

Dominion Sheep-Breeders' Association.

The twelfth annual meeting of the above association was held in the City Hall, Guelph, on December 10th, there being a good attendance of members. The president, Mr. John Jackson, occupied the chair. In his address he remarked on the improvements noticeable in the flocks of the county in recent years and the great possibilities for the future.

The reports from committees and Fair Board delegates were received. Mr. R. Gibson, in reporting on the Western Fair, severely criticized the mismanagement and want of system in the sheep and swine departments there.

The following were elected as representatives to the various boards for 1896:

Toronto Industrial—Jas. Russell, Richmond Hill; J. C. Snell, Edmonton.

Ottawa—J. Yuill, Carleton Place.

Montreal—D. Brims, Athelstan, P.Q.

London, R. H. Harding, Thorndale; Alex. Smith, Maple Lodge.

Kingston—A. Brown, Picton.

Peterboro—R. Vance, Ida.

Belleville—J. M. Hurley.

The election of officers resulted as follows:

President, J. Tolton, Walkerton; vice-president, D. G. Hanmer, Mount Vernon; secretary-treasurer, F. W. Hodson, Guelph.

Directors: Cotswolds, J. C. Snell, Snelgrove.

Leicesters, Alex. Smith, Maple Grove.

Southdowns, T. C. Douglas, Galt.

Shropshires, R. Gibson, Delaware.

Oxfords, H. Arkell, Arkell.

Hampshires, John Kelly, Shakespeare.

Lincolns, John Gibson, Denfield.

Horned Dorsets, R. H. Harding, Thorndale.

Merinos, Wm. Smith, Fairfield Plains.

General Director, Mr. John I. Hobson, Mosborough.

Auditors: Geo. E. Day, O.A.C., and Andrew Whitelaw, Guelph.

Messrs. R. Gibson and J. C. Snell were appointed a Fat Stock Committee, and Messrs. Gibson, Hanmer, and Campbell a committee to devise some plan for improvement in the judging of sheep at district and county fairs.

In the evening a joint meeting of the sheep and swine breeders, the Guelph Fat Stock Club, and the Western Dairymen's Association was held, Hon. John Dryden, Minister of Agriculture for Ontario, in the chair. In a pleasing address Mr. Dryden referred to the state of agriculture in general, and urged on his hearers the necessity of giving strict attention to quality.

The address of the evening was that of Prof. Robertson, who, in a lengthy speech, foreshadowed the intention of the Dominion Government to inaugurate a chilled meat trade between Canada and Great Britain, the government slaughtering some 500 head per week till a company could be formed to take over the business, which, he expected, would be on a satisfactory basis in twelve months' time. The professor considered that, when the trade was well started, the Canadian feeder would get better prices for his stock.

Dominion Swine Breeders' Association.

The seventh annual meeting of this association was held at Guelph on December 11th, Mr. D. DeCoursey, Bornholm, president, in the chair. After receiving the reports of the delegates to fair boards, the election of delegates for 1896 was proceeded with, and resulted as follows:

Toronto—Thomas Teasdale, Concord, and J. E. Brethour, Burford.

Ottawa—Joseph Featherston, M.P., Streetsville, and Joseph Yuill, Carleton Place.

Kingston—B. H. Frink, Napanee, and J. M. Hurley, Belleville.

Montreal—Godfrey Beaudet, Valleyfield, P.Q., and W. Tait, St. Laurent, P.Q.

Peterborough—R. Vance, Ida.

Guelph—G. B. Hood and James Anderson, Guelph.

London—George Green, Fairview, and R. H. Harding, Thorndale.

Belleville—J. M. Hurley.

The officers for the ensuing year are: President, J. E. Brethour, Burford; vice-president, Geo. Green, Fairview; secretary-treasurer, F. W. Hodson, O.A.C. Directors—Yorkshires, G. B. Hood, Guelph; Berkshires, Thos. Teasdale, Concord; Suffolks, R. Dorsey, Burnhamthorpe; Chester Whites, R. Harding, Thorndale; Poland-Chinas, W. Jones, Mt. Elgin; Essex, Jos. Featherston, M.P., Streetsville; Tamworths, Andrew Elliot, Galt; Duroc-Jerseys, W. E. Butler, Dereham Centre. General Director, J. C. Snell, Snelgrove, Edmonton. Auditors, Messrs. J. I. Hobson, Mosborough, and R. P. Snell.

Mr. Frank wished the association to recommend the various fair boards to grant a class for Improved Suffolks, as he was now breeding a larger Suffolk than could be shown in the regular class. The request was not granted.

Capt. Young, Tupperville, read a paper, in which he criticized the report of the previous meeting.