

CLYDESDALE BREEDERS.

The thirteenth annual meeting of the Clydesdale Association was held on Feb. 9th, Mr. Robt. Davies, retiring president, in the chair. Mr. Davies congratulated the members upon the present condition of the horse market. The demand, while not brisk, was certain, and the superior animal could be disposed of at a profit. There was great necessity for perseverance in the work of improving the stock and the advancing of the association's interests. They should consider the animal first, and the price it would bring afterwards.

The report of the secretary treasurer, Mr. H. Wade, was a very satisfactory one. There had been a decided improvement in matters affecting Clydesdale interests. There had been a renewal of importations of breeding stock. One importer has brought out eleven recently. There has also been considerable movement of Clydesdales from Ontario to points in the Northwest. Registrations during the year numbered 252, as against 99 in 1897. The membership has increased from 29 in 1897 to 69 paid members for 1898. The total receipts were \$563.32, and expenditures \$469.15, leaving a balance of \$94.17. The assets are \$3,126.17.

Resolutions were passed re the exportation of stock to the United States, and authorizing the opening up of negotiations with the railway companies in order to obtain the same terms for shipping stock as those now enjoyed by the breeders of purebred cattle, sheep, and swine. \$50 was voted to the spring Horse Show.

The officers for 1899 are: President, Peter Christie, Manchester; 1st vice-president, John Davidson. The retiring president and vice-president were elected on the Board of Directors, as was Mr. James Innes, Clinton. The other officers, with some exceptions, are the same as last year.

CANADIAN HORSE BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION.

The fifth annual meeting of this association took place on the evening of Feb. 9th at the Albion Hotel, Toronto. Mr. Robt. Davies, president, presided, and the attendance was good. The report of the secretary referred to the last spring Horse Show as being a very successful one, and, while there was a falling in the heavy classes, due somewhat to the late date at which the show was held, yet the loss was much more than made up by the increased number of splendid harness horses shown. The total receipts of the Horse Show were \$4,952.25, of which there was expended in prizes \$3,385, and for running the show \$817.50, thus leaving a substantial balance to be divided among the organizations controlling the show. The total receipts of the Canadian Horse Breeders' Association were \$1,691.88, and expenditures \$72.12, leaving a balance on hand of \$1,619.76.

As the military authorities have decided not to co-operate in a Horse Show and Tournament this year there was some discussion as to whether it would be advisable to hold a show or not. A form of agreement was read by the secretary outlining terms by which the Country and Hunt Club and the Association might unite in holding a show this spring. This agreement seemed to be acceptable to the members present, and it was unanimously decided to hold a show from the 12th to the 15th April in conjunction with the Hunt Club and that the directors be instructed to arrange as satisfactory terms as possible with the Club re financing and managing the show.

A resolution was adopted appointing a committee to interview the railway authorities re securing the same privileges for the transportation of purebred horses as those now enjoyed by the breeders of other purebred stock. An invitation was received from the National Horse Breeders' Association of the United States, asking the association to send delegates to consult with that organization with reference to the trade in horses and veterinary inspection.

The following is the list of officers, 1899: President, Dr. A. Smith; 1st vice-president, H. N. Crossley; 2nd vice president, R. Beith, M.P.

Directors—Hackney Horse Association, R. Beith and John Macdonald; Clydesdale Association, R. Davies and R. Graham; Shire Association, H. N. Crossley and W. E. Wellington; Thoroughbred Association, Dr. Smith and W. Hendrie, jun.; Trotting and Pacing Association, S. Fuller and E. W. Cox; Draught Horse Association, A. McInnes and J. Henderson; Additional Directors, George Pepper and D. B. Simpson.

Delegates—To Industrial Exhibition, H. N. Crossley and D. B. Simpson, London Fair, R. McEwan and O. Sorby.

Special committee to arrange Horse Show—Dr. Smith, R. Davies, H. N. Crossley, J. Macdonald and H. Wade.

HOLSTEIN-FRIESIAN ASSOCIATION.

The Canadian Holstein-Friesian Association held its annual meeting on Feb. 7, there being a good attendance of the members present. The president, Mr. W. G. Ellis, presided. The secretary-treasurer's report showed the association to be in a very satisfactory condition financially and otherwise. The total receipts for 1898 were \$1,580.93, and disbursements \$959.14, leaving a balance on hand of \$621.79. The total registrations last year were 407 and transfers 158, making the total registration 565. The officers of 1899 are: President, W. G. Ellis, Bedford Park; 1st vice-president, A. C. Hallman, New Dundee; 2nd vice, T. W. Charlton, St. George; 3rd vice, Alfred Rice, Curries; 4th vice, G. A. Gilroy, Elm Buell. Mr. Wm. Shunk, Sherwood, and A. Hoover, Jr., Emory, were elected directors in place of the two who retired this year. Mr. G. W. Clemons was unanimously re-elected secretary treasurer.

The representatives to the various Fair Boards are as follows: Toronto, W. G. Ellis and Wm. Shunk; London, Edwin Scatcherd and J. W. Johnson; Ottawa, G. A. Gilroy and Joseph Fletcher; Winnipeg, James Glennie and J. T. Hutchinson; Montreal, G. A. Gilroy and Mr. Keillor; Sherbrooke, John Pickering and Ogden Sweet; St. John, O. J. Peters. It was decided to recommend the various Fair Boards that only one judge be engaged as was done previous to 1898. The following were recommended as expert judges for Toronto, Henry VanDriess, C. Bleckill, N.Y.; A. F. Cole, Morrisville, N.Y., and D. J. Hinckley, South Brucefield, N.Y. London, Wm. Shuring, T. W. Charlton and T. H. Patton. Ottawa, H. A. Bollert, R. S. Stevenson and Wm. Shunk. Montreal, Wm. Shunk, A. C. Hallman and H. A. Bollert. Winnipeg, T. W. Charlton and A. Rice. Brandon, G. A. Gilroy.

Mr. W. A. Matheson, Utica, N.Y., president of the American Holstein-Friesian Association, and Mr. Henry Stevens, Tacoma, N.Y., were present in the interests of the amalgamation of the American and Canadian Records. After some discussion on the subject a committee consisting of the president, secretary and T. W. Charlton, was appointed to confer with a committee from the American Association in regard to the matter.

DOMINION SHORTHORN BREEDERS.

The thirteenth annual convention of this association was held on Feb. 5th. The president, Mr. James Russell, Richmond Hill, in the chair. There was a large and representative meeting, one of the best the association has ever held. Members were present from as far east as Nova Scotia and as far west as Brandon, Manitoba. The treasurer's annual statement was a very satisfactory one; the total receipts for the year amounted to \$13,805.95, and the expenditure to \$5,627.91, leaving a balance of \$8,178.04. The total assets of the association amount to \$16,663.04, against which there are no liabilities. The total paid membership for 1898 was 713, of

which 250 were new members. The total pedigrees on record are 62,071. In 1898 5,386 registrations, 5,555 certificates, and 1,064 changes of ownership were made, a large increase over previous years. The right and title of the Prince Edward Island Herd Book was obtained last year, and the association is now, in every sense of the term, a Dominion organization.

A number of resolutions were adopted of great importance to the Shorthorn industry, and which are as follows:

All pedigrees sent for record must be signed by the breeder, or, in case of death, by a proper representative; the breeder of an animal being the owner of dam at time of service.

That we set apart the sum of \$750 from the funds of the association to be given in premiums for Shorthorns at one of the leading shows in Ontario, and that the said sum be placed in the hands of the Executive Committee, to be granted to either London or Toronto, wherever the best arrangements can be made for supplementing this grant.

That in addition to the sum already voted for prizes \$800 be put into the hands of the Executive Committee to dispose as they may deem fit for Shorthorn premiums at the different large exhibitions in the Dominion.

That the sum of \$500 be voted from the funds of the association to the Winnipeg exhibition for Shorthorn cattle, for prizes, on condition that they give the same amount towards that purpose as they did last year.

That we, the Shorthorn Breeders of Canada, assembled in our annual meeting, do today ask the Dominion Government to allow cattle from Great Britain to come into Canada without being tested for tuberculosis. (A rider was attached that the United States be included in this resolution provided they granted Canada the same privileges.)

Whereas this association has learned that purchasers of Shorthorn cattle for exportation to United States are put to much inconvenience and delay in shipment because of the necessity under the present regulations of registering in the American Herd Book in order to pass the customs; therefore, resolved that inasmuch as the standard of the Dominion Shorthorn Association is precisely the same as that of the American record, and that such cattle to be useful in the United States must in the end be recorded here, this meeting is of opinion that every interest would be subserved and properly protected by admitting Shorthorns on presentation to the customs authorities of properly accepted certificates of registration signed by the registrar under the control of the Department of Agriculture for Ontario; resolved further, that a committee be appointed to enlist the co-operation of the American Shorthorn Association in presenting this view to the proper authorities at Washington.

The Hon. John Dryden strongly favored the last resolution. He instanced a case in which Canadian sheep recorded in the American Shropshire Record were not allowed to pass the custom authorities on the border. If this is done in connection with their own records it is little wonder that Canadian records are objected to. The American Shropshire Association is sending a resolution similar to the above to the Washington authorities and appointing a committee with a view to having their difficulties remedied.

The officers for 1899 are the same as for 1898 with the following exceptions:

Hon. Thos. Greenway, Vice-Pres. for Manitoba, in place of Jno. E. Smith; H. W. Shatruck for Alta., in place of Jno. A. Turner; W. H. Henlack for Assa., in place of F. W. Green; W. D. Flatt, Hamilton, director, in place of Wm. Dawson, Victoria; W. D. Cargill in place of H. Cargill, M.P. Mr. C. C. Gardiner was appointed representative to the Prince Edward Island Fair in place of F. S. Hazzard. The Executive Committee will be the same as last year.

At the conclusion of the business Mr. J. C. Hawley, Reed, Ont., read an interesting paper on "What Shorthorns have done for the improvement of Canadian cattle."