

STOCK GOSSIP.

Mr. Robert Stevens, of Delaware, has sixteen Lincoln ewes. They gave him this spring thirty-five lambs.

If "Old Subscriber" will send his name and address, we will send him the information he requires in re concrete walls.

Mr. John Dryden, of Brooklyn, Ont., is now in England, attending the shows and making selections of Shropshires and other stock for importation.

Salt, sprinkled on the backs of cows from the neck to the root of the tail, once a week during summer, will prove effectual in preventing warbles. So says a writer in Colman's Rural World.

Mr. David Birrell, Greenwood, reports a fine lot of young stock coming on; of Clydes, Shorthorns and Cotswolds. His young bulls and lambs are particularly worthy of note, and will no doubt be heard from in the fall.

Jerseys are evidently looking up. Mr. Wm. A. Reburn, of St. Anne de Bellevue, Que., has sold to Hon. Wayne MacVeagh, five females and one male of his St. Lambert Jerseys at a good price. He has also sold six females, all under one year and not in calf, for \$300 each.

We would call special attention to the advt. of Messrs. Wm. Davies & Son, of Kincaid Farm, Markham, Ont. A representative of the ADVOCATE had the pleasure of visiting Kincaid Farm last March, and can speak authoritatively as to the superior merits of the stock. The Guernsey bull at the head of the herd is an especially fine representative of the breed, while the cows are equal to any we have seen. Messrs. Davies & Son are also importing a herd of Yorkshire pigs.

Messrs. Nicholson Bros., Sylvan, Ont., write:—Since our last report we have made the following sales of yearling bulls:—To W. G. Sanders, St. Thomas, Valasco 13th; to Stevenson Brothers, Melbourne, 5th Crown Jewel; to S. Fitchett, Thedford, War Banner; to J. Gibbons, near Ottawa, 6th Crown Jewel; to J. Johnson, Ravenswood, the four-months-old calf, Valasco 14th; to Eastwood Brothers, Mimico, the four-months-calf, Cromwell; at good paying prices, all sired by Warrior; and a better lot seldom leaves a herd. Notwithstanding the apparent depression, bulls of good substance and quality are in good demand; but there is no money to the breeder of fifty-dollar bulls, and still less to the buyer of them.

SWINE RECORDS IN CANADA. The Agriculture and Arts Association of Ontario, the parent agricultural association of this country, and the leader of everything pertaining to agriculture, as early as 1876 commenced a Berkshire Swine Record. It did not make much progress for some time, but now is well patronized. There are 1,174 sows and 1,008 boars already on record, enough for a good-sized volume. In 1884 this association started a Suffolk Swine Record, which is being well supported. This present year they have commenced an Improved Yorkshire Swine Record. The standard for all three of these records is that: 1. Animals, to be eligible, must be either imported from Great Britain, or satisfactory evidence given that they are directly descended from imported stock, with every cross recorded to the imported animal. 2. Boars and sows may be entered at any age. 3. The date of birth of animals, the number of pigs in the litter, and the name of breeder and owner, must be given. 4. The owner of the sow at the time she is served will be considered the breeder of her pigs. 5. No pedigrees will be received unless made on the printed forms of the association and must be certified by the breeder or owner. Entries must be accompanied with the necessary fee of 50 cents for each animal.

Mr. James Frier, writing from Shediac, N. B., June 15th, says:—We have such a farmers' paradise here this year, that I thought I would add a few words, in addition to the answers to your circular, to tell you some of our joys. Our mild winter was followed by an equally mild spring, and seedling began earlier than usual. Then, May weather (which makes an early or late spring here, for it is the month in which the bulk of seed is sown), was all that could be desired—warm and dry, not a single day lost because of rain—consequently, there was a very large acreage put in crop early, with land in good condition. Since May we have had the best of growing weather; warm, with just enough rain at the right time. Crops cannot suffer for at least ten days, and as hay will be ready this year by 10th of July, we can scarcely have less than a fair crop of it. We do not know anything about cyclones, floods and grasshoppers here, so count on no loss from that score. The frost which was so disastrous over such a large area, was very light here, and has harmed nothing unless it be fruit. However, the outlook for that was bad before the frost; so that Jack is unjustly charged with damaging it, I think.

J. Campbell, Jr., of Fairview Farm, Woodville, Ont., reports a growing and steady demand for Shropshires of good quality. In May he shipped a good, uniform lot of six yearling ewes and ram, to B. Gates, Mount Lebanon, N. Y.; a first-class imported yearling ram to E. A. Bailey, Winthrop Centre, Maine; booked an order for thirteen rams and six ewes—Canadian breed—for August delivery, to Messrs. Mathews, of Dakota; and one for an imported lot for H. C. Pratt, Canandaigua, N. Y.; besides orders for small lots to Canadian breeders. Some orders for fitted show sheep and choice breeding stock could not at present be filled; hence the necessity of an importation which Mr. Campbell makes this season, personally, leaving for England the latter part of May.

SPECIAL AND ANNUAL MEETING

—OF THE—

Ontario Mutual Life Assurance Co.

THE ATTENDANCE OF MEMBERS OF THIS Company at its Nineteenth Annual Meeting, in Waterloo, on May 23rd, 1889, though not quite as large as in some former years, was, as usual both influential and representative.

The President, I. E. Bowman, Esq., M. P., having taken the chair, on motion the Secretary of the Company, W. H. Riddell, Esq., acted as Secretary of the Special and of the Annual Meeting.

The provisions of the Act passed at the last session of the Dominion Parliament, to amend the Company's charter, having been explained by the Chairman, on motion it was unanimously approved of, whereupon the Special General Meeting was dissolved.

THE ANNUAL MEETING

of the Company was then held. The Secretary having read the notice calling the meeting, on motion the minutes of last Annual Meeting were taken as read, and confirmed. The President then read the

DIRECTORS' REPORT:

It affords your Directors much pleasure in submitting the following statement of the affairs of our Company, to be able to report to the members that the net result of the business transacted during the year 1888 exceeds that of any previous year. The new assurances issued amount to \$2,518,650, under 1,905 policies and the total amount in force on 31st December is \$12,041,914 under 9,398 policies. The regular progressive increase of the past ten years in our Premium and Interest Income has been fully maintained.

Our total assets as at 31st December last amounted to \$1,313,853 and our surplus over and above all liabilities has reached the handsome sum of \$90,337.09, which is a very satisfactory showing after the liberal annual distributions which have hitherto been made. A portion of this surplus will be held in hand as a provision against future reductions in the rate of interest and other contingencies. Our expense account for 1888 is about \$2,000 less than that of 1887, while the business transacted is considerably greater; and the ratio of expense has been reduced to 18 1-5 per cent., showing a reduction of 2 1-4 per cent. as compared with the previous year.

The policies in force at the close of the year have been valued by the officers of the Government Insurance Department and the Reserve required to be

held has been certified as correct by the Superintendent of Insurance for the Dominion. After the regular annual Audit, the Executive Committee of the Board again carefully examined in detail all the assets and found them correct and in proper order. The detailed statement prepared and duly certified to by your Auditors is herewith submitted for your examination and disposal.

You will be called on to elect four directors in the place of B. M. Britton, John Marshall, Francis C. Bruce and J. Kerr Fiske, whose term of office has expired, but who are all eligible for re-election.

On behalf of the Board.

ISAAC E. BOWMAN, Pres.

Printed copies of the Financial Statement and Auditors' Report for 1888 having been distributed among the members, the President moved the adoption of the various reports. He congratulated the policy holders on the favorable results of the year's operations, obtained at a lower ratio of expenditure than in previous years and lower than the expense ratio of any of our Canadian competitors, with one exception only; while the volume of business has been well maintained and its quality improved. The new business of the current year was much in excess of that written during the same period in any previous year, evidencing the continued popularity of the Company and warranting the hope that the next report the Directors may have the privilege of submitting will be the best ever experienced in the history of the Company. He had no hesitation in stating that the Ontario was never more deserving of the support and confidence of its members and of the patronage of the insuring public than it is at the present time. B. M. Britton, Esq., Q. C., James Trow, Esq., M. P., Joseph Ward, Esq., of the wholesale firm of Messrs. Ward, Carter & Co., Montreal, and others, ably supported the motion which was adopted amid applause.

Messrs. Jackson and Scully having been re-appointed by vote of the members present auditors for the current year, the Scrutineers appointed to take up the ballots having reported the re-election of the retiring Directors, and the customary vote of thanks to the Board, the Officers and the Agents having been tendered and responded to, the meeting was brought to a close. The Directors met subsequently, and re-elected I. E. Bowman, President, and under the amended charter elected C. M. Taylor 1st Vice and Robert Melvin 2nd Vice-President of the Company for the ensuing year.

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