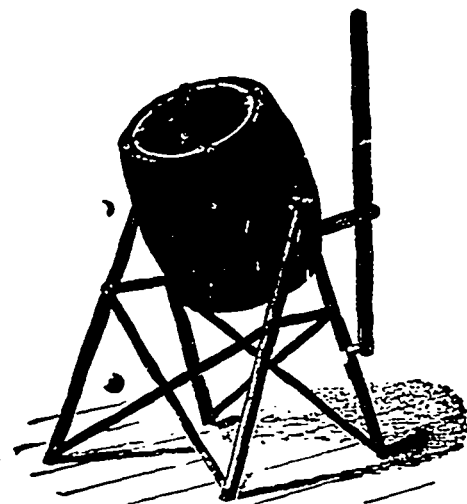
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