

THE LIVE STOCK TRADE.

THE RANGE INTEREST.

Macleod, Alta., April 22.—The annual meeting of the Western Stock Growers association was held here this week, with a large attendance of delegates.

D. W. Marsh, Calgary, was re-elected president by acclamation; F. W. Gossel, Pincher Creek, first vice-president by acclamation; W. F. Cochrane, High River, second vice-president; board of management, Bow River district, R. W. Cowan, re-elected; Maple Creek district, D. H. Andrews; Medicine Hat, J. Niblock; Lethbridge, Howell Harris; Sheep Creek, J. Rodgers; High River, Henry Smith, F. S. Stimson; Pincher Creek, C. Kettles, Ed. Maunsell; Willow Creek, A. R. Springett, D. Warnock.

Among the motions passed were the following:

Andrews-Cochrane—That the C. P. R. so reduce their tariff on thoroughbred stock as to conform with their rates from the east, in carlots or singly.—Carried.

Mr. Niblock stated that this rule is now in force.

Lane-Cochrane—That the C. P. R. be requested to refuse to carry into the Territories thoroughbred stock that have not had the tuberculin test.—Carried.

Cochrane-Springett—That the secretary request the Territorial legislature to secure power from the federal government to enact that no tuberculous cattle be imported into the Territories, we having learned that this legislation is now within their province.—Carried.

James Wilson-R. Patterson — That the people of Lethbridge and other districts be notified that that part of the country in the Blood reserve shall for purposes of general round-up be included with the Macleod and Pincher Creek district, and that all persons having cattle on the reserve be requested not to obstruct, but to co-operate with the Pincher Creek round-up.—Carried.

The question of inspection came up. Messrs. Skrine and Niblock argued for an inspector at Winnipeg. This was combated on the ground that such inspection will be unnecessary when the proposed changes pass the house. Mr. Herron thought a rancher's loss would be as great having cattle driven out of the country afoot as though they were taken out on the cars. President Marsh and A. B. Macdonald opposed the suggested attempt at organized inspection in such cases as being impracticable.

Mr. Bray introduced the subject of cattle illegally driven into Montana, and stated that convictions were difficult owing to the impossibility in many cases of proving intent and to the fact that fifty-three Montana brands are similar to Canadian brands.

Gray-Foster—That all cattle driven from Canada across the boundary line be inspected for Canadian brands, and that the non-com. officers of the N. W. M. P. be inspectors for this purpose.—Carried.

Skrine-Niblock—That this association considers inspection at Winnipeg necessary.

Kettles-Staunton—In amendment, that this association do not consider it necessary to have an inspector at Winnipeg, all stock to be thoroughly inspected before being shipped.—Carried.

Gray-Foster—That the Dominion government be asked to appoint a

properly qualified veterinary inspector at Medicine Hat.—Carried.

Warnock-Herron—That the C. P. R. be asked to issue transportation to stock inspectors on duty.—Carried.

An unanimous vote of thanks was passed to the president and other officers for their zealous and efficient conduct of affairs.

At a meeting of the board of management on Thursday it was decided to continue the bounty on female wolves as formerly—\$3 a head—and that an additional bounty of \$1 on pups under three months old be tried during April, May, June, July and August.

E. E. Maunsell was elected managing director for Southern Alberta, vice T. Curry, who has left the country.

Springett-Cochrane—Resolved that this association recommend to the C. P. R. that shipping yards be built at a convenient point near the east of Macleod, and that feeding yards to accommodate five carloads be built at the present Macleod station, and that E. H. Maunsell, J. W. Bell, and R. G. Mathews to act in conjunction with the Macleod board of trade in choosing and recommending a site for such shipping yards.—Carried.

The secretary was instructed to communicate with Mr. Prentiss of the Montana Stock association with a view of locating any strays belonging to members of this association that may have been shipped from Montana. A. R. Springett was re-elected auditor, and R. G. Mathews re-elected secretary-treasurer, and the association adjourned to meet next year at Medicine Hat.

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D. J. McLean shipped a carload of cattle from Virden, Man., last week and Mullins five cars of cattle and hogs.

P. Gallagher, Winnipeg, has closed a number of purchases of cattle at Pilot Mound made through Dow & Curry.

G. B. Murphy, of Carberry, Man., made a shipment of two carloads of cattle, comprising thirty head, averaging 1,500 pounds each on the 12th inst.

Eleven cars of stockers left Carberry last week for the ranges of South Dakota. The shipper was H. F. Waller, who has in all 3,000 head to ship from points between Brandon and Winnipeg.

Thirty-one head of fat cattle, which were delivered last week at Pilot Mound, realized in the neighborhood of \$2,200. Several carloads of fat cattle and stockers were shipped from that point during the week.

W. C. Burns, of Oak Lake, Man., has sold 250 head of yearling cattle to W. P. Danton, of Frederick, South Dakota. Danton has bought others at Elkhorn, Man., and expects to take altogether about a thousand head to the States.

Prices of leather belting have advanced in the United States on account of a rise in hide values. The discounts have been lowered materially, especially on standard high grade goods.

Wm. Stitt, chief clerk in the passenger department of the C. P. R. at Winnipeg, who has been in California for his health, has returned very much improved, to the great pleasure of his many friends among the business community of the city.

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