

A Great Year for Holstein Breeders

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devoted to dairying and read by all the members of the association was admitted. A general preference for Farm and Dairy was soon manifest.

Several members expressed the belief that the transfers of Holstein cattle should be published regularly in the official organ. It was pointed out that they would take a lot of space and that their publication would cost considerable.

It was moved that 20 cents a member additional should be paid for Farm and Dairy on condition that the transfers are published in the paper. Just as the resolution was about to be put, Mr. Hand, of The Farmer's Advocate, asked if he might speak. A voice cried "No," but Mr. Hand proceeded. He claimed that The Farmer's Advocate had done much for the dairy interests, that it was not fair that the dairymen should favor one paper at the expense of others and implied that the Holstein breeders again decided to stand by Farm and Dairy the Farmer's Advocate might not give them the consideration that it has in the past. He claimed that the management of The Farmer's Advocate had sent a letter to an officer of the association in regard to the matter and suggested that it should be read. This brought forth a general demand that the letter should be read.

Mr. J. W. Richardson, to whom the letter was addressed, then read it. It claimed that The Farmer's Advocate had done more for the dairymen of the country than any other paper, it asked why the Holstein breeders should subscribe for a "cheap," "inferior" paper like Farm and Dairy and concluded by offering to accept subscriptions for The Farmer's Advocate for \$1.15 each providing the association would discontinue Farm and Dairy as its official organ. That settled it. The motion reappointing Farm and Dairy as the official organ at 80 cents a year on condition that the Holstein transfers are published was put to the meeting and carried practically unanimously. The association did not subscribe for the special Holstein-Friesian paper.

THE BANQUET

The success of the banquet held Wednesday evening was such that it will likely be an annual event hereafter. The president, Mr. G. A. Gilroy, of Glen Buell, presided. The speakers included Prof. H. H. Dean, of Guelph; G. A. Putnam, superintendent of Farmers' Institutes, Toronto;

Mr. Allan, of the Union Stock Yards, Toronto; and Messrs. Donovan, M. L. A., Brockville; A. C. Hallman, H. Bollert, R. S. Stevenson, B. Mallory, G. W. Clemons, F. E. Came, Stanley A. Logan, H. B. Cowan, of Farm and Dairy, and several others.

Professor Dean announced that he has recently bought a farm and intimated that he may not be connected with the Guelph College much longer. He made a hit when he pointed out that black is an absence of color and that it absorbs all colors while white reflects all colors. He thought it possible that the black and white Holsteins may before very long absorb all the other breeds. He told of a dairy farmer near Ottawa, who told him recently that he made more money last December from 37 Holsteins than he had obtained in December of the year before from over 70 animals of another dairy breed. Further information about the addresses at the banquet will be given in a later issue.

Jersey Cattlemen Meet

The Canadian Jersey Cattle Club held their annual meeting in the Walker House, Toronto, on Feb. 4th. A goodly number of members were in attendance. President R. J. Fleming, of Toronto, occupied the chair. After the usual reading and adoption of the minutes the financial statement was dealt with. It showed a balance on hand of \$440.86, as compared with \$430.36 last year. It was shown that 223 registrations, 92 transfers and four duplicates had been made in 1908.

At the executive committee meeting, which took place in March, the following resolution was drawn up: "That we recommend that the qualification for admission to the Record of Performance be changed so that a certain number of points be given for each hundred pounds of milk and for each pound of butter-fat and the total number of points to be fixed as a standard." This was brought up at this meeting and a lively discussion took place on the question. Some of the members thought that the butter-fat standard should be kept the same but that the amount of milk required to enter should be lowered. Others, however, took a different view to this.

DISCUSSION OF MILK RECORD

Mr. L. J. C. Bull was of the impression that the milk record should be lowered because, he thought, not many cows were being entered as it required phenomenal cows and not good ones to make the record required to enter the test. Mr. C. E. Rogers stated that Jerseys were a special

purpose breed and that that special purpose was the production of butter-fat. He figured it out that it took 22½ lbs. of milk to make a pound of butter-fat and the Jerseysmen should not go in to compete with these large producers but go in for butter-fat. He advocated the lowering of the milk standard and the raising of the butter-fat standard. Mr. Reid thought that the time was coming when producers would demand bulls from cows whose dams had been entered in the Record of Performance and that the milk standard should not be lowered. He did not think that it required phenomenal cows to make this record. Mr. Fleming here stated that he thought that the Canadian standard should be the same as that of the American Jersey Cattle Club and thus Canadian cows would be as good as those in the United States. On reading the standard of the American club, it was found that their standards for milk production were higher than the Canadian. It was moved by W. P. Bull, and seconded by Mr. Rogers, that a committee consisting of Thompson, Reid, Duncan, R. J. Fleming, Mr. Green and Hugh Clark be appointed to consider this matter. The motion was carried.

Mr. Reid was voted a yearly salary of \$50 in consideration of his services as secretary-treasurer.

WANT MORE PRIZES

Mr. Thompson Porter thought that the Canadian National Exhibition Board should be interviewed in regard to giving more prizes for Jerseys. He stated that while at the Dominion Cattle Breeders' Association meeting, he had spoken of this and had been informed by a man there that Dr. Orr had been interviewed in regard to this and that he had been told that the exhibition would duplicate any grant the different breeds made. Mr. Porter stated further that exhibitions were giving more prizes for sheep than they were for dairy cattle and that in his opinion, dairy cattle were bringing more money into the country than sheep, or even beef cattle.

Mr. Duncan, of Don, said that while he was on the Toronto fair board, the prize money to Jerseys had been raised \$100 and at that time, the exhibition had promised to raise it still further when the Jerseys came up with the Durhams. The Jerseys have long since done this but yet the prizes have not been raised.

Mr. H. Gee stated that in the Haldimand County fair last year there was \$2 more given for Durham cattle than for all the other breeds together.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The election of officers for 1909 resulted as follows: Pres., R. J. Fleming; vice-presidents, for Ontario, D. O. Bull and D. Duncan; for Quebec, H. W. Edwards; for the Northwest, W. V. Edwards; for Nova Scotia, H. S. Pipes; sec.-treas., R. Reid, Berlin; representatives to fairs: Toronto, W. P. Bull; London, C. E. Rogers; Ottawa, W. P. Hurdman; Winnipeg, Dave Smith; Calgary, C. A. Julian, H. S. Pipes, Amherst, N. S.

Judges: Toronto W. R. Snenn, Dallas, Tex. with Professor Seville as reserve; Sherbrooke, H. C. Clark; London, F. L. Green, with Jos. Dawson as reserve; Ottawa, H. E. Clr-ridge. Mr. R. Reid was recommended as judge for all the western fairs. Representatives on record board, R. Reid, D. Duncan and T. Porter. A committee appointed to wait on the Canadian National Exhibition was composed of D. Duncan, T. Porter and R. J. Fleming.

It was moved by T. Porter and seconded by W. P. Bull that the following grants be made: Ottawa, Toronto and London exhibitions, \$50 each. Carried.

Mr. Porter thought that there should be a class at exhibitions for Canadian breeds. He stated that he did not think it was fair for the large importers to be capturing all the prizes and that the smaller fellows should have a chance. This was left for further discussion. The members were entertained at dinner in the Walker House after the meeting was over.

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