

HOLSTEIN CATTLE BREEDERS HAD A PROSPEROUS YEAR

Their Association Has a Large Cash Surplus and Their Membership Has Increased

The announcement that the receipts of the Association for 1909, as compared with 1908, had shown an increase of some \$3,400, and that the total assets of the Association were practically \$10,000, composed almost entirely of cash in the bank and municipal bonds, added greatly to the enthusiasm of the convention of the Canadian Holstein-Friesian Cattle Breeders' Association, held in Toronto on Thursday last week. The Association is still behind the Shorthorn Breeders' Association in its membership, as well as in the funds at its disposal for exhibition and other purposes, but as its membership is growing more rapidly than that of the Shorthorn Breeders' Association, it is anticipated that it is now only a matter of a comparatively short space of time before the Holstein-Friesian Association will be the largest and wealthiest cattle breeders' association in Canada. The convention last week was well attended. Several spirited discussions took place, which added to the interest taken in the proceedings.

HOLSTEINS AT THE EXPERIMENTAL FARM

The members decided to act on the suggestion of Farm and Dairy, and appointed a deputation composed of Messrs. J. E. K. Herrick, Abbotsford, Ont.; D. C. Platt, Millgrove, Ont.; R. F. Hicks, Brockville; P. Clarke, Ottawa; and R. F. Hicks, Newmarket, to visit Ottawa and wait on Hon. Sydney Fisher, Dominion Minister of Agriculture, and argue as strongly as possible, that herd in Holstein cattle be kept at the Central Experimental Farm at Ottawa.

The proposal to have a deputation go to Ottawa, brought out a lively discussion in which the members showed plainly that they were unanimous in the belief that the great Holstein breed should not be ignored at the Experimental Farm, a strong resolution expressing this view was passed. A full report of this discussion, together with the resolution passed, is published elsewhere in this issue.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

The president, Mr. B. Mallory, of Belleville, drew attention to the increase of 171 in the membership, as well as to the improved financial standing of the Association. The prices of Holsteins at public and private sales have been well maintained throughout the year. Attention was drawn to the prices paid at the sales of Messrs. Gilroy, of Glen Buell, and Hallman, of Breslau. At the former, \$430.00 was paid for a single animal, and at the latter, \$305.00; the average of the two sales being about \$140.00. This average, he thought, compared well with the average paid at the sale of the old-established Scotch Shorthorn sale of Mr. Davidson last July, when 49 head averaged about \$100.00.

NEW MILK RECORD LIKELY

Mr. Mallory stated that from reports he had received it seemed likely that the cow of Mr. S. J. Foster, of Bloomfield, would beat the record of 21,667 lbs. of milk made by the cow of Mr. Van Patter, a few months ago. The latter cow had produced 20,300 lbs. milk in 10 months with a reasonable prospect that she would give upwards of 2,200 lbs. within the 12 months.

FEED TESTS

At a meeting of the Directors of the Association, held on Wednesday, attention was drawn to the recommendations that had been made by the members of the Ayrshire and Jersey Cattle Breeders' Associations at their annual meetings, to the effect that the cost of feed should be included in the dairy tests at the three winter fairs. The Directors expressed the view that Holstein cattle had nothing to fear from such a test. Later, when the matter was brought up for consideration in the open convention, the following resolution was carried unanimously: "Moved by Mr. Rennie, seconded by Mr. Logan, that this Association desires to place itself on record to the effect that if a feed test be established at any of the winter fairs, all the animals of the differ-

ent breeds shall compete against each other in their separate classes. The view was expressed that if the Ayrshire and Jersey breeders are really desirous of such a test, they will have no objection to allowing their animals to compete against the Holsteins in open competition, instead of following the practice now in force, under which the animals of each breed compete only against other animals of the same breed.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The report of the secretary was as follows:

The Association is to be congratulated upon the wonderful increase in its membership, finances and business, as compared with last year. The registrations have increased 1,201 over last year's remarkable record. The transfer certificates for the year have also greatly overreached last year's record, there having been an increase of 1,603. The numerous applications for membership were so numerous in 1909 that it was thought that the number could not be equalled in 1909. It has been exceeded. We now have 1463 applications for membership, in addition to those that applied after the close of the fiscal year for 1908, and were duly passed at the last annual meeting. Ten of these applications have been received since February 1st. We now have a total membership of 730.

OFFICIAL TESTS

I desire to call particular attention to the large increase in the official tests for the Record of Merit, as 140 cows have been admitted during the year, an increase of 35 over the previous year. Some of these records have been very creditable ones, and they are all doing much to advertise the breed. Mention might be made of the highest record of the year made by the cow, owned by D. C. Platt & Son, Millgrove, who made 23,32 lbs. fat in seven days, thus becoming the champion Canadian bred cow. The three-year-old heifer Queen, owned by Baroness, owned by Mr. M. H. Haley, Springfield, also should be mentioned, as she produced 18,93 lbs. fat in seven days. Sixteen cows have been tested for 30-day records, and some good results obtained. The highest record for 30 days was made by Natelye De Kol 4th, owned by J. W. Stewart, Lyn, Ont., who made 84.9 lbs. fat in seven days. The four-year-old heifer Mollie of Bayham 3rd, owned by E. Laidlaw & Sons, produced 81.32 lbs. fat in 30 days, and 19.60 lbs. fat in seven days. Two cows were tested eight months after calving, and one of these made 7.34 lbs. fat as a two-year-old, and the other made 10.02 lbs. fat as a three-year-old. Nine bulls have been admitted on the records of their daughters, making a total of 36 now accepted. 588 cows have been entered in the Record of Merit to date.

Twenty-four additional tests have been made during the year by cows previously admitted.

The deaths of two members of the Association have been reported: D. D. Parks, Hawley, Ont.; and John Kingston, Sr., West Huntingdon, Ont.

MORE CARE NEEDED

The attention of members is again called to the large number of applications that have to be returned for correction, as nearly 600 applications for registry have been returned, and 120 applications for transfer were also incorrect.

REGISTRATIONS

The total number registered during the year was 3,909:

Registration of animals under one year, members.....	2,687
Non-members.....	518
Registration over one year, members.....	485

Non-members.....	62
Registration of imported cows.....	92
Registration of imported bulls.....	21
Duplicate certificates of registry.....	26
Re-registration of Canadian-bred animals from American book.....	5
Certificates issued on new forms.....	66
Registrations from Quebec and New Brunswick Herd Books.....	39
Import certificates, bulls.....	18
Import certificates, cows.....	39
Transfers for members.....	2,963
Transfers for non-members.....	407
Transfers after 90 days after date of sale.....	531
Transfers from Quebec.....	531
Duplicate certificates of transfer.....	20
Total bulls now registered.....	8,597
Total cows now registered.....	12,683

Volume 12 of the Herd Book has been printed, and a large number have been distributed to members. This volume

Bringing Inquiries

My advertisement in Farm and Dairy is giving satisfaction. Although the first advertisement appeared only last week, I have received inquiries in every day's mail for the whole of this week. One was received from Toronto, one from Kingston, and one from Morrisburg, which is pretty well scattered. E. B. MALLORY, Frankford, Ont.

contains a record of all registrations and transfers for the previous year, and Vol 8 of Record of Merit is combined with it. The records of the first 40 cows accepted in the Record of Performance appear in this volume, and a number of them are very creditable.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The receipts of the year were as follows:

RECEIPTS	
Balance from 1908.....	\$ 5,650.54
Entry fees.....	7,452.85
Members' fees.....	875.00
Annual dues.....	462.00
Refunds.....	54.85
Books sold.....	33.75
Interest from bank.....	86.81
Interest on bonds.....	220.00

Total.....\$14,235.80

EXPENDITURES

Investment in Kenora municipal bonds.....	\$ 4,317.29
Printing and binding 850 herd books.....	1,124.00
Salary, secretary-treasurer.....	1,100.00
Special prizes at fairs.....	969.00
Prizes, Record of Merit.....	870.00
Printing transfers and subscriptions to Farm and Dairy.....	516.60
Printing minutes, certificates, etc.....	272.25
Postage.....	254.50
Expenses, executive, auditors and delegates.....	228.42
Expenses Quebec Branch.....	35.35
Silver cups and show cards.....	54.53
Stationery.....	50.55
Refunds.....	54.60
Literary committee.....	25.00
Rent of hall (2 years).....	14.50
Banquet expenses.....	14.00
Dominion Cattle Breeders' Association.....	100.00
Advertisements re inspection before shipment.....	75.00
Bond fees.....	10.00
Sundries.....	13.63
Balance on hand.....	4,136.58

Total.....\$14,235.80

ASSETS

Balance on hand in bank.....	\$ 4,136.58
\$4,000 of Kenora 5½% municipal bonds.....	4,137.29
Office fixtures.....	131.20
Index cabinet.....	40.00
Seal.....	5.00
Herd books (about 670).....	1,000.00

Total.....\$ 9,611.87

No liabilities. The auditors, Messrs. F. E. Cane and A. C. Hallman, reported that the books

of the secretary-treasurer were neatly and accurately kept. Not a mistake of any kind was detected.

COMPUTING BUTTER PRODUCTION

The liveliest discussion of the convention took place over a proposition made by Mr. Geo. A. Laidlaw, of Aylmer, to amend one of the by-laws of the Association relating to the Record of Merit. The by-law in question reads as follows: "In reporting each and every record, 'the date of calving shall be given, the age of cow at such date, the date of commencement of record, the date of close of record, and the number of pounds of butter-fat produced. The estimated yield of butter shall also be given.'"

Mr. Laidlaw moved that the last sentence, viz., "The estimated yield of butter shall also be given," should be struck out. He claimed that this requirement caused confusion, as some breeders gave their records for butter production by adding one-quarter to the fat, while the Association was in the habit of computing records by adding a sixth to the fat. In quelling the record of Francy 3rd, owned by Mr. D. C. Platt, in Farm and Dairy recently, Mr. Clemens had given her record as 27.22 lbs. while Mr. Platt had given her record elsewhere in the same issue as 29.16 lbs.

Mr. Platt pointed out that the Holstein breeders in the United States were in the habit of figuring the production of butter on a basis of 80 per cent, and therefore Canadian breeders had to contend against an unfair handicap when they estimated on an 85½ per cent. He wanted to see a common business basis adopted.

Several speakers contended that as the Canadian government regulations require that the fat content shall be computed on an 85½ basis, it would cause confusion should the Association decide to compute the butter on a basis of 80½. The Expert Station, it was contended, followed the 80½ basis, and the speakers suggested that both records be given, including the records computed on an 80½, and those computed on an 85½. Objection was taken to this suggestion on the ground that it would cause confusion.

Several motions and amendments were brought forward. Finally Mr. Laidlaw's motion was placed before the meeting. It was lost on a standing vote. Mr. Platt then moved that hereafter the secretary, when computing the records, do so on an 80½ basis. This resolution was carried by a considerable majority. Quite a number of those present, however, were not fully satisfied with the result, and the matter may, therefore, come up for further consideration next year.

AFTER FRAUDS

To make it more easy to punish breeders guilty of fraud in the sale of stock, it was decided, on motion of Mr. Platt, to alter a clause in the constitution, and make it possible hereafter for the executive to prevent any Holstein breeder, whether a member of the Association or not, who was guilty of fraud, from registering stock or enjoying any of the privileges of the Association.

The executive committee was given full power to punish and dispose of all frauds, and to place on the list of charges made and presented to them in writing against any member or members of the Association, or persons dealing in or breeding pure-bred Holstein cattle, for the violation of any of the Association rules or misrepresentation of any nature. All charges must be addressed to the secretary of the Association, who shall be empowered to call in party or parties against whom charges are made, setting forth fully the nature of such charge or charges, and notifying him or them that they will have 20 days in which to prepare to defend the charge or charges made. In the case of a willful failure of the accused party or parties to appear in defence at the time and place specified by the president and secretary, the executive committee will deal with and dispose of all charges as though the offending parties were present. After presenting the evidence the executive will have power to determine whether or not the evidence

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