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Canadian Hackney Horse

The fourth annual meeting was held at the Albion Hotel, Toronto, May 15th: Robt. B. M. P., President, in the chair; Henry W. Secretary.

ANNUAL REPORT.

The Secretary read his fourth annual report, a synopsis of which is given, showing the business done in 1895 and 1896 to date.

Inspection.—The names of inspectors now in Canada are as follows: John Carson, Kingston, Ont.; Dr. McLean, Meaford, Ont.; James A. Cochrane, Hillhurst, Que.; Robert Ness, Howick, Que.; Prof. C. McEachren, Montreal, Que.; J. Rutherford, V. S., Portage la Prairie, Man.; Adam Beck, London, Ont.; Thomas Irving, Winchester, Ont.; Robt. Bond, Toronto, Ont.; Geo. H. Hastings, Deer Park, Toronto; Robt. Graham, Claremont, Ont.; Robt. Beith, Bowmanville; and A. Wilson, Paris, Ont.

Membership.—Thirteen members have paid their subscription of \$5.00 for 1896. There is plenty of room for recruits. Registrations were few last year owing to the dullness of the horse market, but the recording of inspected mares with their fillies should be encouraged.

Sales of Hackneys during the past year have been very encouraging, as a great many of the prize winners were sold at high figures.

The Show Ring.—The exhibition of Hackneys at the Toronto Industrial was alluded to as being first-class, and the Secretary, in referring to Hackneys at the late Canadian Horse Show, said:—"The show of Hackneys was very attractive, and notwithstanding the sale of so many this year the classes were well filled. The first appearance of two first prize winners (viz., Graham Bros.' Royal Standard and Thor. Irving's Moorland) in the ring was hailed with delight. The show put up by the Hackneys was thoroughly appreciated by the audience, and brought more applause than any other classes in the ring. If possible, we must add more classes another year, both stallions and mares, to encourage more exhibitors to invest in this splendid breed of horses." For the Canadian Horse Show of 1895, \$295 was raised and paid over to them for the Hackney classes; to the Industrial, \$30, and to the Western Fair, \$25; this year to the Canadian Horse Show, \$30 for a sweepstakes prize for stallions, and a \$50 prize offered to the Industrial for stallion and three of his get—1st, \$35; 2nd, \$15. If the Western Fair does not clash with any other large show it will be well to offer them a prize also. It would be good policy, if we could afford it, to offer a prize at Montreal and Winnipeg as well as at Toronto and London. The larger our membership the more premiums will we be able to offer at the different shows.

Finance.—Receipts, 1895—Jan. 1st, cash on hand, \$146; April collections for show, \$240; December, thirteen members at \$5, \$66; total, \$451. Expenditures—April, by cash to Can. Horse Show, special prize, \$60; April, by cash to Can. Horse Show, \$225; Sept., by cash Industrial Exhibition, \$80; by cash Western Fair, \$25; Dec. 31st, cash on hand, \$101; total, \$451.

Moved by H. N. Crossley, seconded by G. H. Hastings, that Mr. John K. Macdonald, of Toronto, and Adam Beck, of London, be accepted as members to the Hackney Horse Society. Carried.

Mr. Wade read a circular from the Hackney Horse Society of London, Eng., offering silver medals to affiliated societies.

Moved by Mr. H. N. Crossley, seconded by Mr. A. G. Bowker, that Mr. Wade correspond with Mr. Henry P. Euren, Secretary of the Society, and ask if it is agreeable for him to offer medals at the Industrial Exhibition for Hackneys; also make application for the next Spring Horse Show. Carried.

Election of Officers.—President, Robt. Beith M. P., Bowmanville, Ont.; 1st Vice-President H. N. Crossley, Toronto, Ontario; 2nd Vice-President, Geo. H. Hastings, Toronto, Ont. For Ontario—A. G. Ramsay, Hamilton; Quebec—Jas. A. Cochrane, Hillhurst; Nova Scotia—Mr. Black, New Brunswick—Hon. D. McLellan, St. John's; Prince Edward Island—Hon. Jas. Clowe, Murray Harbour; Northwest Territories—Mr. Rawlingson, Calgary, Alta.; Manitoba—A. J. Moore, Swan Lake; British Columbia—S. F. Tolme, Victoria, B. C.

Directors.—A. G. Bowker, Woodstock, Ont.; Robt. Graham, Claremont; John Holderness, Toronto; Robt. Davies, Toronto; John K. Macdonald, Toronto; H. Awrey, Hamilton; Robt. Bond, Toronto; R. McKwen, Byron; Robt. Miller, Brougham.

Auditors.—G. H. Hastings and Geo. Pepper Delegate to Industrial Exhibition, H. Wade, Toronto.

Moved and seconded, that the Secretary ask the Board of the Industrial Exhibition for the privilege of sending another delegate from the Hackney Horse Society, and if the request be granted, Mr. Geo. H. Hastings be that delegate. Carried.

A paper on "Hackneys" was read by Mr. Geo. H. Hastings, of Deer Park, which was thoroughly appreciated by all present.

Mr. A. Johnston, of Greenwood, Ont., reports from the Greenwood herd as follows:—"Our cattle all went to grass uncommonly early this spring. They were all out by the 6th May, and some very much earlier. Our feed supply lasted through the winter and some to spare. In cows and calves we have about thirty of the latter. They are beginning to take on that bloom which only good grass can give them, and which only the ravages of the horn-fly and other like pests can rob them of. Our calves are a really beautiful lot. They excel in the very desirable qualities of vigorous good health and uniformity in appearance, and quality. Besides those running in the field we have a bunch of eight or ten bull and heifer calves which we are pushing along for show purposes in the fall. They are well forward for the time, and there are some wonderful animals among them. We have still a number of young bulls of serviceable age for sale yet. Indian Brave is doing well. He is increasing in scale at a wonderful rate. He is quite active and useful. If he is beaten at Toronto next September, Canadian breeders can congratulate themselves on the fact that there are two or more phenomenal two-year-old bulls in the country for sale. The White Duchess of Gloster bull looks as if he meant to do justice to his pedigree and color. He is improving every day with good care and lots of exercise."



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