

STOCK.

Dominion Live Stock Associations Hold Their Annual Meetings.

Yesterday was an important day for the live stock interests of the Province, Mr. Henry Wade's office, at the corner of Yonge and Queen streets, being the scene of a couple of meetings to make preparations for the annual Provincial spring stallion show, which will take place in the old Drill Shed, West Market square, Toronto, on Wednesday and Thursday, March 28 and 29. The date is two weeks later than was formerly the case, and the change is made in hopes of securing more favorable weather.

At 11 o'clock the Clydesdale Directors held their meeting, there being present Mr. Robert Davies, of Toronto, the President, and Messrs. R. Graham, Claremont; R. Miller, Brougham; W. D. Sorby, Bowmanville; George Cockburn, Baltimore; W. D. Sorby, Guelph, and John Davidson, Ashburn. The President explained that the meeting was called to enter again, if possible, into a partnership with the Agriculture and Arts Association, in order to hold another spring stallion show. Some discussion ensued upon the depression in the Clydesdale interest, at the end of which it was resolved, upon motion of Messrs. John Davidson and R. Miller, that the Clydesdale Association give a grant of \$250 to the Agriculture and Arts Association, asking them at the same time to furnish the balance to complete the prize list, as was done in 1893. Mr. Robert Beith, M. P., seconded by Mr. R. Graham, then moved that the Agriculture and Arts Association be asked to hold the spring show this year on March 28 and 29. It was then resolved that there should be two judges and a referee appointed for the Clydesdale class, Messrs. John Duff, of Rockland, and Arthur Johnston, of Greenwood, being the judges appointed, and Mr. Robert Beith, M. P., the referee. The meeting then adjourned.

At 2 o'clock a joint meeting was held of the Directors of the Agriculture and Arts, the Clydesdale, the Shire and the Hackney Associations. There were present—Messrs. James Rowand, M. P., Dunblane; Joshua Legge, Gananoque; J. C. Snell, Edmonton; Jonathan Sissons, Crown Hill, and Alvin Rawlings, Forest, for the Agriculture and Arts Association; Messrs. R. Davies, Toronto; R. Graham, Claremont; R. Miller, Brougham; W. D. Sorby, Bowmanville; George Cockburn, Baltimore; W. D. Sorby, Guelph, and John Davidson, Ashburn, for the Clydesdale Association; Mr. J. Gardhouse, Highfield, President of the Shire Association, and Mr. Robert Davies, Vice-President of the Hackney Association, representing that branch. The offer and suggestion made by the Clydesdale Association were considered and both were adopted. It was decided that the Prince of Wales prize be given for Hackneys as sweepstakes. Two judges were appointed for all classes, a referee to decide in case of clashes. The judges are as follows: Thourou chabres—R. Pringle, Toronto; Wm. Hendrie, Hamilton; alternate, Dr. Smith, V. S. Carriage or Coach; A. A. Choate, Port Hope; Morton Plank, V. S., Uxbridge; alternate, Robert Bond, Toronto. Standard bred—Same as Carriage. Hackneys—John Gibson, Denfield; J. F. Quinn, V. S., Brampton; alternate, Dr. Greenside, V. S., Guelph. Shire and Suffolk Punch—John Bray, Ravenshoe; Richard Gibson, Delaware; alternate, J. Warlow, Owen Sound.

Messrs. Robert Davies and Henry Wade were appointed a committee to wait on the Mayor to ask the city to prepare the Drill Shed for the exhibition, and to prepare the programme for exhibits. Entries must be in by March 15. Prizes were voted to the best shod heavy draught horses on exhibition, to consist of \$10, \$7, and \$5, respectively. If the light is sufficient, an evening show will be held. \$1800 will be offered in cash prizes, \$500 more than any previous spring show. Write Mr. Henry Wade, Toronto, for a prize list.

**THE HOLSTEIN BREEDERS MEET.**  
The annual meeting of the Holstein-Friesian Breeders' Association was held in Toronto, February 6th. The meeting was well attended, and matters of importance were generally discussed. Among these the changing of Rule VI, Section 8, of the constitution, will doubtless be to the interest of the breed generally. This section refers to imported animals. Heretofore animals brought into Canada from the United States had to be inspected by an inspector, the fees being \$10.00, with a further fee of \$5.00 for registration. This rule was first enforced with a view of preventing inferior animals from being brought in. That part of the rule as amended reads as follows: That all applications for registration of cattle from the United States must be accompanied by a form of application, with markings sketched and described and registration in the H.-F. H. B. or the Western H.-F. B., and also accompanied by a certificate of the veterinary inspector at quarantine, with the exception of those cattle imported heretofore. Application for such to be accompanied by usual forms, filled in with color markings, and signed by present owner, and accompanied by certificate of registration in H.-F. H. B. and W. H.-F. H. B. Fees to be 75 cents for members and \$1.50 for non-members. A fee of \$10.00 for inspection and \$5.00 for registration to accompany all applications, which must be accompanied by breeders' certificates or registration certificates of all animals imported from Holland. The amendment takes place from date.

A number of instructive and interesting papers were read by the following gentlemen: Mr. Geo. Rice, Curries Crossing, "The Cow for Canadian Dairyman." Mr. R. Howe Crump, Masonville, "The Selection and Breeding of Butter Cows." Mr. R. S. Stevenson, "Feeding Grade Holsteins for Beef." Mr. H. Bolter, Cassell, "Is a Standard of Production Necessary in our Herd?"

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, R. Howe Crump, Masonville; 1st Vice-President, H. Bolter, Cassell; 2nd Vice-President, R. S. Stevenson, Ancaster; 3rd Vice-President, A. C. Hallman, New Dundee; 4th Vice-President, R. Marshall, Edmonton; Secretary-Treasurer, G. W. Clemons, St. George. Directors—Wm. Folger, Kingston, and N. P. Ellis, Bedford Park. Auditors—Wm. Suhring, Sebringville, and J. H. Patterson, St. George. Inspectors of cattle from Holland—Messrs. Bolter, Stevenson, Hallman, and Shunk. Delegates to Industrial—Messrs. Shunk and Ellis. Delegate to Dominion Cattle Breeders' Association—D. E. Smith, Brampton. Judges to fairs—R. S. Stevenson, A. C. Hallman, H. McCaugherty, and Wm. Shunk.

**THE SHIRE HORSE ASSOCIATION OF CANADA.**  
The Canadian Shire Horse Association met February 6th, in Mr. Henry Wade's office, Mr. John Gardhouse in the chair. The report of the Secretary-Treasurer for the past two years showed that only twenty-three stallions and ten mares had been added to the Stud Book, making a total number of 352 for the first volume. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, John Gardhouse, Highfield; Vice-Presidents, George Garbutt, Thistleton; J. V. Ormsby, Daville, Que.; H. T. Munn, Brandon, Man.; George Tweedy, Charlottetown, P. E. I.; C. J. L. Rentil, Grenfell, N. W. T. Directors—James W. Smith, Highfield; J. Wardlow, Downview; W. N. Crowley, Robert Markmers, Tullamore; T. M. Donkin, Riverview; B. Fish, Bruce; T. Coleman, Torby Green.

**THE CLYDESDALE HORSE ASSOCIATION OF CANADA.**  
The eighth annual meeting of the Clydesdale Horse Association of Canada was held at the Albion Hotel. The meeting was an excellent one in point of numbers, and there were present many prominent breeders from different parts. The chair was occupied by Vice-President Arthur Johnston, of Greenwood, in the absence of Mr. Robert Davies, the President, whose address was read by Mr. Wade. This gave an able review of the past year from a Clydesdale breeder's standpoint, dealing carefully with the Canadian Clyde exhibit at Chicago, where he declared Canadians made a splendid showing. He said:—"In my judgment the American breeders who exhibited animals put all their energies into producing animals having very fine feet and pasterns, while they overlooked, to a certain extent, the development of the body, which was an

essential point in horses of this breed, which were bred for draught and cart purposes only." Proceeding, he said Canada has too long been made the dumping-ground for second and third-class stock. I would strongly recommend that the breeders of the country in future use their very best judgment in importing really first-class stallions, in order to bring our stock up to the highest possible standard. I would point out the necessity of asking the Legislature to impose a tax on all horses for stud purposes, in order to root out the useless and very undesirable specimens now too often offered for service on our side roads and by-ways at very low prices, thus demoralizing the country's reputation, which had hitherto held the premier position in America for Clydesdale horses. It is false economy to breed to inferior animals. It costs no more to raise a good horse than a bad one. The question of fees should never stand in the way of securing the services of the best horse obtainable. The enhanced value of the progeny fully justified the higher outlay. Canadian breeders have suffered greatly by the arbitrary action of the American Association in forcing us to register Canadian animals in their stud book, completely ignoring the Canadian Association. It is to be hoped that the agricultural authorities at Washington would recognize our stud book.

Mr. Henry Wade, the Secretary, presented and read the eighth annual report, for 1893. It stated that 229 Clydesdales had been recorded during the year, as against 418 in 1892, a decrease of 219. This had been owing partly to the financial depression, very largely to the action of the American Government in not accepting Canadian pedigrees at the customs on crossing the frontier; consequently it had been decided by the Board of Directors not to print volume VIII, for another year. A synopsis of the pedigrees recorded in 1893 showed that 134 were foaled in Ontario, 12 in Quebec and the Lower Provinces, 26 in Manitoba and the Northwest, 19 in the United States, and 38 in Scotland. Unless the United States cancel their present ruling by which they totally ignore the Canadian records, we shall continue to be at their mercy. It is hoped that this unjust state of affairs may be remedied if a proper delegation was sent to Washington to wait on the Minister of Agriculture, Levi P. Morton, and explain that the Canadian records are of as high a standard as that of the United States, and that it is not courteous to debar the use of them.

A goodly number of Clydesdales were exhibited at the World's Columbian Exhibition by Canadians; the exhibit on the whole was a credit to Canada. Continuing Mr. Wade minutely reviewed the work of the association during the past year, in which the Secretary and directors have made a very creditable showing. The Treasurer's report showed the receipts for the year to be \$967.13; expenditures \$783.55, leaving a balance on hand of \$183.58. The following gentlemen were elected officers for the ensuing year:—President, Robert Davies, Toronto. Vice-Presidents—For Ontario, Arthur Johnston, Greenwood; Quebec, Robert Ness, Howick; Nova Scotia, Wm. O'Brien, Windsor; New Brunswick, A. S. Murray, Fredericton; P. E. Island, Hon. James Clow, Murray Harbor; Manitoba, John E. Smith, Brandon; British Columbia, H. D. Benson, Ladner's Landing; Alberta, N. W. T., John A. Turner, Calgary; Saskatchewan, N. W. T., J. M. McFarlane, Balgonie. Directors—Robt. Graham, Claremont; Robt. Beith, M. P., Bowmanville; John Davidson, Ashburn; Robt. Miller, Brougham; Peter Christie, Manchester; Alex. Cameron, Ashburn; Alf. Major, Whitevale.

AYRSHIRE BREEDERS.

The eighth annual meeting of the Dominion Ayrshire Breeders' Association was held on February 9th, in Shaftesbury Hall, Toronto, at which most of those interested in this peculiar class of dairy cattle were present. The meeting, presided over by Mr. H. E. Eyre, was opened sharp on time by Mr. Wade, the Secretary. In his annual address, Mr. Wade drew attention to the fact that the dairy business had become one of the leading industries of Canada, and that the Ayrshire cow was one of the leading factors of this business. Responding to the call to send their cattle to the World's Fair should be congratulated on their success. They had also earned the thanks of the Dominion, as their exhibits had given a world-wide reputation to this country. What was now wanted was to stir up every one who was engaged in breeding to do his best in maintaining the position which had now been gained by breeders, and feeding, and making most of the cow, so that good results might follow. There should be no haphazard way in selecting stock for the dairy. The address was received with applause by the convention.

The seventh annual report was read by Mr. Henry Wade, the Secretary. It stated that during the year 541 animals had been recorded, of which 243 were males and 298 females. There were now 1,429, which would be raised to 1,500, for the second volume. The consent of the Agriculture and Arts Association had been obtained to print it. Forty-eight members had paid subscriptions for the past year. It was gratifying, the report stated, that such a splendid exhibit had been made by the Dominion at the World's Columbian Exhibition. The prize list gave \$2,035 for prizes, and out of this amount the Canadian took \$1,888, and the Americans only \$150. The Canadian prize winners were: Daniel Drummond, Petite Cote, Montreal, with eight first prizes, one second, and two fourths, amounting to \$180, and two gold medals; Wm Stewart, Jr., Menie, Ont., with three first prizes, two second prizes, five third prizes, amounting to \$45; Thomas Guy, Oshawa, four second prizes, one third and one fourth prize, amounting to \$290; R. Robertson, Howick, Que., one first prize, one second prize, and two third prizes, amounting to \$215; Thomas Irving, Montreal, two second prizes, three thirds and two fourths, amounting to \$205; W. M. Smith, Fairfield Plains, one first prize, one second and two fourths, amounting to \$125; Jos. Yuill, Carleton Place, one first prize, one second and one fourth, amounting to \$90. The Canadian shows the Ayrshires turned out well, notwithstanding the numbers that had been taken to Chicago. The financial report for 1893 showed the receipts \$160, and expenditure \$92.60, leaving a balance on hand of \$67.40. The report was adopted.

An interesting and instructive paper was read by Mr. Wm Stewart, of Menie, on "The Ayrshire Cow," in which he dilated at some length on her breeding, selection and management. He also dwelt on the points that went to make up a first-class Ayrshire cow.

A paper on "Ayrshire in 1893," by Mr. David Nicol, of Cataract, was read by Secretary Wade. The descriptions he gave of the so-called Ayrshires exhibited at various fairs were exceedingly amusing, and the audience received his paper with much applause.

Mr. H. E. Eyre read a paper on herd book matters, in which he said that too great exclusiveness should not be exercised.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Wm. Stewart, Jr., of Menie. Vice-Presidents—For Ontario, W. W. Ballantyne, Stratford; Quebec, W. C. Edwards, North Nation Mills; Manitoba, Geo. Steele, Glenborough; Northwest Territory, Claude H. Manners, Moosomin; New Brunswick, C. C. Gardner, Charlottetown; British Columbia, C. Well, Chilliwack; Nova Scotia, W. H. Blanchard, Truro. Directors: A. Kains, Joseph McCormick, M. Ballantyne, Thos. Guy, John Crosby, David Morton, Jos. Yuill. Auditors: G. D. W. Green, H. C. Eyre. Delegates to the Industrial Exhibition: James McCormick and Wm. Stewart. Delegates to the London Exhibition: M. Ballantyne and A. Kain. Delegates to the Ottawa Exhibition: Jos. Yuill and C. Smith, of Huntsburg. Judges of Ayrshire cattle for 1894: D. Drummond, Alex. Drummond, Petite Cote, Que.; M. Buchanan, St. Mary's; H. S. Clark, Brampton; D. Nicol, Cataract; A. Kains, Byroft; Jas. McCormick, Rockton; Jos. Yuill, Carleton Place; H. E. Eyre, Harlem; J. Stewart, Menie; Robt. Hunter, Lanester.

A vote of thanks was tendered to the gentlemen who attended the Columbian Exposition for their efforts on behalf of the Ayrshires.

DOMINION SHORTHORN BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION.

The eighth annual meeting of the Dominion Shorthorn Breeders' Association was held in Shaftesbury Hall, Toronto,

February 9th. The chair was occupied by the President, Mr. Richard Gibson, Delaware, Ont. In his annual address the President congratulated the Association on the progress it had made and the satisfactory position that it occupied. He suggested that if the funds of the organization would permit it would be well to encourage the development of milk in the breed by offering prizes at the big shows for dairy Shorthorns, a field almost unexplored, and one offering great possibilities. In the State of Wisconsin, he said, the dairy interest was the prime interest with this breed, and it paid the breeders, while steers were largely fed for the market. The Chicago Fair had boomed the Shorthorns more than anything in recent times. He suggested the appointment of an Arbitration Committee to settle disputes without resort to law. The President expressed regret that the members of the Executive Committee were obliged to pay their own travelling and hotel expenses. In conclusion he congratulated the association on the remarkable success of Canada at the World's Fair, and in this connection made particular reference to the exhibits of Mr. James Russell, not only at Chicago, but at Philadelphia.

AN INTERESTING STATEMENT.  
Mr. Henry Wade, the Secretary, read the annual report, from which these interesting figures are extracted: In 1893 the Association was paid for 3,484 registrations, 3,540 certificates and 587 changes of ownership. From these there were only rejected 14 registrations and 10 certificates, returning the fees, leaving 3,470 registrations, 3,530 certificates and 587 transfers, against, in 1892, 3,641 registrations, 3,454 certificates and 491 transfers, and against, in 1891, 3,135 registrations, 2,837 certificates and 376 transfers, showing a few less than in 1892, but 335 more than in 1891. Following up the change in registrations, as a matter of course there is a corresponding change in registration fees; in 1890 there was received \$3,043.75; in 1891, \$3,152.50; in 1892, \$3,835.25, and in 1893, \$3,787.45, a difference in favor of 1892 over 1891 of \$82.75, and over 1890 of \$791.50, but a falling off for 1893 of \$49.80, which is not much, considering the dullness in the Shorthorn business; The pedigrees on record number 43,813. Reference was made to the success of Ontario at the World's Fair. The financial statement showed that the receipts amounted to \$6,741, and that there is a cash balance of \$174.

The following gentlemen were elected officers for 1894: Vice-Presidents—Arthur Johnston, Greenwood, Ontario; Hon. D. Ferguson, M.P.P., Charlottetown, P.E.I.; J. H. Lader, Ladner's Landing, B. C.; D. Brims, Athelstane, Quebec; Josiah Wood, M. P., Sackville, N. B.; James Geddes, Calgary, Alberta; Prof. Geo. Lawson, Halifax, N. S.; John E. Smith, Brandon, Man. Executive Committee—A. list—Edward Jeffs, Bondhead; Wm. W. Ballantyne, Stratford; Jas. Hunter, Alma; T. Russell, Exeter; John I. Hobson, Mosborough. B. list—W. J. Higgins, Clinton; J. L. Cowan, Galt; James Tolton, Walkerton; Wm. Linton, Aurora; F. I. Patten, St. George. C. list—James Russell, Richmond Hill; John Isaac, Markham; W. G. Pettit, Freeman; C. M. Simmons, Ivan; D. W. Wilson, Safford; A. Rawlings, Forest; William Dawson, Victoria. Agriculture and Arts list—W. C. Edwards, M.P., Rockland; James Rowand, M.P., Dunblane; J. C. Snell, Edmonton. Delegates: To Industrial Exhibition—Hon. John Dryden, John I. Hobson, Mosborough. To Central Farmers' Institute—W. G. Pettit, Freeman. To Western Fair—R. Gibson, Delaware; C. M. Simmons, Ivan. Secretary and Editor—Henry Wade, Toronto.

The Association passed a resolution by Mr. J. J. Linton instructing the Secretary to address a letter of condolence to the widow and family of the late John Hope, expressing the sympathy felt with them in their great affliction, and setting forth the great esteem in which that gentleman was held by the members of the Association.

This motion, moved by Mr. Arthur Johnston, was adopted:—"That a grant of at least \$25 be made to the Guelph Fat Stock Club, to award to pure-bred Shorthorn steers, together with any other money that that club may see fit to provide for the same purpose."

**PRESENTATION TO MR. DRYDEN.**  
Meantime, Hon. John Dryden, in response to an invitation sent to him, had come in. The President invited him to the front and then called upon Mr. Hobson. That gentleman said that he had been asked by representatives of the Association to convey to Mr. Dryden the feeling of gratitude which the Association felt for the services he had rendered the organization and the interest it was specially designed to promote. They had purposed presenting Mr. Dryden with a formal address, but that would be done at a later time. In the meantime, they would do no more than convey to him an expression of their gratitude, and he would remember that in the earlier days of the Association there were great difficulties to contend with. Mr. Hobson, then, on behalf of the Association, presented Mr. Dryden with a handsome marble clock.

Mr. Dryden made a most felicitous response. The Association had, he said, taken him entirely by surprise. He had received a telephone message a little while ago requesting him to come to the meeting of the Shorthorn Breeders' Association, and the most natural thing that came to his mind was that they were in some difficulty, and he had come to help. But he found that he was the man in difficulty. He could not find words on such short notice to express properly his gratitude for the kind words which he had been uttered by Mr. Hobson on behalf of the Association. He had, during his time, occupied a good many public positions, and he would like to say that he had never accepted these positions for their own sake merely or the honor they brought to him, but for the opportunity they gave him of doing some good in the particular interest represented. He remembered, many years ago, when this Association was first organized, he was taken quite as much by surprise as he was now, by learning that he had been selected as one who was to take the headship of it. They then labored under a good many difficulties. There were differences of opinion and diversity of interest, and it was with some consideration and misgiving that he undertook the task which had then been before him. He did not think that the credit should be given to himself for the manner in which the Association had surmounted the difficulties that presented themselves, but, perhaps, he did his share. But he was glad to say that they had passed that stage of their existence, that they were now working together in harmony, and that the Association was being carried on with the most satisfactory results. There were a good many breeds of cattle in the world, and some of them, that the members of the Association and he were not interested in, were, perhaps, not recognized by them as valuable. He never ran down a class of cattle that he did not like himself. The Shorthorns had produced greater wealth than any other breed of cattle. They were known everywhere and their influence was constantly extending. The impress of the Shorthorn would be found upon the herds of this continent, no matter where. They were recognized as a beef breed. Nobody denied that they had extraordinary qualities in that direction. But all people had not been always ready to acknowledge that the Shorthorn had other good qualities. Still, he was glad to be able to say from the work which had been performed at the great Chicago Exposition, they had proved to all the world that they need not take a back seat in reference to the milking qualities of the Shorthorn. The same thing had been demonstrated in England as well. He suggested that it would be a nice thing on the part of the Association if it could see its way clear to in some way recognize the service rendered by those breeders who had allowed their cows to be taken to the World's Fair and kept there all summer. This matter was left in the hands of the Executive Committee. Excellent papers were read by Mr. J. Idington on "Some of the Many Things I Don't Know About Shorthorns," Mr. J. C. Snell on "The Shorthorn as a General Purpose Cow," and by Mr. James Tolton on the "Outlook for the Shorthorn Trade."

Upon the motion of Arthur Johnston, the President appointed Mr. Hobson and Mr. Wade to wait upon Hon. A. R. Angers, Minister of Agriculture at Ottawa, and Hon. John Dryden, Ontario Provincial Minister of Agriculture, asking them to send a delegation to Washington for the purpose of endeavoring to secure the recognition by the United States of Canadian Live Stock Records.