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The delegates to the different fair boards were re-elected and Messrs. Peter Christie and George Grey, Newcastle, appointed to the Ottawa Central Fair Association.

Shire Horse Breeders

There was a fair attendance at the annual meeting of the Shire Horse Breeders' Association, held on Feb. 3rd. The Secretary-Treasurer's report showed that 31 pedigrees had been recorded during the year as compared with 40 for 1902. The membership, however, had been increased by twenty-six during 1903, a proof that the Association is in a flourishing condition.

Reference was also made to some notable sales of Shire horses during the past year. In Illinois the Shire stallion, Commodore Fifth, sold for \$3,500. The experiment made by S. George Mackness, Northampton, England, in offering at public auction in Toronto, an importation of Shire stallions and mares, was reported upon as being successful. Good prices had been obtained.

Mr. W. E. Wellington was re-elected president for 1904, and the other officers will be about the same as last year.

The Canadian Pony

At the annual meeting of the Canadian Pony Society, held on Feb. 3rd, it was decided to co-operate with the Harness, Hunters and Saddle Horse Society in holding an open air show in Toronto during the summer. A request was made to the Industrial Exhibition to have the money prizes for ponies raised to the same scale as that offered in the large horse classes. Mr. R. W. Davies announced that he would donate a cup for some class of ponies at the spring show. The officers for 1904 are: President, H. M. Robertson; Vice-President, T.V. Foster; 2nd Vice-President, R. Miller; Secretary, H. Gerald Wade; Treasurer, A. Taylor; Directors, Messrs. R.W. Davies, W. N. Wade, E. T. Campbell, F. Hodgson, E. C. Tisdale, Dr. Mills, Capt. Harbottle, Adam Beck, M.P.P. (London).

Hackney Horse Breeders

The Hackney Horse Breeders' Association held its twelfth annual meeting on Feb. 3rd. The Vice-President, Mr. E. F. C. Tisdale, presided. The new constitution of the Association was adopted, the annual fee was reduced from \$5 to \$3, and the registrations of 93 pedigreed hackneys were reported. It was decided that all horses entered in the English Stud Book should be eligible for Canadian entry, provided that they were imported previous to 1901. Hackneys must be over 14 hands high or they will be classed as ponies. The elections resulted as follows:—President, Thomas Graham; First Vice-President, E. C. Attrill; Second Vice-President, E. T. Sofale; Vice-President for Ontario, R. W. Davies; Quebec, R. Ness; Alberta, A. M. Rolingson; Manitoba, J. A. S. McMillan; New Brunswick, F. E. Came; Nova Scotia, T. R. Black; Prince Edward Island, John Richards; British Columbia, T. Tahille; Secretaries-Treasurer, Henry Wade; Directors, Robert Miller, Robert Beith, H. M. Robinson, Dr. Andrew Smith, Robert Graham, Robert Bond, W. F. Spark, H. M. Crossley, George Pepper.

The association made the following grants for prizes:—Toronto Industrial

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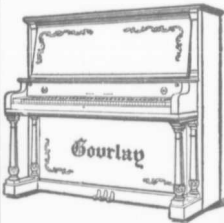


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Harness, Hunter and Saddle Horses

The fourth annual meeting of the Harness, Hunter and Saddle Horse Association was held on Feb. 2nd. Mr. Walter Harland Smith presided.

A resolution was adopted endorsing the suggestion by O. B. Sheppard that there should be in Canada a thoroughbred and standardbred stud book.

F. W. Hodson, Dominion Live Stock Commissioner, outlined his scheme for a national live stock association. With that end in view he proposed that every live stock association in Canada should send a deputation to meet the Minister of Agriculture at Ottawa in March. The proposal was endorsed, and the President, W. Harland Smith, O. B. Sheppard, and H. J. P. Good, were deputed to go to Ottawa.

A resolution was adopted affirming that Canada should have a national register of all breeds of horses.

It was decided to hold an open-air horse show for all classes of working horses in June, and the board were appointed a committee to complete arrangements.

Officers for 1904 are as follows:—President, W. Harland Smith; Vice-President, O. B. Sheppard and T. A. Crow; Directors, Geo. Pepper, Dr. Peters, J. J. Dixon, W. E. Wellington, S. B. Fuller, H. M. Robinson, R. Bond, W. T. Murray, Dr. Thomas Hodson, R. W. Davies, jun.

Horsemen Wine and Dine

Those who accepted the invitation to the fourth annual banquet of the Canadian Horse Breeders' Association at the Walker House, Toronto, on the evening of Feb. 3rd, were treated to a rare and enjoyable evening. President Dr. Andrew Smith presided in his hospitable way. Among those present were W. S. Sparks, F. W. Hodson, W. E. Wellington, Henry Wade, Wm. Smith, R. Neas, A. Johnston, R. Miller, J. M. Gardhouse, R. Graham, John Bright. Besides a number of leading horse breeders, there were present a good representation of the citizens of Toronto, more or less interested in a good horse.

The keynote of all the speeches was the improvement of the horse-breeding industry in Canada, and ways and means to bring it about. A strong stand was taken against the admission of scrub stock, pure-bred and otherwise, from the United States, and it was shown that unless immediate action was taken a serious injury would result by the bringing in of thousands of inferior horses into the West. The proposal to form a national live stock association was endorsed by many of the speakers.

The banquet broke up at a seasonable hour and the favored one hundred present went away carrying with them pleasant recollections of a most enjoyable evening.

Cattle, Sheep and Swine Breeders

The annual meetings of the Dominion Cattle, Sheep and Swine Breeders' Associations were held in Toronto on Feb. 4th and 6th. The joint report of the Secretary, Mr. A. P. Westervelt, was a most comprehensive one and dealt chiefly with the work that has been done during the year to extend the market for pure-bred stock in Western Canada. He also dealt with the educational work the Associations are doing, the annual grants to which are spent in the interests of live stock and nothing else. The Association's work is largely of a national character and therefore of value to every part of the Dominion. The