

villages have power to restrain the passage of heavy loads on their streets, but this right has not yet been extended to township councils, nor is there any statute of the province regulating the weight of loads on township roads.

### A Great Year for the Holstein Breeders

The year that closed on the first of February, 1909, was the most successful in the history of the Canadian Holstein-Friesian Association. The membership now is greater than ever before. It is practically 600, being an increase, during the year of 135. In spite of greatly increased expenses the cash on hand is over \$600 greater than it was a year ago. It is \$906.54. This is greater than that of any other cattle association in Canada including even the great Shorthorn Breeders Association which, hitherto, has been the financial king. The knowledge of these facts created a feeling of joy and optimism in the breasts of the members of the Association, during the time of their annual meeting in Toronto last week, that was very noticeable. One of the crowning features of the occasion was a banquet held Wednesday evening, at which some of the older members, such as Messrs. A. C. Hallman, of Breslau, and H. Bollert, of Cassel, who have been members of the Association since its organization 26 years ago, told of the tremendous difficulties they had encountered in the early days when nothing too bad could be said against Holsteins, when there was practically no money in the treasury and when the addition of three or four new members in a year was a cause for rejoicing.

The attendance was large. It included a number of young men who have only recently started to breed Holsteins. Some of them have exceptionally good animals. Mr. G. W. Clemens told at the banquet of a cow that last year during the management of a son of M. J. Van der Luten, of Luton, produced 15,649 lbs. of milk during eight months of her test. The accuracy of the test was vouched for.

#### TRADE WITH THE WEST

One of the most important matters dealt with was introduced by Mr. R. F. Hicks, of Newbrook. During the past year the Directors of the Association had to deal with charges made by a western breeder against an Ontario breeder who was accused of having sold stock by correspondence that was not as represented. Through the efforts of the Association a settlement was made that was satisfactory to the purchaser.

To prevent anything of the kind happening again, and to encourage western breeders to purchase stock from eastern breeders, Mr. F. Hicks provided the following resolution:

"That for the purpose of facilitating the sale of cattle by correspondence, especially where buyer and seller are widely separated, the buyer, by making application to the secretary's office, accompanied by a fee of five dollars for the first animal and one dollar for each additional animal inspected in the same herd, together with the letters received from the seller shall be entitled to have the secretary send an official to inspect the animal or animals before shipment and accept of them if they have been fairly described, it being understood that the secretary shall send one of the men who are recommended by this Association to act as judges at the fair."

The resolution met with instant approval. Some difficulties were foreseen. It was pointed out that it might cost more than the money provided for in the resolution to have the animals inspected. Mr. G. E.

Ellis thought that it might not be fair to old breeders who have established a reputation for honest dealing. Difficulties were foreseen in letting possible buyers in other provinces know that they could arrange to have animals inspected at but slight expense. Ultimately the resolution was carried, practically unanimously, with the addition of \$100 to the fund for the expenditure of fifteen dollars in each province advertising the basis upon which animals can be inspected before purchase.

#### OFFICERS ELECTED

The following officers were elected: president, B. Mallory, Belleville; 1st vice-pres., H. Bollert, Cassel, Ont.; 2nd vice-pres., Stanley A. Logan, Truro, N. S.; 3rd vice-pres., J. E. K. Herrick, Abbotsford, Que.; 4th vice-pres., Jas. Rettie, Norwich, Ont.; secretary, G. W. Clemens, St. George, Ont.; two new directors, Brown, Lyn, Ont.; D. C. Platt, Millgrove, Ont.; (old directors) J. W. Richardson, Galdenora; R. F. Hicks, Newtonboro, Ont.; editors, A. C. Hallman, Breslau; F. E. Cams, Montreal, Que.

Delegates to fair boards were elected as follows: W. G. Ellis, Toronto; H. Bollert, W. Clemens, for London; W. Brown and G. A. Gilroy, for Ottawa; J. E. K. Herrick and F. E. Cams for Sherbrooke; Stanley A. Logan for Halifax, N. S.; Charlottetown, P. E. I.; Fredericton and St. John, N. B.; D. Munro and J. P. Porter, for Winnipeg; A. S. Blackwood for Calgary; J. M. Stevens and Thos. Laing, for New Westminster, B. C.

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The financial statement was the most gratifying ever reported since the most successful year organized. It showed total receipts of \$10,321.14, including \$4,396.48 balance from last year, \$4,694.15 received from registrations and transfer fees, \$695 member fees, \$341 annual dues, \$153.37 interest, \$172.25 from bank books and \$23.75 refunds. The principal expenditures were: Printing herd books, \$1,279.50; special prizes, \$1,000; salary of secretary-treasurer, \$247; record of merit, \$425; \$200 for silver cups and show cards, \$95.05. The balance on hand was \$5,650.54.

#### SECRETARY'S REPORT

The report of the secretary showed that the number of registration certificates issued during the year was 2,618 of which 1,060 were for bulls and 1,558 for cows. There were 1,006 transfer certificates issued for bulls and 1,392 for cows, making a total of 2,398.

Eighty-five cows were accepted for the Record of Merit during the year, making a total of 277 cows now in the Record of Merit. Eleven additional tests were made for a period of seven days. Five cows were tested for 30 days and two for 14 days. Two retests were made for a period of one day. Three bulls were admitted during the year, making a total of 27 now entered.

The membership showed that 135 new members were admitted to the association in the course of the fiscal year, 1907.

Attention was called to the careless way in which many applications for registration were filled out, over 400 having had to be returned for correction and 126 transfer applications.

The number of registrations of animals was as follows: Under one year, 1,794 from members and 383 from non-members. Over one year, 306 from members, 42 from non-members. Imported cows 62, bull non-members. The number of Canadian bred animals from American book 4. Transfers for members, 679, for non-members 325. Transfer after 90 days after date of sale 391. Total bulls now registered, 7,009; cows, 10,362, bulls now transferred 5,342, cows 7,215.

#### GRANTS TO FAIRS

The following grants were made to the exhibitions mentioned: Toronto, \$100; London, \$50; Ottawa, \$50; Winnipeg, Man., \$50; Brandon, Man., \$25; Calgary, Alta., \$50; Charlottetown, P. E. I., \$50; Westminister, B. C., \$50; Halifax, N. S., \$50; Victoria, B. C., \$50; Winter Fair, Guelph, \$145; Sherbrooke, Que., \$100; Fredericton, N. B., \$50; Winter Fair, Ottawa, \$100; Maritime Winter Fair, \$100; 175 each to the Guelph and Maritime Winter Fairs to be divided at each fair into three sweepstake prizes of \$25 each at each fair; \$50 in special prizes to be divided into two sweepstake prizes of \$25 each.

A grant of \$100 will be given to St. John, N. B., if a Dominion Exhibition is held there. A grant of \$100 was given to the Dominion Cattle Breeders' Association.

On motion of Stanley A. Logan, seconded by W. W. Brown it was decided to give \$10 to every breeder who succeeds in putting a cow through the 30-day test. This money will be given for every cow that enters the Record of Merit after 30-day test. It will be given in addition to the \$5 that is given to the owners of cows that pass the 7-day test.

#### DAIRY TESTS FOR TORONTO

Mr. W. G. Ellis was instructed, on motion of Mr. Jas. Rettie, seconded by Mr. A. C. Hallman, to endeavor to have a two-day milk test at the Toronto Industrial Exhibition. The belief was expressed that it would create great interest.

Mr. W. G. Ellis drew attention to the small exhibit of Holstein cattle at the Toronto Industrial Exhibition last fall. He claimed that the present day popularity of Holsteins is due, in a considerable measure, to the exhibits of Holsteins that have been made at the exhibitions in the past. He feared that Holsteins will lose ground if they are not shown in larger numbers at the leading exhibitions. Young breeders were urged to make exhibits. Mr. Ellis offered to help any who may decide to exhibit at the Toronto exhibition.

#### IMPORT CERTIFICATES

On motion of Mr. J. W. Richardson, an amendment was made to article 6, section 8, of the constitution, by which in future no import certificates will be issued by the secretary until a fee of \$5 has been paid to the secretary-treasurer for each female and \$10 for each male imported. The animals must be registered in the Canadian Herd Book before an import certificate will be issued and they will not be allowed to enter Canada until they have an import certificate. A similar charge has been made in the past but it did not have to be paid until the animal imported was registered in the Canadian Herd Book, provided it was registered within a year from the date when it was imported.

#### HOLSTEINS FOR ASYLUM

Dr. English, of the Insane Asylum, Hamilton, was introduced with the announcement that the asylum has selected Holstein cows as the best for its purposes. Dr. English stated that after looking into the question of the best variety of cows he had selected Holsteins because they give a large quantity of milk of the necessary richness. The government had given him permission to establish a herd at the asylum. In time he hopes to be able to show Holsteins at the leading fairs.

#### QUALITIES OF HOLSTEIN MILK

Mr. J. E. K. Herrick gave an address on the qualities of Holstein milk. He told of a number of cases in Canada and the United States where he had induced mothers, with sickly babies that had been fed on rich milk, to try Holstein milk with

the result that the babies improved in health. Mr. Herrick had letters from mothers giving Holstein milk credit for having saved the lives of their babies. Doctors were named, both in the United States and Canada, who are advocating the use of Holstein milk for children mainly on the ground that it is better balanced than the milk of other breeds of cattle. Milk containing large quantities of fat, they claim, is too rich for young babies to digest. The members of the association were urged to talk up the good qualities of Holstein milk on every possible occasion.

Mr. F. E. Cams reported that the American Holstein Society has appropriated \$3,000 this year for the purposes of advertising the special qualities of Holstein milk.

The salary of the secretary was increased by \$100 a year, or to \$1,100 a year.

A lively discussion took place over the appointment of an official organ. For three years Farm and Dairy has been the official organ of the association. The association has subscribed for Farm and Dairy each year for all its members. Last year a small, semi-monthly Holstein paper was started and the association has subscribed for it, also, for all its members. This year the belief was expressed that the association could not afford to take both papers. The value of having a paper

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