

Proposition to Move the Winter Fair Meets Favor

A suggestion to combine the Clydesdale Horse Association of Canada with the Provincial Winter Fair at Guelph and establish a combined show at the Union Stock Yards, Toronto Junction, met with support at the convention of the Dominion Clydesdale Horse Association in Toronto last Thursday. The proposition included not only the combination of these two shows, but the combination of all live stock interests. This matter, also, was brought before the Ontario Horse Breeders' Association at their meeting on the evening of Thursday. The resolution which was passed at the Clydesdale Association in the afternoon was presented to the general association in the evening by R. E. Gunn and E. C. H. Tisdale, of Beaverton, the mover and seconder.

The resolution is as follows: "That the Clydesdale Breeders' Association appoint a committee to place a resolution before the Horse Breeders' Association to the effect that the Ontario Horse Breeders' Association, its executive, or a committee appointed by them, meet the Winter Fair Board at Guelph to discuss the advisability of having a combination of all breeding associations of Canada to inquire into the advisability of moving the Provincial Winter Fair from Guelph to Toronto Junction, where, in the

unanimous opinion of the Clydesdale Association, an amalgamated show can be held, including the breeding classes of all the various breeds, thus advertising not only the fat stock of our country, but the breeders of every line of live stock."

In placing this resolution before the Clydesdale Association, Mr. Gunn referred to the poor accommodation for such a show at Guelph. The show buildings were inadequate, and hotel and railway accommodation were unsatisfactory. He referred to the show last year, when in order to fill up the stalls at Guelph, and make a satisfactory showing, three cars of stock were secured from Harris' abattoir at Toronto, and a draught was brought from the Ontario Agricultural College. He believed that if all interested in live stock would amalgamate their interests into one large show to be held in Toronto, a show which in time would equal, or even surpass, the International at Chicago could be established.

The factors that have made the Chicago show such a success were that it was a live stock centre, it had ample railway accommodation, unlimited hotel accommodation, and the live stock interests backed the show. All these factors could be obtained at Toronto Junction. The plan suggested was to unite all of the breeders' associations, and with the aid of the



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Union Stock Yards Company, a large arena, capable of accommodating a big show would be built. The same arguments were put forth by Mr. Gunn, in placing the resolution before the Horse Breeders' Association. That association represented a good many thousand dollars, and with its strength behind the project, it must go through. The resolution was referred to the directors.

The committee appointed by the Clydesdale Association to look into this matter was: Messrs. R. E. Gunn, E. C. H. Tisdale, Geo. Pepper, J. M. Gardhouse and Mr. Good.

United States Farm Statistics

The Crop Reporting Board of the Bureau of Statistics of the United States Department of Agriculture finds, from the reports of the correspondents and agents of the Bureau, that the numbers and values of farm animals on farms and ranges in the United States on January 1st, 1908, were as follows:—

Farm Animals	Per cent. compared with Jan. 1, 1907	Numbers	Ave. price a head	Total Value Dollars
Horses.....	101.2	13,992,000	\$63.10	\$887,230,000
Milk cows.....	101.1	11,134,000	30.67	\$340,067,000
Other cattle.....	97.1	6,673,000	16.86	\$112,500,000
Sheep.....	104.6	4,631,000	3.36	\$15,560,000
Pigs.....	102.4	4,604,000	6.05	\$27,850,000

Compared with January 1st, 1907, the following changes are indicated: In numbers, horses have increased 245,000, milk cows increased 226,000, other cattle decreased 1,465,000, sheep increased 1,391,000, swine increased 200,000.

In average value a head, horses decreased \$0.10, milk cows decreased \$0.33, other cattle decreased \$0.21, sheep increased \$0.04, swine decreased \$1.57.

In total value, horses increased \$80,562,000, milk cows increased \$4,560,000, other cattle decreased \$35,610,000, sheep increased \$7,536,000, swine decreased \$78,761,000.

Horsemen Thanked

At the meeting in Toronto last week of the Dominion Clydesdale Breeders' Association Mr. R. Ness moved a vote of thanks or confidence to those men, the leaders of the Association, who represented them and so ably presented their case before the Old Country Society last summer. By changing the rule governing the registration of animals in the Scottish and Canadian herd books, they have done a great work for Clydesdale

breeders in Canada. Mr. Wm. Smith, in replying to this public approval of their work, said that it was done in the interests of the Clydesdale horse breeders of Canada. Much was due to Wm. Montgomery, of Scotland, who saw the justice of the Canadian's claim and helped them through with the matter. The principle thing accomplished by these men was that all stock registered in the Canadian Clydesdale herd book must have its dam, grand dam, sire and grand sire registered or numbered in the Scottish herd book.

Coming Events

Spring Stallion Show, Toronto, Feb. 25—28, 1908.
Dominion Exhibition, Calgary, June 29 to July 9, 1908.

Auction Sales

Holsteins—Geo. Rice, Tillsonburg, Feb. 25, 1908.
Holsteins—J. H. Patten, Paris, Ont., March 12, 1908.
Shorthorns—Stephen Nicholson, Sylvan, Ont., Feb. 26, 1908.
Shorthorns—F. A. Gardner and S. J. Pearson & Son, Britannia, Ont., March 3, 1908.
Pure Bred Cattle—Provincial Auction Sale, Guelph, March 4, 1908.
Shorthorns—W. C. Edwards & Co., Sir George Drummond, and Peter White, Union Stock Yards, Toronto Junction, March 5, 1908.
Pure Bred Cattle—Provincial Auction Sale, Port Perry, Ont., March 11, 1908.

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