

awake in the matter of keeping oleomargarine out of this country.

It was an evening enjoyed by all present, and as such meetings are bound to do, promoted sociability and general good feeling.

Shorthorn Cows Must be Milk Producers.

One of the most largely attended meetings in the history of the Dominion Shorthorn Breeders' Association was held in the Temple Building, Toronto, February 4th. Many important questions were discussed, foremost among which was a record of performance for Shorthorn cows. The cow, to be valuable at the present time, must be able to show a profit at the pail, and the average mixed farmer requires a cow profitable for beef and milk as well. Such a cow the Shorthorn is and is to be. W. A. Dryden, of Brooklin, introduced a resolution in view of the fact that the dairy business is making such rapid strides, and because of lack of knowledge of the milking capabilities of Shorthorns and the scarcity of good young bulls from milk-producing dams, and because breeders do not believe it advisable to allow short-pedigreed milking Shorthorns into the Herd Book. Resolved—

1.—That the Dominion Shorthorn Breeders' Association commend the work of the Dominion Department of Agriculture in establishing a Record of Performance Branch for the purpose of securing reliable information to the milk production of females of the various breeds of cattle.

2.—And expressing a desire to secure the assistance and co-operation of the Dominion Department of Agriculture in establishing and maintaining a Record of Performance List for Shorthorn cattle, duly recorded in the Canadian National records by qualified members of this Association.

3.—That, in order to carry out the full purpose of this resolution, the name of the breeder, owner and animal's name and number, together with record and other desirable information of animals producing over a fixed standard, shall be published as an appendix each year in the Dominion Shorthorn Herd Book.

Prof. G. E. Day, speaking to the resolution, stated that he did not believe that there was as much difference between the requirements of an animal for milk and beef production as many thought. He, together with W. A. Dryden, A. W. Smith, and John Gardhouse, were appointed a committee to draft a standard.

Peter White, of Pembroke, Ont., pointed out, in his presidential address, that beef cattle were becoming still scarcer, and the demand for Shorthorns for foundation stock was never better. Our country, east and west, is growing rapidly, and the increased population, most of which is drifting cityward, must be fed on good beef. He regarded the new tuberculosis regulations of British Columbia as a retrograde step, not conducive to the advancement of interprovincial trade. The policy with regard to this disease, he believed, should be the same the Dominion over. Tuberculosis is the big question confronting the cattlemen. He urged the Association to see to it that they got their share of the \$10,000,000 which the Dominion Government is devoting as a special grant to agriculture. He foresaw higher-priced land, more intensive farming, a higher standard of living, and "a cow will not be called a cow unless she pays her way and yields a profit at the pail." Enormous amounts are now given by the Government to aid dairying, and practically nothing is given to further the beef industry. According to Mr. White, \$300,000 is granted yearly to dairying in Ontario alone, and \$5,000 to the beef interests, this latter consisting largely of prizes at Ottawa and Guelph Winter Fairs. He urged Shorthorn men to be up and doing and to "push" the breed.

The registration fees for animals under 24 months of age were increased for members to \$1, and for non-members to \$1.50; and for animals over 24 months old to \$2 for members, and \$3 for non-members.

The annual report was none too satisfactory. There were 6,681 registrations during the year, 2,763 transfers, and \$3,024 received in membership fees. The balance on hand is \$5,185.16, less liabilities, which will reduce it to about \$2,045.

The new officers are:

President—Harry Smith, Hay, Ont.

First Vice-President—J. M. Gardhouse, Weston, Ont.

Second Vice-President—W. A. Dryden, Brooklin, Ont.

Directors—John Gardhouse, Highfield, Ont.; J. T. Gibson, Denfield, Ont.; J. A. Watt, Salem, Ont.; James Leask, Greenbank, Ont.; C. A. Archibald, Truro, N.S.; Wm. Smith, Columbus,

Ont.; J. G. Barron, Carberry, Man.; J. F. Mitchell, Burlington, Ont.; J. A. McClary, Hillhurst, Que.; R. Amos, Moffat, Ont.; R. W. Caswell, Saskatoon, Sask.; Harry Pettit, Freeman, Ont.; W. D. Cargill, Cargill, Ont.; W. R. Elliott, Guelph, Ont.; and S. Dymont, Barrie, Ont.

Grants to Fairs were made as follows:

Toronto, \$1,000; London, \$250; Guelph, \$225; Ottawa (Winter Fair), \$175; Toronto Junction, \$50; Winnipeg, \$200; Brandon, \$200; Brandon (Winter Fair), \$100; Regina, \$200; Saskatoon, \$200; Regina (Winter Fair), \$100; Calgary, \$200; Edmonton, \$200; Calgary (Winter Fair), \$100; Sherbrooke, \$100; Halifax, \$100; Amherst, \$50; Special grant to Brandon, \$400.

Delegates to Dominion Cattle Breeders' Association—J. A. Watt, Salem; A. W. Smith, Maple Lodge.

Delegates to Canadian National Exhibition, Toronto—W. G. Pettit, Freeman; Robert Miller, Stouffville.

London—J. T. Gibson, Denfield; Capt. T. E. Robson, London. Ottawa—W. A. Wallace, Kars; and R. E. White, Perth. Halifax, N.S.—R. S. Starr, Port William, N.S.; F. L. Fuller, Truro, N.S. New Brunswick—Harold Etter, Westmoreland Point, N.B.; A. E. Trites, Salisbury, N.S. Charlottetown, P.E.I.—T. Cass, North River, P.E.I.; John Richards, Bidford, P.E.I. Winnipeg Industrial—James Yule, E. Selkirk; J. G. Washington, Ninga, Man. Calgary—Bryce Wright, De Winton, Alta; J. A. Turner, Calgary, Alta. Brandon—George Allison, Burnbank, Man.; Andrew Graham, Pomeroy, Man. Regina—George Kinnon, Cottonwood, Sask.; Robert Douglas, Tantallon, Sask. Sherbrooke—E. V. Norton, Coaticook, Que.; F. R. Cromwell, Cookshire, Que. Winter Fair, Guelph—J. M. Gardhouse, Weston, Ont.; W. R. Elliott, Guelph, Ont. Edmonton—James Sharpe, La Combe, J.F. Lyall, Storme, Saskatoon—Hon. W.C. Sutherland and R. W. Caswell, Saskatoon, Sask. Ottawa Winter Fair—W. A. Wallace, Kars, Ont.; Jas. Smith, Rockland, Ont. Regina, Brandon and Calgary Winter Fairs—Same delegates as appointed to Summer Fairs. Amherst Winter Fair—E. Crowe, Beaverbrook; R. A. Boswell, Amherst, P.E.I.

Standard-bred Interests Being Furthered.

A representative number of the breeders of Standard-bred horses met in annual meeting at the Prince George Hotel, Toronto, February 5th. One of the chief matters up for discussion was the organization of a Canadian National Trotting and Pacing Association, and a committee was appointed to organize this proposed association, and to arrange for incorporation. The finances of the association are in a good condition, there being \$1,912 in the treasury, besides \$300 still held for exhibitors. In 1912 about \$500,000 was given in prizes for trotting and pacing speed trials in Canada. The work of organizing the proposed trotting association was left in the hands of O. B. Sheppard, Jas. Cowan, Cannington, and Geo. Pepper, Toronto. All moneys made by the association over and above the amounts required for operating the association are to be used for the furtherance of the interests of the Standard-bred horse.

Officers.—Pres., O. B. Sheppard, Toronto; Vice-pres., J. Wesley Allison, Morrisburg, Directors elected.—Harford Ashley, Foxboro, Ontario; J. M. Baldwin, Kilarney, Man.; W. J. Cowan, Cannington, Ont.; George Pepper, Toronto; Dr. W. E. Baker, Hamilton; R. W. Davies, Todmorden, Ont.; Sam McBride, Toronto; James Wetherall, Galt; C. W. Speers, Brandon, Man.; T. Caster, Claremont, Ont.; P. S. Clemens, St. George, Ont.; Andrew Miller, Middlemarch, Ont.

Yorkshire Breeders Meet.

At the annual meeting of the Ontario Large Yorkshire Swine Breeders' Society, held at the Walker House, Toronto, on Tuesday, February 4th, the financial statement for 1912, as read by Secretary Westervelt, showed the society to be in a most healthy condition, with a cash balance on hand of \$759.39, and registrations for the year of 2,712. The usual grants to the various exhibitions were, for the present year: Canadian National, Toronto, \$125; Canada Central, Ottawa, \$50; Western Fair, London, \$50; Ontario Provincial Winter Fair, Guelph, \$125; Ontario Eastern Ontario Live Stock and Poultry Show, Ottawa, \$75. To the Dominion Exhibition at Brandon, Man., it was decided to offer two prizes of \$15 each for best Yorkshire boar and best Yorkshire sow. The election of officers for the year resulted as follows: J. E. Brethour, Burford; Wm. Jones, Zenda; John Platt, Millgrove; J. C. Stewart, Dalmeny; R. J. Garbut, Belleville; Major Hood, Guelph, and Ken Featherston, Streetsville.

Dominion Swine Breeders Meet.

The annual meeting of the Dominion Swine Breeders' Association was held in the Temple Building, Toronto, on Tuesday, Feb. 4th. There was a large attendance of breeders, and the spirit manifested was most optimistic. The annual report of the directors showed a total registration for the year just closed of 7,196, which, with the exception of 1910, was the highest in the history of the Society, the biggest increase in number of registrations from any of the provinces was from Alberta, which showed a total of 1345, compared with something over 500 in 1911. The financial statement disclosed a total receipts for the year of \$10,078.38 and a total expenditure of \$6,253.48, leaving a cash balance on hand of \$4,824.90. The reports of the representatives of the various Fair Boards showed the various executives to be most willing and anxious to meet the requirements and suggestions of the Live-Stock Breeders' Association. A motion was passed unanimously that a memorial of condolence be drafted and forwarded to parents of the late James O'Neil, who, at the time of his death, was a member of the directorate of this Society. The election of officers for the current year resulted as follows:—President, S. Dolson, Norval Station; Vice-President, John Platt, Millgrove; Executive Committee, The President, Vice-President, Secretary Westervelt, Peter McEwen, Kertch, and Geo. Douglas, Mitchell; Directors, for Berkshires, J. D. Brien, Ridgetown; Yorkshires, Ken Featherston, Streetsville; Chester Whites, D. De Courcy, Bornholm; Poland Chinas, Geo. G. Gould Edgar's Mills; Tamworths, Geo. Douglas, Mitchell, Hampshires, Alex. Hastings, Crosshill; Duroc Jerseys, MacCampbell, Northwood; General Director, T. A. Cox, Brantford; Auditors, G. de W. Green, Toronto; Representatives to Fair Boards, Canadian National, John Platt and S. Dolson; Canada Central, A. Dynes and R. J. Garbutt; Ontario Winter Fair, Prof. G. E. Day, R. H. Harding, John Platt and J. D. Brien; Ottawa Winter Show, The President, R. A. Heron, J. C. Stewart and R. O. Morrow.

Canadian Pony Society.

Considerable enthusiasm was manifest at the annual meeting of the Canadian Pony Society, held at the Prince George Hotel, Toronto, on Thursday evening, Feb. 6th. The President's address was full of optimism for the future of the pony breeding industry, more attention being given by men of means in selecting ponies for the use of their children, and stating that for the development of courage and self-reliance in children nothing could compare with the handling, driving and riding of ponies. After considerable discussion, a motion was passed granting permission to grade ponies sired by a registered stallion competing for medals offered by the society in harness and saddle classes. The financial statement for the year ending Dec. 31, 1912, showed a total of receipts for the year of \$481.61 and a total expenditure of \$337.91, among which were several items brought over from the year before, leaving a cash balance on hand of \$143.70. Election of officers resulted as follows: President: T. A. Cox, Brantford. First Vice-President, C. Lovejoy, Mimico. Second Vice-President, W. J. Langdon, Toronto. Directors: H. M. Robinson, Toronto; Judge T. A. MacGillvery, Whitby; T. A. Graham, Claremont; R. Graham, Bedford Park; J. M. Gardhouse, Weston; B. Mothersill, Oshawa; E. C. H. Tisdale, Beaverton; James Torrance, Markham; A. E. Major, Whitevale, and T. B. McCauley, Montreal. Representatives to the National Record Board, Judge T. A. MacGillvery and T. A. Cox.

Ontario Horse Breeders.

The annual meeting of the Ontario Horse Breeders' Society was held at the Walker House, Toronto, on Thursday, Feb. 6th. The financial statement for the year ending December 31st showed a total of receipts, including a cash balance on hand at the beginning of the year, of \$1,235.00, and a total expenditure of \$714.25, leaving a cash balance on hand of \$520.75. President Wm. Smith in his annual address spoke of the general prosperity of the horse-breeding industry of Canada as well as that of all other lines of stock breeding, and voiced the opinion that the day had come when in the interests of the agriculture of the country there should be inaugurated and held annually one purely Agricultural National Exhibition, under the patronage of the Department of Agriculture at Ottawa, and run exclusively by the farmers and breeders of this country, stating that the agricultural interests of this country were going ahead at a rapid rate, and the livestock interests must keep pace with that development. Speaking of the recently enacted, Stallion-enrolment Act, he considered that, in the interests of the horse breeders, the Act should go farther and make inspection compulsory, an opinion that was voiced by several other speakers. The