### Want \$100,000 for Fairs

The members of the Ontario Association of Fairs and Exhibitions seem determined to have more money. During the Annual Convention last week in Toronto, a strong delegation waited upon the Government and asked that

upon the Government and asked that the present appropriation for Agricul-tural Societies be increased from \$70,-900 to \$190,900. The usual promise of consideration was granted. The Provincial Treasurer threw out the suggestion that if less money were expended upon preparing and dis-tributing lengthy erports of the As-

tributing lengthy erports of the Association work, more money might be available for prise money.

The Hon. Mr. Monteith, in his address to the Convention, intimated that the Government might increase the \$1,000 grant for field crop competition. He expressed regret that the social features of Agricultural Societies had been dropped to a large extess had been dropped to a large ex-

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special line of agriculture in the dis-trict. Many prize lists were the same to-day as 30 years ago.

There seems to be a demand for better auditing. Mr. H. J. Gould advocated the appointment of a Pro-vincial auditor, but there was consider-able opposition to this. The Act as it reads now gives the Minister of Agri-

could now gives the Minister of Agriculture power to appoint an address culture power to appoint an address examine the books of any society if he so desires and, therefore, new legislation is not required to effect a change in the system of auditing.

An important topic discussed was "Whether the value of grounds and buildings of Agricultural Societies buildings of Agricultural Societies awarding dovernment grants. Mr. B. Boughner, of Simose, introduced the matter, but a majority decided in favor of the Government continuing to make grants on the basis of the

favor of the Government continuing to make grants on the basis of the prines offered only.

Mr. John Brockbank made a special ples for the general purpose horse at dairs. There was no show for it is the ring if judged with the heavy drutt horse. He defined a general purpose horse as one whose weight ranges from 1,150 to 1,300 pounds. No de-cision was reached by the meeting.

### THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

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The address of the President, Mr.
Wm. Laidlaw, Guelph, was most optimistle as regards the future of the Asregards the future of the Aspresident of the Assembly of the Assembly of the Asprises would be paid by the Government and two-thirds by the Society.
Supt. J. Lockie Wilson stated that
the total amount expended by the
Societies in 1906 was \$700,107.25. The
amount expended for agricultural
purposes was \$200,261.15. Prize money
to the mount of \$5,102.97 had been
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\$4, and to city exhibitions, \$4,562.
About 700,000 people attended the
rural fairs in 1906; 178 expert judges
had been sent out during 1907. Under
the new Act, forty small fairs had
been merged with other societies.

### SEED FAIRS

The giving of prizes for seed grain competitions was commended by the Convention. The feeling prevailed that the prizes given by the Government for this purpose should be distributed more over the Province. The plan adopted last year of giving the prizes to the society or district first making application was not fair. The province should be divided into dis-

tricts, and the money divided between these districts.

2nd Vice-President. ....Dr. Simmons, food work is being done by the District Fair Association in arranging Johnson Ellis, Lindsay; R. H. L. Lury, dates for hololing fairs, in eronomy in Peterboric Geo. E. Lee, Highate: J. dates for holding fairs, in economy in justing up show bills and in other ways. Mr. John Farrell, Forest, who diacussed this subjet also spoke strongly in favor of educational features at fairs. These should begin with the children, by arranging for prizes for school drills, for jugding "uit, etc. Domestic science features are also valuable."

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The expc.t judges sent out by the Government every fall seem to be growing in favor. Dr. Simmons, of plan that he urged that something should be done towards recurring independent and competent judges for every department of the fair. The beef judge should not judge dairy cattle as well, nor the heavy horse man judge light horses. But this would entail large expense on some-body and could not be expected to materialise for some time to come. However, to increase possible.

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A number of resolutions of more or less importance were presented to the meeting. In most cases they were ordered printed in the annual report without the Convention coming to any decision upon them. These included resolutions asking that the expenses of delegates to the Annual Convention be classed as money expended for agricultural purposes in awarding the Covernment grant; that he was a superior of the confect of the confect of the words. A number of resolutions of more

A recommendation from the Can-adian Holstein-Frisian Association asked that agricultural societies place the dairy breads of cattle the same tooting as the best breeds at their local fairs and that special tool tool ges be selected to do the judging. The Treasurer's statement showed a balance on hand at the end of the year of \$128.24 as compared with \$51 at the end of 1906. recommendation from the Can-

One hundred and twenty-two Socie ties were represented at the Convention. President

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Johnson Ellis, Lindsay, R. H. Lary,
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