

ANNUAL MEETINGS OF STOCK BREEDERS' ASSOCIATIONS.

The Hackney Breeders' Association.

GRAHAM BROS. ARE CLEARED—OFFICERS ELECTED FOR 1898—AMALGAMATION WITH AMERICAN SOCIETIES IS NOT ENTERTAINED.

The annual meeting of the Hackney Horse Breeders' Association of Canada was held January 28th in the office of the Ontario Jockey Club, Toronto. The chair was occupied during the early part of the evening by the vice-president, Mr. H. N. Crossley, in the absence of the president, Mr. R. H. Beith, M. P., who, however, arrived before the meeting was closed, and took the chair.

After some discussion the following resolution was passed by the Association:

Charge of Fraud Resented.—Whereas, we, the members of the Hackney Horse Breeders' Association of Canada, in meeting assembled, have had brought under our notice a resolution passed by the Illinois State Board of Agriculture regarding the conduct of the Messrs. Graham Bros., of Claremont, Ont., in entering their horse Royal Standard in the Hackney classes at the horse show held in the Coliseum building at Chicago from November 1st to November 6th, 1897, inclusive, and

Whereas, we have reason to believe from the explicit statement made before us this day by Mr. Robert Graham, of the firm of Graham Bros., of Claremont, Ont., that the facts are as set forth, namely: That the firm had no intention of entering at the said show in Chicago until they were approached by an agent thereof; that they assured the agent that under the printed heading of the class the horse Royal Standard was ineligible; that the agent requested to be shown the certificate of entry in the English Hackney Stud Book; that this same certificate was forwarded to the agent, and he showed it to the duly appointed manager of the show; that the certificate was returned with the information that instead of horses being required to be registered in the American Hackney Stud Book, as stated in the prize list, they were eligible if entered in any recognized Hackney stud book, and that the conditions in the catalogue so read, and that with this detailed information came an assurance that Royal Standard was eligible, and that his entry would be accepted;

Therefore, be it resolved, that we desire to express our utmost sympathy with the Messrs. Graham, of Claremont, Ont., and to assure them that we are satisfied that they have been grossly wronged and slandered by the said State Board of Agriculture of Illinois; that our confidence in their integrity is undiminished; that their conduct in our opinion has been straightforward and above suspicion throughout, and that at all times we shall be prepared to give them such support as lies within our power to establish the honesty of their intentions in their dealings with the Executive of the recent horse show at Chicago.

It is also resolved that in our opinion, formed on evidence submitted to us this day, the charges of fraud, of suppression of particulars as to breeding, and of dishonorable conduct made in the resolution adopted by the State Board of Agriculture of Illinois, are entirely unwarranted, and, being such, are slanderous, libellous, and unworthy the said Board.

It is hereby further resolved, that the Secretary of the Hackney Breeders' Association of Canada be instructed to have copies of the foregoing resolutions of this Association struck off and forwarded to the State Board of Agriculture of Illinois, one to each member thereof, to the known Hackney breeders throughout Canada and the United States, and to the local papers and to the Associated Press.

Officers Elected.—The following officers and delegates to fair boards were elected for the current year: President, Mr. Robert Beith, M. P., Bowmanville (re-elected); 1st Vice-President, Mr. H. N. Crossley, Rosseau and Toronto (re-elected); 2nd Vice-President, Mr. John Macdonald, Toronto (re-elected); Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Henry Wade, Toronto (re-elected).

Vice-President for Provinces.—Ontario, Mr. A. G. Ramsay, Hamilton; Quebec, Mr. James A. Cochran, Hillhurst; Alberta, Mr. A. M. Rawlinson, Calgary; Manitoba, Mr. A. J. Moore, Swan Lake; Nova Scotia, Hon. J. H. Black, New Brunswick; Mr. J. R. Frink, St. John; Prince Edward Island, Mr. James Clowe, Murray Harbour; British Columbia, Mr. S. F. Tolmie, Victoria.

Directors.—Messrs. Robert Davies, Robert Graham, Robert Miller, Robert Bond, Adam Beck, Dr. Andrew Smith, Messrs. O. Sorby, John Holderness, and George Pepper.

Delegates to Fair Boards.—Industrial Exhibition, Messrs. Henry Wade and John Macdonald; Western Fair, Messrs. Adam Beck and A. G. Bowker; Ottawa Central, Mr. John Holderness; Montreal Exposition, Mr. James A. Cochran; Woodbridge Fair, Messrs. John Macdonald, John Holderness, and Robert Bond; Horse Breeders' Association, Messrs. Robert Beith, M. P., and John Macdonald; Auditor, Mr. C. F. Complin.

Canadian Horses Victorious.—The annual report for the year ended December 31st last stated that twenty-two Hackneys were recorded during the year, which was ten less than in 1896. One

hundred and fifty-one are now recorded, besides inspected mares. Fourteen gentlemen paid fees for 1897, the same number as during 1896. Canadian Hackneys, the report went on to say, have not been shown at American shows except the Hillhurst Hackneys at Boston in the spring, and those of Graham Bros. and R. Beith at the Chicago Horse Show, where all were victorious, and where Royal Standard also beat all the coaching horses as well, "and if Graham Bros. do not get the money," concluded the report, "they have the satisfaction of knowing that the horse was victorious." The financial statement appended showed the receipts for the year to have been \$276, and a balance on hand of \$133.

Amalgamation Declined.—A letter was received from Mr. W. S. Ward Webb, Secretary of the American Hackney Horse Society, stating that at the last meeting of the Board of Directors of that Society a letter was received from Mr. J. A. Cochran, suggesting that the Western Hackney Association, the Canadian Hackney Association, and the American Hackney Society should be amalgamated. Mr. Webb wrote asking for conditions of entry to the Canadian Association, a copy of the stud book, and other information. The Secretary was instructed to reply that the Canadian Association does not wish to amalgamate.

The Spring Show.—No action was taken in regard to the holding of a spring show, but the Government grant having been assured, the question will be dealt with at the annual meeting of the Horse Breeders' Association, to be held Feb. 6th.

It was decided to recommend Mr. A. McLaren, of Aurora, Ill., to the Horse Breeders' Association as a judge of Hackneys at the spring show, and also at the Industrial Exhibition.

Annual Meeting of the Holstein-Friesian Association.

The annual meeting of the Canadian Holstein-Friesian Breeders' Association was held at the Albion Hotel, Toronto, Feb. 1st. The attendance of members was large, considering the stormy weather. The president, R. S. Stevenson, Ancaster, presided. The reports presented and the discussions engaged in showed a prosperous condition of the affairs of the Association, and a cheerful view of the present aspects and future prospects of business. Breeders reported a good demand for stock and at improving prices, while the records of cows of the breed in the public tests had been well maintained during the past year. Among those present were R. S. Stevenson, Ancaster; G. W. Clemons, St. George; Alfred Rice, Currie's; G. A. Gilroy, Glen Buell; A. C. Hallman, New Dundee; W. G. Ellis, Toronto; A. Hoover, Emery; W. Shunk, Sherwood; Wm. Suhring, Sebringville; J. H. Patten, Paris; C. H. Curtis, Newmarket; J. W. Lee, Simcoe; P. E. Paunabecker, Hespeler; S. R. Beck, South Cayuga; E. Adamson, Toronto; M. Richardson, Caledonia; T. W. Charlton, St. George; and Henry Welsh, Weston.

The financial statement showed that the receipts for the year amounted to \$1,174 60, made up as follows: Balance from last year, \$421.43; for fees and herd books \$655.50; membership fees, \$85.00; interest, \$12.67. Disbursements for the year were \$579 60, leaving a balance on hand of \$595.

A discussion, in which every member present took part, occurred over a motion introduced by Mr. Alfred Rice, of Currie's Crossing, to the effect that until January 1, 1899, the registration fee for animals over one year old be 75 cents to members and \$1.50 to non-members, and that after that date the fees be doubled. This motion was defeated by a narrow majority.

A long discussion took place over the number of judges to be appointed for the Toronto Fair. On motion it was decided to recommend that two judges be appointed, one an American, the other a Canadian, and that there shall be a referee who shall also be a Canadian.

The election of officers and delegates resulted as follows:—President, W. G. Ellis, Bedford Park; 1st Vice-President, A. C. Hallman, New Dundee; 2nd Vice-President, T. W. Charlton, St. George; 3rd Vice-President, Alfred Rice, Currie's; 4th Vice-President, G. A. Gilroy, Glen Buell. Directors—Wm. Shunk, Sherwood; Wm. Armstrong, Locust Hill; H. Bollert, Cassel; and R. S. Stevenson, Ancaster. Sec. Treas., G. W. Clemons, St. George. Auditors—Wm. Suhring, Sebringville, and J. H. Patten, Paris.

Board of Inspection of Imported Cattle.—Messrs. Bo lert, Stevenson, Shunk and Hallman. Delegates to Fair Boards—Toronto Industrial, Wm. Shunk and W. G. Ellis; Western Fair, London, Ed. Scatchard and J. W. Johnson; Ottawa, G. A. Gilroy and Jos. Fletcher; Winnipeg, James Glennie and J. T. Hutchinson; Montreal, Neil Sangster and G. A. Gilroy. The expenses of the delegates are to be paid by the Association.

The following list of judges were nominated, from which fair boards may make selections: Messrs. Edward Huidekoper, Meadville, Pa.; S. Burchard, Hamilton, N. Y.; J. D. Hinkley, South Brookfield, N. Y.; Wm. Suhring, Sebringville, Ont.; Jos. Fletcher, Oxford Mills, Ont.; and Wm. Shunk, Sherwood Ont.

Two hundred and fifty dollars was appropriated as special prizes for public dairy tests at Toronto, Ottawa, Winnipeg, and the Ontario Provincial Dairy Show during the coming season.

Ayrshire Breeders' Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Dominion Ayrshire Breeders' Association was held at the Albion Hotel, Toronto, February 10th. In the absence of the President, Mr. John Crosby, the Vice-President, Mr. W. M. Smith, Fairfield Plain, took the chair. The attendance of members was probably the largest in the history of the Association, and the proceedings of the meeting were marked by much enthusiasm, while the discussions upon points of interest were very keenly conducted. Among those present were: W. W. Ballantyne, Stratford; Wm. Stewart, Menie; James McCormack, Rockton; Robert Davies and F. W. Hodson, Toronto; Joseph Yuill, Carleton Place; J. C. Smith, Hintonburg; J. R. Alexander, and R.

Brooks, Brantford; John Laurie, Malvern; William Baldock, Mount Charles; Andrew Spear, Cobourg; David Crawford, Brown's Corners; Alexander Hume, Burnbrae; A. Kains, Byron; H. E. Eyre, Harlem; H. F. Caldwell, Orchard; J. R. Campbell, Vernon; F. G. Boyver, Georgetown, P. E. I., and C. A. Archibald, Truro, N. S. The Secretary, Mr. H. Wade, read his report for 1897, which indicated that the Association had had an uncommonly good year. Thirteen new members have been enrolled, and \$192 more was received in fees during the year as a result. The membership was reduced to \$2, and a still larger increase of membership is expected. Five hundred and sixty-two animals were registered in 1897, as against 445 in 1896. The financial statement showed receipts and expenditures to the amount of \$1,184.49.

A lengthy discussion took place on the subject of the amalgamation of herd books in order to have but one record for the Dominion, there being up to this time a herd book in Quebec and one in the Maritime Provinces, as well as one in Ontario. A motion was adopted to appoint a committee to confer with a committee of the Quebec breeders with a view to amalgamation. The committee named consists of Messrs. W. W. Ballantyne, F. W. Hodson, Joseph Yuill, J. C. Smith, and H. Wade.

A motion to discontinue the registration of animals in the appendix to the herd book was also adopted. The appendix has been a place of refuge for the registry of animals supposed to be thoroughbred, but whose pedigrees could not be traced in all lines to known imported ancestors, and therefore were ineligible to the herd book proper.

A resolution was passed that the registration of the Ayrshire cattle of the Maritime Provinces which are eligible should be transferred to the Dominion Herd Book, and free registration granted for one year.

The following grants were made as prizes for Ayrshires in the various Provinces: To each of the Maritime Provinces and under two years; to the Winter Dairy Show, \$50 for Ayrshires; to the Toronto, London, and Ottawa fairs, \$10 each, for bull calves under six months.

The following officers were elected for 1898: President, W. M. Smith, Fairfield Plain; Vice-President, A. Kains, Byron; 2nd Vice-President, J. C. Smith, Hintonburg; Vice-Presidents for other Provinces—Quebec, W. C. Edwards, M. P. S. B. M. Archibald, N. S.; G. A. Archibald, P. E. I.; Wm. Miller, Manitoba, Geo. Steel, Assiniboia, C. H. Mannors; British Columbia, A. C. Wells. Directors—Messrs. Yuill, Davies, Hodson, Stewart, Steacy, Ballantyne, Brooks, McCormack and Hume. Delegates to fair boards—Toronto, W. W. Ballantyne and Wm. Stewart; London, A. Kains and R. S. Brooks; Ottawa, Jos. Yuill and J. C. Smith.

Judges.—The following list of judges was nominated, from which boards may make selections: J. H. Douglas, Campbellford; D. Banning, Williamstown; W. W. Ballantyne, Stratford; Wm. Stewart, Menie; Jos. Yuill, Carleton Place; Alex. Hume, Burnbrae; James Beiden, St. Anne's, Que.; D. Drummond, Petite Cote, Que.; J. C. Smith, Hintonburg; A. Kains, Byron; R. Hunter, Lachine Rapids, Que.; John Crosby, Campbellford; R. Robertson, Nappan, N. S.; R. Ness, Howick, Que.; R. Robertson was specially nominated for the Maritime Provinces shows.

Clydesdale Breeders' Meeting.

The twelfth annual meeting of the Dominion Clydesdale Association was held at the Albion Hotel, Toronto, Feb. 8th. In the absence of Mr. Robert Davies, president, the chair was taken by Mr. J. C. Snel. There were also present Messrs. J. M. Gardhouse and John Gardhouse, Highfield; Robert Graham, Claremont; H. N. Crossley, Toronto; J. Henderson, Belton; O. Sorby, Guelph; A. Doherty, Ellesmere; A. Innis, Clinton; James Hunter, Alma; F. G. Boyver, Charlottetown, P. E. I.; John Vipond, Brooklin; C. A. Archibald, Truro, N. S.; Henry Wade, Secretary-Treasurer, Toronto; and others.

The annual report of Mr. Wade was submitted. It showed that the year had been a prosperous one in nearly every respect. There were 99 registrations during the year, and 13 transfers. The financial statement was good; a substantial balance being on hand. The report was adopted, along with the suggestion that the annual membership fee should be reduced from \$3 to \$2.

A letter was read from Mr. David McCrae, of Guelph, advising the appointment of a committee to confer with the American Association with a view to the amalgamation of the stud books. The suggestion did not meet with approval, and no action was taken.

The Secretary was instructed to publish the ninth volume of the Clydesdale Stud Book, and breeders will be notified to send in all their registrations before July 1.

The following officers were elected: President, Robert Davies, Toronto; 1st Vice-President, Robert Graham, Claremont; Vice-President for Ontario, D. Sorby, Guelph; for Quebec, Robert Ness, Howick; for Nova Scotia, Col. Blair; for New Brunswick, A. S. Murray, Fredericton; for Prince Edward Island, W. P. Balderson, North Wiltshire; for Manitoba, J. E. Smith, Brandon; for the Northwest Territories, John A. Turner, Calgary; and J. M. McFarlane, Saskatchewan; Secretary-Treasurer, Henry Wade, Toronto.

The following directors were elected: Robert Beith, M. P., Bowmanville; John Davidson, Ashburn; Geo. Cockburn, Baltimore; Robert Miller, Brougham; John Vipond, Brooklin; Geo. Clayton, Peepabun; Alex. Doherty, Ellesmere.

The following delegates to exhibitions were appointed: To the Industrial, John Davidson, Ashburn, and D. Sorby, Guelph; to Western Fair, A. Innis, Clinton, and J. Henderson, Belton; to Ottawa Exhibition, Robert Beith, M. P., Bowmanville, and J. G. Clark, Ottawa; to Montreal Exhibition, R. Ness, Howick.

The delegates appointed to the Horse Breeders' Association were R. Miller, Brougham, and Robert Davies, Toronto. Judges for exhibitions were nominated as follows: Wm. Graham, St. Mary's; R. Beith, Bowmanville; R. Ness, Howick; John Lee, Highgate; Robert Miller, Brougham; Joseph Hall, Arkona; J. M. Gardhouse, Highfield; John Vipond, Brooklin; James Evans, St. Mary's; C. C. Gardner, Charlottetown; Peter Christie, Manchester.

Shire Horse Breeders' Meeting.

The ninth annual meeting of the Shire Horse Breeders' Association of Canada was held at the Albion Hotel, Toronto, Feb. 8th. The President, H. N. Crossley, Toronto, presided; and among those present were: W. E. Wellington, Toronto; John Gardhouse, J. M. Gardhouse, and H. J. Smith, Highfield, and H. Wade, Secretary, Toronto.

The President in his address took a cheerful view of the horse trade and of the business of breeding heavy horses, the future of which he considered bright with promise and stated that already a decided improvement had been experienced in the price of horses of all sorts, and especially of the heavy classes. Viewing the situation from all standpoints, he waxed to the conclusion that the present increase in the price of horses would not only be maintained, but that they will advance, and that before long we shall see the breeding of horses again a profitable industry.

The Secretary-Treasurer in his report said that there was reason to hope for a better account from the Association in the near future, judging from the improved prices and increasing demand for horses. The financial statement showed a balance on hand of \$30 68.

The officers were elected as follows: President, H. N. Crossley, Toronto; Vice-President, W. E. Wellington, Toronto. Directors—John Gardhouse, Highfield; Wm. Herdrie, Jr., Hamilton; Wm. Wilkie, Toronto; H. J. Smith, Highfield; James M. Gardhouse, Highfield; George Garbutt, Thistle-town; John Semple, Tottenham. Delegates—To Industrial Exhibition, John Gardhouse, Highfield; to Western Fair, H. Wade, Toronto; N. H. Crossley, Rosseau. Secretary-Treasurer, H. Wade, Toronto.

The membership fee was reduced from \$3 to \$2.