

Jersey Cattle Breeders Report a Good Year

Registration and Membership Increase. No Change Wanted in R.O.P.
Dominion Organization of Live Stock Men Approved

"We have had the best year in the history of the Jersey in Canada," said Mr. D. O. Bull, of Brampton, who presided at the annual meeting of Canadian Jersey Cattle Club, in the absence of President, Mr. John Pringle, of London. "Registrations have increased by 400, transfers have increased, and our receipts are more than \$600 greater than the previous year." Mr. Bull referred with pride to the R.O.P. record of Beauty Maid, the highest in Canada of any breed for the year 1917. Registrations have doubled in Quebec Province, and the suggestion was made that British Columbia should be represented on the directorate.

The secretary-treasurer reported registrations of 1,784, compared with 1,308 in 1916, 1,151 transfers, as compared with 1,000, and \$657 membership fees, as compared with \$608. The membership now numbers 447. The financial statement was as follows:

Receipts.	
Cash in Bank, Jan. 1, 1917	\$2,189.80
Registrations	
Names, Herd Books	
and Herd Register	\$2,532.90
Memberships	457.00
Bank Interest	\$3,190.90
	46.13
	\$5,428.83
Disbursements.	
Prizes, R.C.P., 1916	\$200.00
Exhibition Grants:	
Edmonton	\$10.00
London	25.00
Western	25.00
Secretary's salary	200.00
bal. 1916	300.00
Secretary's salary, 1917	450.00
Levy's salary, bal. 1916	163.45
Levy's salary, 1917	600.00
Directors' expenses	53.10
Expenses, annual meeting	45.70
Advertising	355.76
Printing and Stationery	80.48
Postage, telephone, etc.	50.00
Grant Association Car	15.00
Geo. Deputation	20.00
Weather	68.00
Balance	2,294.14
January 29, 1918.	\$5,428.83

Dominion Organization Endorsed.

A letter was read from Mr. Brant, Live Stock Recorder, suggesting the formation of a Dominion-wide organization of the live stock interests, to protect the interests of live stock men and farmers generally. The letter grew out of the proposed increase on freight rates to which live stock men are opposed, but found, when they desired to voice their opposition, that they were without a representative body through which to make themselves heard. Mr. Brant's concrete suggestion was that each association contribute five to ten per cent. of their gross revenue to support such an organization, and empower their executives to act in its formation. Mr. Brant, J. Lee Alexander, Geo. Pepper and J. E. Brethour, all spoke in favor of such a move, and the meeting approved of it by a unanimous vote.

Mr. D. O. Bull told of the proposal of the Hamilton Board of Trade to facilitate the holding of an international live stock and dairy show in their city. He said he favored the holding of such a show, but suggested that all either be given an opportunity to bid for it. A letter was read from the Canadian National Exhibition Board suggesting the holding of a similar show on their grounds. Mr. Brethour took exception to this letter on the ground that it suggested a show which would not be controlled by the breeders themselves. Such control, he thought, should be insisted on, no matter where the show was held. Mr. Gordon Duncan moved, seconded by Mr. Jas. Bages, that the executive be empowered to deal with the question of an "international," and appoint delegates to meet with representatives of the other associations. Carried.

No action was taken on the suggestion that the Club contribute to the Agricultural Relief of the Allies Fund,

the meeting considering this a Government function. The suggested changes in rulings governing the R.O.P. test were also passed over, most of the breeders in attendance seeming well satisfied with the 15 months test period.

Age of Breeding.

The meeting was asked for its opinion as to the advisability of refusing registration to calves born from dams under 18 months old. Mr. Thompson, of Owen Sound, thought that registration should be refused, if the dam were under 22 months old when freshening. In opposition to this view, Mr. Alexander, of Hillhurst, Que., told of one heifer of his, dropped by a dam only 16 months old, that freshened at 25 months, and made 500 lbs. of fat and 9,000 lbs. of milk in a two-year-old. He said he would "hate to see such a heifer disqualified." Another breeder declared that one of his heifers freshened at 14½ months and "made as good a cow as there is in Canada." It was decided that these calves be accepted, but that the practice should be discouraged.

Representatives to fair boards were

appointed as follows: Toronto, D. O. Bull; Ottawa, Mr. Hurdman and E. S. Archibald; London, Jno. Pringle and Mr. O'Brien. Judges were also recommended: Toronto, J. Lee Alexander and Mr. Hugh Clark, Georgetown; Ottawa, Gordon Duncan; London, J. M. Dolson; Sherbrooke, Prof. Barton; Quebec, E. S. Archibald. Fair grants were the same as last year, except that the British Columbia grant was made directly to the newly organized Jersey Association of that province.

In connection with the registration of dead ancestry the directors took the view that a nominal charge of 50c should be made to cover each record.

T. G. Spaulding made a popular suggestion, when he asked if arrangements could not be made for an excursion to the next National Dairy Show at Columbus.

Election of Officers.

President, D. O. Bull, Brampton; 1st Vice-Pres., J. Lee Alexander, Hillhurst, Que.; 2nd Vice-Pres., Gordon Duncan, Toddmore; Directors—J. M. Dolson, Norval; E. H. Barton, Chilliwack, B.C.; Geo. Bages, Edgely; Jno. Pringle, London, and R. J. Fleming, Toronto.

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Noted Holstein Breeder Gone

FARMERS generally, and Holstein breeders in particular, will learn with regret of the passing away of Matthew Richardson at his home in Caledonia, on Feb. 4, in his 74th year. To all admirers of the Holstein cow, Mr. Richardson was well known as one of the pioneer Holstein breeders of the Dominion, entering the pure-bred field some twenty-five years ago with his son, J. W. Richardson, and laying the foundation of what is now known as the Riverside Herd.

Born in 1844, of English parents, at the age of 21 he purchased his first 100 acres at Riverside Farm, and proceeded to work out his ideas of agriculture. Always a broad-minded and enterprising farmer, Matt, as he was familiarly known to his friends, was quick to adopt any new method or modern innovation that would facilitate work on the farm and make him a better farmer. About six years ago he retired from the active management of the farm, leaving his son, J. H., in charge. An active worker in other spheres of activity, Mr. Richardson was at one time president of the Caledonia Fair Board, and has been president of the Caledonia Dairy Co. since its inception.

Besides his widow, he is survived by his son, J. W. Richardson, and four sisters.



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