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CANADIAN THORPE BARLEY.

Except on rare occasions and in favorable localities, the English Two-Rowed Barley have not done well in Canada, but the Duckbill and the Canadian Thorpe—an improved variety of Duckbill—have done very well in all parts where the Six-Rowed Barley succeeds. For feeding purposes it is far superior to the last named; it is also a much heavier yielding, according to English reports. It is an excellent malting variety, but for this purpose should never be mixed with any other sort. It is an upright grower, long, bright and very stiff in the straw; seldom, if ever, lodges. During the last three years it has been tested by leading farmers residing in various parts of Ontario; also by the Dominion Experimental Farms. All have found it the variety par excellence, being harder, withstanding frost and drought better than any other sort; in fact, being equal to the hardest wheats in this respect. The average yields of this variety will vary from 40 to 60 bushels per acre, when sown on suitable soils; when sown on rich cultivated lands, the yield has sometimes reached 70 bushels per acre. The grains are large and plump; if cut early and carefully harvested, are very bright and light in color. We have procured a quantity of this grain; the stock has been carefully hand-picked in the bag and field for the past ten years, and for ten previous years it was each year carefully selected in the field, so that it now is a well-established pedigreed variety. For one new yearly subscriber to the FARMER'S ADVOCATE we will send 20 lbs. of this Barley, or for two new subscribers, 48 lbs.; for every additional new subscriber we will send 1 bushel (24 lbs.) bags free. The grain will be sent by freight or express, as desired by the receiver, who will pay R. R. charges. One dollar must accompany each new name sent.

STOCK.

The Hackney Horse Society.

The Canadian Hackney Horse Society held their second annual meeting on Feb. 8th, at the Rossin House, Toronto. The Secretary, Henry Wade, read the report of the Society. They have decided to adopt the American standard, but with a more moderate scale of fees. During the year they had registered twenty-four animals, and twenty-three new members had joined the Society. The Treasurer's statement showed a cash surplus on hand.

The following Inspectors have been appointed to inspect and pass mares considered to have breeding and action sufficient to admit of half registration. For Ontario—Mr. John Carson, Kingston; Mr. D. H. Grand, London; Dr. Grenside, Guelph; Dr. McLean, Meaford; Mr. W. D. Grand, Toronto. For Quebec—Mr. Robert Ness, Howick; Mr. James Cochrane, Hillhurst; Prof. McEachran, Montreal. For Manitoba—Mr. T. G. Ferris, Portage la Prairie. For Nova Scotia—Mr. A. S. Slip.

Officers were then elected as follows:—President, John Hope, Bow Park, Brantford. Vice-Presidents—Ontario, Robert Davies, Toronto; Quebec, James A. Cochrane, Hillhurst; Nova Scotia, J. B. McKay, Stellarton; New Brunswick, Hon. D. McLelland, St. John; P. E. Island, C. C. Gardiner, Charlottetown; N. W. T., W. Bell Irving, Cochrane, Alta; Manitoba, J. Rutherford, V. S., Brandon; British Columbia, S. F. Tolme, Victoria. Directors—Robt. Graham, Claremont; W. D. Sorby, Guelph; John Holderness, Toronto; J. Grenside, V. S., Guelph; G. H. Hastings, Deer Park; Robert Miller, Brougham; R. Beith, Bowmanville; W. D. Grand, Toronto; Robert Bond, Toronto. Secretary—Henry Wade, Toronto. Auditors—Messrs. H. Hastings and Geo. Pepper. Delegate to the Industrial Exhibition Association, J. Hope; to the Central Farmers' Institute, Robert Miller; to the Western Fair, London, W. D. Sorby; to the Montreal Exhibition, James H. Cochrane.

The Clydesdale Horse Association.

The Clydesdale Horse Association of Canada held its annual meeting on the 8th of February, at the Albion Hotel, Toronto. There was a large attendance of members present. Mr. Wade, the Secretary, presented his annual report. He said that registration had fallen off to some extent, owing to the dullness of the trade; also during the year objectionable orders had been issued by the Treasury Department of the United States in regard to the passing of pure-bred animals across the line for breeding purposes, by refusing to recognize Canadian records, not because the standard of our books was not high enough, but because of the almost unanimous request of the live stock associations of the United States. This action will adversely affect the trade, as on account of the delay in registering in the American books it is almost impossible to register before shipping across the border. As a means of strengthening their own book it was not necessary, for in the course of time all animals would be registered without any compulsory act. Mr. Buchanan, of the live stock department, takes a broader view of the subject, for our certificates are quite enough to enable horses to exhibit at the World's Fair. A large number of horses have already been inspected, and it is confidently expected that Canada will return with fresh laurels added to her crown. After considerable discussion on the unfriendly attitude of the American Government and the American Clydesdale Association, the following motion was passed:—

Moved by Mr. John Davidson, seconded by Mr. A. Johnston, that a deputation representing the Clydesdale Horse Association of Canada, consisting of the President, Mr. Davies, Mr. McCrae, Mr. Miller, and Hon. John Dryden, the Minister of Agriculture of Ontario, wait upon the American authorities for the purpose of securing recognition of the Canadian Studbook.

LICENSING THOROUGHBRED STOCK.

A discussion followed on the question of licensing thoroughbred stock, and passing a law to make fees for cross-bred stock uncollectable by law.

Mr. Arthur Johnston moved, seconded by James Leask, that our delegate to the Central Farmers' Institute be instructed to oppose any motion set on foot at the meeting of that Institute to limit by license or otherwise the number of male animals offered for service, as being contrary to the best interests of struggling farmers and contrary to British liberties. This motion was carried by a large majority.

Mr. McCrae moved that any horse foaled and reared in Canada be considered Canadian bred, and this rule to apply after this year's show. This motion carried, although strongly opposed.

A discussion followed on the question of awarding sweepstake prizes, but nothing was done, and the meeting adjourned.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Officers were then elected as follows:—President, Robert Davies, Toronto; Provincial Vice-Presidents—Ontario, Arthur Johnston, Greenwood; Quebec, Robert Ness, Howick; Nova Scotia, Wm. O'Brien, Windsor; New Brunswick, A. S. Murray, Fredericton; Prince Edward Island, Hon. Jas. Clow, Murray Harbour; Manitoba, John E. Smith, Brandon; Northwest Territories, John A. Turner, Calgary; British Columbia, H. D. Benson, M. P. P., Ladner's Landing. Directors—Robert Beith, Bowmanville; W. D. Sorby, Guelph; John Davidson,

Ashburn; George Cockburn, Baltimore; Andrew Russell, Carrville; Robert Graham, Claremont; and Robert Miller, Brougham.

Representatives from the association were elected to other institutions as follows:—Central Farmers' Institute—D. McCrae, Guelph; Toronto Industrial Exhibition—Mr. H. Wade and Mr. John Davidson, Ashburn. Western Fair—Mr. E. Charlton, Ottawa Fair—Mr. Thomas Good. Montreal Exhibition—Mr. Robert Ness. Auditors—Messrs. Green and Major.

Shorthorn Breeders' Association.

The seventh annual meeting of the Dominion Shorthorn Breeders' Association was held on the 10th February, in Toronto. This society has had a very successful year. The number of registrations and certificates granted are much in excess of former years, the fees for the above amounting to \$682 more than last year. This shows that the Shorthorn business is in a very flourishing condition. The increase in membership over the previous year is sixty-one.

Complaint was made as to the unneighborly and unjust conduct of the Treasury Department of the United States, by the advice of their Live Stock Association, in leaving our herd book out of the list of those eligible to pass animals across the line free of duty, when it is known that our standard is higher than any book printed.

John I. Hobson proposed that the Hon. John Dryden be elected as a life member, and that a testimonial and suitable address be presented to him, with a view of acknowledging in some tangible way the great services which he had rendered in the interest of the Shorthorn breeders of Ontario.

This motion was unanimously adopted by a standing vote.

The financial committee reported that everything was in a prosperous condition. They had employed a chartered accountant to audit the books, and he had found everything correct. The committee further recommended the following changes in order to simplify and make receipts more uniform for registration fees, that being one of the principal sources of revenue, viz.:—Members to be charged the uniform fee of 75c. for registration and certificate, no pedigree to be recorded without certificate being issued for the same; non-members to be charged the uniform fee of \$1.25 for registration and certificate, no pedigree to be recorded without certificate being issued for the same. It was further recommended that new members' fees be \$1.00 in the future, instead of \$5.00. After considerable discussion the finance report was adopted.

Nicholas Awrey, M. P. P., was then introduced to the meeting, and spoke for nearly half an hour, dealing with questions of interest to the members of the Shorthorn Breeders' Association. Before closing Mr. Awrey said:—"I am strongly of the opinion that if the American Government schedule our cattle we should not exhibit any cattle at all at the World's Fair, and I want you to instruct me regarding your feelings in this matter."

When Mr. Awrey resumed his seat, John I. Hobson rose and moved as follows:—"That it is the opinion of this association that there does not exist, or has not existed in Canada, any pleuro-pneumonia, and if the quarantine regulations of the United States, as proclaimed by Secretary Rusk, are not modified in favor of exhibits, so as to permit them to be shown at the Columbian Exhibition without such quarantine, the Commissioners of the Dominion and Ontario should refrain from making any exhibits of cattle at the World's Fair."

John Idington, in a spirited speech, seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Moved by John Hope, seconded by T. E. Robson, that there never have been any pleuro-pneumonia cases in Canada, except in the cases of some cattle imported and quarantined at Quebec some years ago, and this association protests emphatically that the regulations now in force in Great Britain scheduling Canadian cattle should not be continued, and would endorse any action the Dominion Government may take in going to any expense to furnish the evidence of the fact necessary to bring about a rescission of the order, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Agriculture at Ottawa. The motion was carried with enthusiasm, and the meeting adjourned.

Officers for the ensuing year were then elected as follows:—

Richard Gibson, Delaware, president, re-elected. Vice-presidents—Arthur Johnston, Greenwood, Ont.; Hon. D. Ferguson, M. P. P., Charlottetown, P. E. I.; J. H. Ladner, Ladner's Landing, B. C.; D. Brims, Athelstane, Quebec; Josiah Wood, M. P., Sackville, N. S.; James Geddes, Calgary, Alta.; Prof. Geo. Lawson, Halifax, N. S.; John E. Smith, Brandon, Man. Executive Committee—W. J. Biggins, Clinton; J. L. Cowan, Galt; James Tolton, Walkerton; Wm. Linton, Aurora; F. I. Patten, St. George; Arthur Johnston, Greenwood; James Russell, Richmond Hill; John Isaac, Markham; W. G. Pettit, Burlington; C. M. Simmons, Ivan; Edward Jeffs, Bondhead; Jas. Hunter, Alma; T. Russell, Exeter; John I. Hobson, Moshborough; Wm. Ballantyne, Stratford.

The following delegates were appointed:—Toronto Industrial Exhibition, John I. Hobson and James Russell; Farmers' Institute, E. Jeffs; Cattle Breeders' Association, J. I. Hobson and A. Johnston; Western Fair, London, Messrs. Brown and Simmons; Hamilton Fair, W. G. Pettit; Montreal Industrial, Messrs. Sangster and Elliott.