

Sheep Breeders' Convention.

The Dominion Sheep Breeders' Association, which met in Guelph on Dec. 10, with President John Jackson in the chair, was attended by a large number of representative sheep breeders. At the close of the President's annual address, which was published in Jan. 1st issue, the Committee on Railways, on being asked to report, said that they had heard no grievances expressed during the year, and therefore had nothing to offer. Several breeders then related grievances, which were chiefly against agents; and on motion, Messrs. Richard Gibson, J. G. Snell, J. I. Hobson, and D. G. Hamner were appointed a committee to draft a resolution embodying the complaints, to be forwarded to the railway authorities at Montreal. The committee was also instructed to secure better arrangements with regard to shipping less than carload lots.

The delegates to fair boards almost all reported that they had been well received, and in many instances they had succeeded in getting the sheep arrangements improved and the prize list augmented by the different boards of directors. The Toronto Fair delegates recommended that the wool exhibit be much increased at the coming fairs. Secretary Holson, in compliance with a wish of Manager Hill, brought up the matter of keeping the sheep at the fair the full two weeks, to which there followed a vigorous protestation from the members; and on motion the following resolution was passed: "That, as the Toronto Industrial Board of Directors propose asking exhibitors of stock to keep their animals on the exhibition grounds during two weeks, we, the members of the Sheep Breeders' Association, express our strong disapproval of the same, and are fully satisfied that it would prove an injury to the interests of the exhibitors, and be detrimental to the health of our flocks."

It was unanimously resolved that we believe it to be in the interest of sheep husbandry that some plan be devised for the improvement of judging sheep at district, county, and township fairs, and that R. Gibson, D. G. Hamner, and Jno. Campbell be a committee to devise plans, and report at the next annual meeting.

It was also resolved that the Association recommend better ventilation for the new sheep pen at Toronto, and better facilities for climbing aloft to where the sheep feed has to be stored.

The London Fair delegates reported that the board was anxious to do all possible in behalf of the sheep exhibitors, so far as their finances would allow. The bad arrangement of late shows was referred to, and Messrs. R. H. Harding and R. Gibson were appointed to draft a resolution, which is given in the Swine Breeders' meeting report in this issue.

Delegates to the different fairs were elected as follows: For Toronto, Messrs. Russell and Snell were re-elected; Ottawa, H. Yuill; Montreal, J. Brims; London, R. H. Harding and Alex. Smith; Kingston, Alf. Brown; Peterboro, Rich. Vance; Belleville, J. C. Hanley.

Expert judges nominated: Cotswolds—J. G. Snell, Snelgrove; Wm. Thompson, Uxbridge; Tnos. Teasdale, Concord; James Russell, Richmond Hill; James Main, Milton; Heber Rawlings, Ravenswood; V. Ficht, Oriel; Geo. Weeks, Glastonbury; T. Harry Shore, Glastonbury; W. G. Laidlaw, Willow Grove; D. McCrae, Guelph; B. H. Frink, Napanee; John Thompson, Uxbridge; Peter McGregor, Mar-mora; W. Rae, Arkell; Wm. Ward, Uxbridge; Arthur Johnston, Greenwood; Jos. Ward, Marsh Hill.

Leicesters.—R. Eastwood, Mimico; R. Hastings, Wingham; Andrew Thompson, Fergus; Jas. K. Campbell, Palmerston; Wm. Tindall, Fergus; J. C. Snell and Jos. Snell, Snelgrove; Henry Allan, Newcastle; John Gibson, Denfield; Wm. Cowan, Galt; Clarence Wood, Freeman; Jos. Gaunt and Jas. Gaunt, St. Helen's; J. M. Hargrave, Highfield; John Laidlaw, Willow Grove; Andrew Whitlaw, Guelph; Wm. Whitlaw, Jr., Guelph; R. G. Garbut, Belleville; R. C. Martin, Marysville; Alex. Smith, Maple Lodge; A. Euston, Appleby.

Dorsets.—G. P. Everett, Mount Vernon; John Jackson, Abingdon; Richard Gibson, Delaware; J. C. Snell, Snelgrove; W. H. Beattie, Willow Grove; T. I. Cooper, Coopersburg, Pa.; U. S. A.; M. A. Cooper, Washington, Pa.

Southdowns.—John Miller, Markham; R. L. Burgess, Burgessville; Arthur Simenton, Blackheath; Wm. Martin, Binbrook; Tnos. Wilkinson, Hamilton; Richard Gibson, Delaware; J. Jackson, Abingdon; T. C. Douglas, Galt.

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Hampshires.—Jas. Main, Milton; John Jackson, Abingdon; John Kelly, Shakespeare.

Shropshires.—Richard Gibson, Delaware; G. P. Everett, Mount Vernon; J. Conworth, Paris; W. H. Beattie, Wilton Grove; A. Brown, Bethel; R. Miller, Brougham; Jas. Hamner, Mount Vernon; Jas. McFarlane, Clinton; Jas. Cooper, Kippick; W. White-sides, Innerkip; J. Campbell, Woodville; D. G. Hamner, Mount Vernon; Jas. Phin, Hespeler; M. Levering, Lafayette, Ind.; S. H. Todd, Wakeman, Ohio; A. Elliott, Galt; J. Dicken, Milton West.

Lincolns.—Jas. Brooks, Ernest Parkinson, Eramosa; John C. Snell, Snelgrove; John Geary, London.

The following officers for the ensuing year were also elected: President, James Tolton, Walkerton; Vice-President, D. G. Hamner, Mount Vernon; Secretary, F. W. Hodson, Guelph. Directors—Cotswolds, J. C. Snell; Leicesters, Alex. Smith; Southdowns, T. C. Douglas; Shropshires, R. Gibson; Oxfords, Henry Arkell; Hampshires, John Kelly; Lincolns, John Gibson; Dorsets, R. H. Harding; Merinos, Wm. Smith. General Director, J. I. Hobson. Auditors, Geo. E. Day, O. A. C. Andrew Whitlaw, Guelph.

The meeting adjourned, to meet again on Jan. 8 to finish up the business for the year.



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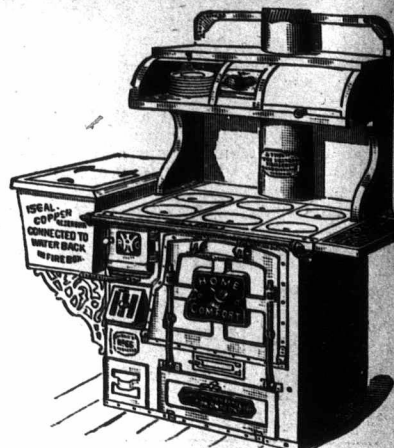
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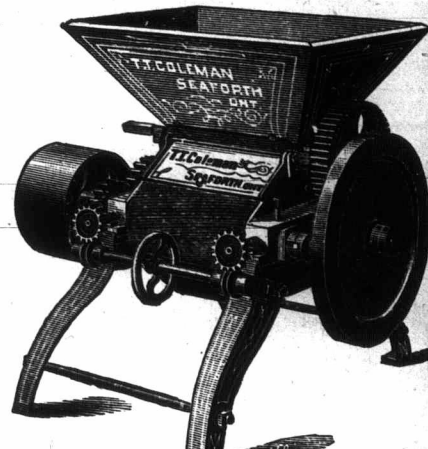
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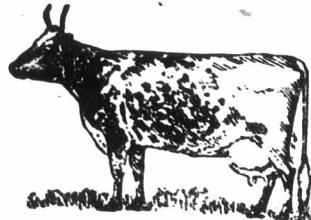
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