

Meetings of Live Stock Associations

DOMINION SHEEP BREEDERS' MEETING.

The Dominion Sheep Breeders' Association held their third annual meeting in Shaftesbury Hall, Toronto, Ont., on February 6th. A very large number of breeders attended; nearly every section of the Province of Ontario was represented. The subject of establishing Canadian records for the various breeds was fully discussed. From correspondence received by the Secretary, it was quite evident that the majority of those interested were in favor of home records. The following resolutions were unanimously adopted:—

Moved by R. Marsh, seconded by A. Telfer, and resolved—

1. That whereas the fees now charged by the American Southdown Association for recording sheep, viz., one dollar on all sheep or lambs and five dollars for imported animals, are excessive,

2. That the \$5 fee on imported animals is simply so much of a tax on the importer, and tends to discourage the improvement and dissemination of Southdown sheep in America.

3. That we are of the opinion that a large majority of importers and breeders of this class of sheep in the United States, as well as in Canada, are opposed to this high tax or tariff.

4. That the fee for recording imported sheep should not exceed \$1, and for American bred, when sire and dam are recorded, if done within the year in which they are yearned, should not exceed 50c.

5. For the reasons above cited it is deemed advisable and expedient to appoint the following named breeders as a committee, viz.: Messrs. John Jackson, T. C. Douglas, Robert Shaw, John Geary, Graham and Walker, with a view of establishing records in Canada, to obtain all necessary information as to cost, fees, rules and regulations, and the best method of conducting a flock-book to supply the want that is now felt; to take such further steps as to them may seem necessary and expedient, and report their deliberations as soon as convenient to the breeders of this class of sheep, at some suitable time and place, for the purpose of giving the matter further consideration.

Mr. Alfred Brown, of Bethel, seconded by Mr. F. W. Hodson, moved—

That the Dorset sheep record now in operation by the Agriculture and Arts Association, established by the request of a meeting of the Dorset-Horned Sheep Breeders in affiliation with this Association, be sanctioned by this Association, and that any other sheep record started by the request of the breeders of any class of sheep called together by the members on this Board for said breed be endorsed by this Association. The motion was carried.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

The Committee on the classification of sheep at shows reported as follows:—

Your Committee, appointed to take into consideration and report on a classification for sheep to be recommended to the leading fair associations, having carefully considered the matter, beg leave to report the following classification:

- Sec. 1—Ram, two shears or over.
- Sec. 2—Ram, shearing.
- Sec. 3—Ram, lamb.
- Sec. 4—Two ewes, two shears or over.
- Sec. 5—Two shearing ewes.
- Sec. 6—Two ewe lambs.
- Sec. 7—Best ram, any age.
- Sec. 8—Best ewe, any age.
- Sec. 9—Pen of one ram, two aged ewes, two shearing ewes and two ewe lambs.
- Sec. 10—Pen of one ram and five of his get, the get to be under two years old and bred by exhibitor.
- Sec. 11—Pen of three shearing ewes, bred by exhibitor.
- Sec. 12—Pen of three ewe lambs, bred by exhibitor.
- Sec. 13—Pen of three ram lambs, bred by exhibitor.

We would also recommend that beyond three money prizes, where the exhibit is deemed worthy, there be a reserve number and highly commended card of honor given, except in sections seven and eight (the sweepstakes for ram and ewe), where a medal would be sufficient. And, as there are records now established for all the leading breeds of sheep, we would further recommend that all sheep to be eligible to compete in the pure-bred classes must be eligible, and should be recorded.

And, while we feel assured that the adoption of the above classification would add very materially to the interest of the sheep department, it would only be in keeping with the classification already adopted for horses and cattle by the Toronto Industrial Association.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

The President pointed out that Mr. Henry Wade, Secretary of the Agriculture and Arts Association, was the proper person to conduct Canadian records, which was agreed to by the Association.

Valuable papers were then read by Messrs.

Henry Wade, J. C. Snell, R. Marsh, Robt. Miller, James Tolton and others, after which the officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, R. Miller, Brougham; Vice-President, James Russell, Richmond Hill; Secretary, F. W. Hodson, London; Treasurer, F. R. Shore, White Oak. Vice-Presidents for the provinces: Nova Scotia, A. C. Bell; Prince Edward Island, Benjamin Wright; Manitoba and the Western Territories, John P. Hutchinson; British Columbia, Mr. Kirkland; Quebec, E. Casgrain. Directors: Shropshires, W. H. Beattie; Southdowns, John Jackson; Leicesters, John Kelly; Cotswolds, J. C. Snell; Merinos, Wm. Smith; Lincolns, John Geary; Horned Dorsets; John Tazewell; Oxford-Downs, James Tolton. Delegates to the various fair boards: Toronto Industrial, J. C. Snell and James Russell, Richmond Hill; Kingston, C. W. Neville, New Hamburg; London, John Geary and W. H. Beattie; Central Farmers' Institute, Wm. Rolph, Markham.

Mr. James Russell was elected to represent Canadian Cotswold breeders on the Board of the American Cotswold Record Association.

The Treasurer's Report showed that the expenses of the Association had been very light during the past year. The receipts were \$303.00 the expenses \$49.70, leaving a balance of \$253.30 in the hands of the Treasurer on the 31st of December, 1890. The following gentlemen were nominated as expert judges:—

Cotswold—John Thompson, Uxbridge; J. C. Snell, Edmonton; Joseph Ward, Marsh Hill; Wm. Thompson, Uxbridge; Joseph Bell, Uxbridge; Thos. Colley, Castlederg; Mr. Laidlaw, Wilton Grove; Heber Rawlings, Forest; Thos. Waters, Rockwood.

Merino—Louis Iapier, Paris; George Weeks, Glanworth; C. Buchanan, Brantford; Wm. Farr, Aylmer; Rock Bailey, Union, Ont.

Leicester and Lincoln—Geo. Weeks, Glanworth; Bilton Snarry, Down Mills; G. S. Cresswell, Edmonton; W. Cowan, Galt; Mr. Allan, Bowmanville; John Miller, Brougham; Wm. McKay, Elm Bank; Jos. Pearson, Whitby; Jos. Snell, Edmonton; J. C. Snell, Edmonton; W. R. Swain, Valentia; Robt. Miller, Brougham; Andrew Telfer, Paris; John Mason, Princeton.

Oxford-Down—Henry Arkell, Teeswater; F. Shore, London; J. Russell, Richmond Hill; Mr. Story, Farm Manager of the Agricultural College, Guelph; Wm. Dickson, Mildmay; James Tolton, Walkerton; Peter Arkell, Teeswater; Joseph Harcourt, St. Anne's.

Shropshire—F. R. Shore, London; T. M. White-side, Ellesmere; D. G. Hammer; W. H. Beattie; J. Campbell, Jr.; W. S. Hawkshaw; John Conworth; Alfred Brown, Bethel; W. D. Keesor; R. Miller.

Southdown—John Davidson, Monroe, Mich.; Simon Lemon, Kettleby; E. G. Cresswell, Edmonton; T. C. Douglas, Galt; A. R. Kidd, Warsaw; Thos. Wilkinson, Hamilton; Wm. Martin, Binbrook; James Anderson, Guelph; James Smith, Mount Vernon.

AYRSHIRE BREEDERS' MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Ayrshire Breeders' Association was held at the Albion Hotel, Toronto, on February 5th, 1891. After the reading and adopting of the minutes of the last meeting, the Secretary, Mr. Henry Wade, presented the annual report, which read as follows:—

The Executive Committee beg to submit for your consideration the fourth annual report of this Association for the year ending December 31st, 1890. In the first place we have added eight new members to our Association, and now have a total membership roll of forty-eight.

REGISTRATIONS.

We have now on record and in readiness for the printer for the first volume of the new series,

CLASS 1.		Total.
911 Bulls	1695 Cows	2605
APPENDIX.		
210 Bulls	355 Cows	565
1121	2050	3171

showing a total registration of 451 during last year; these have not been all new records, as the parents of several have been brought in from the old book in order to record their progeny.

We are pleased to say that a commencement has been made in the printing of the first volume of the new series. It will soon be completed, and a volume will then be sent to each member of this Association.

The Secretary-Treasurer's books have been audited. On the first of January there was \$106.50 to the credit of the Association; by the adding of eight new members it has been increased to \$130.50. A call will be made on this amount to pay for the first volumes that are given to the members.

Ayrshire cattle were well brought out at the shows last year, and in quality and numbers exceeded the shows of the year before. A few more were imported from Scotland to the neighborhood of Montreal. They still come to the front as dairy cattle, and during the last season several new herds have been established. Upon the whole the prospects ahead for Ayrshire breeders are pleasing.

The officers elected were: President, Jos. Yullil, Carleton Place; Vice-President, Thos. Guy, Oshawa; Vice-Presidents for distant provinces: Manitoba and the N. W. T., Geo. Steele, Glenboro'; Prince Edward Island, C. C. Gardiner, Charlottetown; New Brunswick, C. C. Fairweather; Nova Scotia, Col. Blair, Nappan. Directors, D. Nicol, Cataragui; J. McCormick, Rockton; John Douglas, Warrington; M. Ballantyne, St. Marys; Wm. Smith, Fairfield Plains; Walter Nichol, Plattsville; A. M. Smith, Simcoe. Auditors, H. Coldwell, Orchardville; Wm. Clark, Laural. Directors to the Industrial Exhibition, T. Guy and J. McCormick; to Ottawa Exhibition, Jas. Yullil and W. C. Edwards; to Farmers' Institute, Jas. Yullil; to Kingston Fair, D. Nicol and Ed. Serson, Kingston.

In connection with the election of officers, the Secretary was requested to correspond with Mr. W. C. Edwards, M. P., North Nation Mills, with a view of securing that gentleman as Vice-President of the Association for the Province of Quebec.

Mr. McCormick suggested that the same list of judges be appointed as last year. It was suggested to strike off the name of Ed. Serson, and add to the list the names of Wm. Crawford, Brown's Corner, and Robt. M. Carrons, Washington, Pa.

Mr. Guy brought forward a discussion in regard to the one or three judge question.

Mr. Shore brought forward a discussion in connection with the necessity of having a delegate appointed from each of the different breeders' associations to formulate a scheme whereby the selection of judges at fairs can be made more satisfactory.

The President suggested the advisability of appointing a delegate to meet with the Board at London, and request them to have a man capable of judging Ayrshire cattle.

Mr. Hodson said Prof. Robertson will meet you on March 12, in order to explain the milk test and talk over other important matters with you.

On motion of Mr. McCormick, seconded by Mr. Smith, Messrs. A. Kains, Byron; Ballantyne, St. Marys, were appointed delegates to the Western Fair Association on behalf of the Ayrshire Association.

Messrs. Guy and McCormick were also appointed a committee to meet Prof. Robertson.

Mr. Guy moved the following resolution:

"That this Association has heard with profound regret of the unexpected and sudden death of the late William Weld, of the FARMER'S ADVOCATE, and that they regarded him as a true and faithful friend of the farmers' best interests, and believe his loss will be very much felt throughout the length and breadth of this Dominion; and the sympathy and condolence of this Association is hereby tendered to the friends and relatives of the deceased gentleman, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the widow of the late Mr. Weld."

Mr. McCormick seconded the resolution, which was carried.

The meeting then adjourned.

CLYDESDALE BREEDERS' MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Clydesdale Horse Association of Canada was held at the Albion Hotel, Toronto, on Feb. 4th, 1891. Mr. William Smith, M. P., Columbus, Ont., the President, occupied the chair.

After the President's address and the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting, the Secretary, Mr. Henry Wade, read his annual report which contained the following information:—The registration of Clydesdales exceeds in number those of the previous season by about fifty. During the year thirty-one stallions and thirty-two mares have been exported to the United States, and twenty-eight animals to Manitoba and Western Territories of Canada, besides those whose transfers have not been recorded. The membership fees paid during the year exceeded the previous year by \$102.

While in Scotland and England last summer Mr. Wade said he was amazed at the prices asked for colts and fillies, and wondered how our people could pay such prices and make the business pay. Many Canadian farmers have an idea that such horses can be purchased in the Old Country for very little, but they have only to cross the ocean to be cured of this fallacy.

Speaking of the Spring Stallion Show for 1890, Mr. Wade said it was a grand success. It increases in interest every year. This year we have amalgamated with the Agriculture and Arts Association to hold a two days' exhibition, they giving prizes to all regular breeds of stallions, and the Prince of Wales' prize to the Clydesdales, besides supplementing our list by a handsome donation, paying all outside expenses and allowing us to recommend the judges. This promises to be the best stallion show ever held in Toronto. It will take place on the 11th and 12th of March next at the Drill Shed there. The Clydesdale feature, as a matter of course, will be the great attraction. Our certifi-