

be appointed to interview the authorities of the C.P.R. and G.T.R., and urge upon them the disastrous effects that we believe must result to the cattle industry of this country from the recent changes made by the said companies in the classification of cattle for shipment, singly or in small lots. We believe that, in the present depressed condition of agriculture, the farmers of this country who require the use of purebred bulls cannot stand the additional tax which these changes entail on them. The result will be the use of locally bred grade and inferior sires, which must ultimately result in deterioration in the quality of the cattle produced for exportation, and thereby greatly endanger the reputation of our cattle in the great markets of the world. Such a condition will surely reduce the number of animals bred and exported. That the same committee interview the Minister of Agriculture of the Dominion regarding the very grievous quarantine regulations now existing between Canada and the United States. And that said committee report at our next annual meeting, and that the expense of these gentlemen be paid by this association."

The date of the annual meeting was fixed for April 17th. The secretary was instructed to co-operate with the officers of the Dominion Sheep and Swine Breeders' Associations in the erection and maintenance of a tent on the exhibition grounds at London, Toronto, and Ottawa, during the time of the respective exhibitions, provided these exhibition associations furnish light, tables, and seating accommodations free, the tent to be placed at the disposal of the live stock breeders and farmers generally, as a place of meeting, both as associations or in a private capacity. The secretary was also instructed to co-operate with the executive of the Sheep and Swine Breeders' Associations and the institute system in holding a live stock and industrial round-up some time between the 1st and 30th of June, at a point in eastern Ontario hereafter to be chosen.

The committee chosen by the association interviewed the Hon. John Dryden with reference to a grant for the provincial winter show. Mr. John I. Hobson acted as spokesman. He pointed out that the Cattle Breeders' Association had now to take up the work hitherto carried on by the Agriculture and Arts Association in conducting the cattle department at the show. The prizes given hitherto have amounted to \$955. About \$300 additional is needed for prizes to dairy breeds. In order to carry out the work a grant of \$1,500 would be required. Mr. A. Johnston, and Mr. Miller, Brougham, also spoke as to the needs of a Cattle Breeders' Association, especially as regards the action of the railway companies in charging extortionate rates on small shipments of live cattle, which did great injury to the sale of purebred bulls.

Dominion Sheep and Swine Breeders' Association.

The executive officers of the Dominion Sheep and Swine Breeders' Associations met in joint committee at the Palmer House, Toronto, on February 13th.

It was decided to at once wait on the Hon. John Dryden and respectfully urge that the annual grant to the Swine Breeders' Association for 1896 be \$1,200, that to the Sheepbreeders' Association \$1,500, an increase in the former case of \$75 over last year, and in the latter case of \$250.

Mr. J. E. Brethour, president of the Dominion Swine Breeders' Association, introduced the deputation, and Mr. Hodson laid before the minister the claims of the association, showing the good services rendered during the past and the necessity of development along the same lines. Special attention was called to the work accomplished by means of the annual Fat Stock Show.

Recent changes in the classification of sheep had increased the requirements of the prize list, and the deputation, therefore, asked that their grant be increased to \$1,500.

On behalf of the Swine Breeders' Association the government was asked to increase the grant from \$700 to \$1,200.

In reply, Mr. Dryden, while not promising the grants asked for, gave the deputation to understand that he was in full sympathy with them. While he intended to continue the strictest economy in the conduct of his department, he did not intend any division of the work to stand still. He further stated that the associations receiving grants from public funds will be required in the future, as in the past, to return to the people full value for every dollar entrusted to them. After interviewing the minister, the members returned to the Palmer House and resumed business.

It was decided that Hampshires and Suffolks form class 15, and that Dorsets and Merinos form class fourteen, in the prize list of the provincial show of 1896. A letter was read from Mr. R. Gibson, suggesting a change in the color of ribbons given to prize-winners. On motion, it was resolved that red indicate first prize; blue, second prize; white, third prize; green, fourth prize; yellow, fifth prize.

The following motion was carried: "That a sweepstakes for the best wether be not offered in each or any purebred class at the provincial winter show of 1896."

It was resolved that the prize list as revised be the official list for the sheep and swine departments for the provincial winter show of 1896.

Mr. John I. Hobson was added to the Winter Stock Committee of the Sheep-Breeders' Association.