

delinquents and getting them to take sufficient interest in the breed and in the Association to register were presented, but as the changing of the regulations governing registration meant a change in the constitution, notice of the meeting was necessary.

This was given by Mr. W. E. Wellington, who stated that he would, at the next annual meeting, or at a special meeting to be called for the purpose, move that the regulations governing the registration of Shires be changed to read as follows: "All Canadian-bred Shires must be registered before they are two years of age, if the breeder desires to take advantage of the present fees. After that age the fee will be \$3 each."

A special meeting to discuss this may be held during the coming horse show. While the neglect of so many Shire breeders to record their animals is somewhat discouraging, it must not be taken for granted that the breed is not making progress. The report of the Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. G. W. Green, showed that the fees from registration in 1907 totalled \$117 as compared with \$86 in 1906. The balance on hand was \$43.19 as compared with a balance of \$183.15 at the end of 1906.

The Secretary stated also that the public sales of imported Shires held during the year, had brought very satisfactory prices, and on the whole, it had been a very satisfactory year for Shires.

Many exhibition authorities complained that there are not enough exhibits of Shires at their fairs to justify maintaining the prize list on the same footing as for other breeds. The Shire men must do more than they are now doing if they desire to receive the same recognition from the exhibitions that other breeds do.

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Canadian Ayrshire Breeders.

The recommendations from the Board of Directors to the annual meeting of the Canadian Ayrshire Breeders' Association, held in the Temple Building, Toronto, on Feb. 12, touch upon some important matters connected with the future work of that organization. A sample of a certificate of performance, was presented to the meeting for adoption. It is artistic and neat in design, Scotland, Canada and the Ayrshire being well represented. It was adopted, after some minor changes had been made. Some discussion took place as to who should receive this certificate. It will be given to the owner of the cow making the record. Another resolution carried, recommending that a copy of the report of the test be sent to the owner by the secretary, along with the certificate, or diploma.

The report of the committee appointed to secure a better class of cows for the Agricultural College at Guelph, was adopted. The efforts of the committee had been successful in securing a better class of Ayr-

shires at the College, and the herd was now well represented there.

A recommendation to the Ottawa Winter Fair, was adopted, asking that the basis of the milk test at that show be made the same as that at Guelph and Amherst. At the latter, 25 points are allowed for each pound of fat, and 3 for each pound of solids, not fat. At Ottawa these are 20 and 2 respectively.

A recommendation was also adopted requesting that the proposed National Dairy Show be held at a date somewhere between Nov. 15 and 30.

It would be difficult to get breeders to bring their best cows out to a January show. Other recommendations regarding the owner paying for the cost of publishing the record of performance of his animal, not allowing any advertising in connection therewith in the breed book, were adopted, and a motion tendering the thanks of the Association to the Hon. Mr. Fisher for the work undertaken by his department in establishing a record of performance carried unanimously.

AYRSHIRES FLOURISHING

The President, Mr. Robert Hunter, in his address, referred to Canada as a great dairy country. Ontario and east to the seaboard export dairy products to the annual value of from \$23,000,000 to \$25,000,000. In the west and British Columbia, people are giving more attention to dairy farming. This fact, coupled with the desire of dairy farmers east for more pure bred sires in their herds, should be an incentive to many breeders of dairy cattle to put greater energy into their breeding operations. There is room for all the dairy breeds, though a growing demand for Ayrshires is noticeable. 1907 has been a banner year for Ayrshires. There has been an increasing demand, chiefly from the west. Prices were a shade better than in 1906. Importations were the largest in years, though bought over being of splendid type and quality, among them being cows having a high record for milk and butter fat.

THE TEST ESTABLISHED

The record of performance test is now well established, and many breeders are taking advantage of it. Some animals have made notable records. The Ayrshire Association of Great Britain and Ireland have adopted a similar system. The form of pedigree should be changed so that

the amount of milk and butter-fat will be entered on the registration certificates.

In conclusion, Mr. Hunter said: "On the whole, the past year has been a good one for the Ayrshire breeder and the dairyman as well."

We feel confident that 1908 will far surpass previous years in the live stock industry of our country, and it behoves the breeders of Ayrshire cattle to maintain the dignity of our breed and prove to the average dairy-

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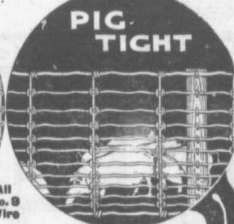
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