

the open prize and the American special for four lambs the get of one sire, the American Shropshire Association's special championship for ewes, and a clean sweep of firsts and championships in the classes for fat Shropshires, in which he won the highest possible honors with every sheep he entered. It might be noted that the Edwards' wether lamb which won first in the open class at Guelph was here turned down. Most of the Canadian exhibitors put up good stuff, dropped into the money occasionally, and took home some sheep not fortunate enough to be placed.

SOUTHDOWNS.—Perhaps the stellar attraction of the sheep pens was the Southdown wethers shown by Sir Geo. Drummond, of Beaconsfield, Que., who won every championship in these classes, as well as the three grand championships open to all breeds, grades and crosses, viz., champion shearling wether, champion lamb, and champion pen of five wether lambs. In the breeding classes of Southdowns there were three competitors, Drummond, Telfer Bros., Paris, Ont., and Geo. McKerrrow & Sons, of Wisconsin. Drummond was first and third in aged rams, first in shearling rams, first and third in ram lambs, and first with his pen of lambs. Telfer Bros. came in for some seconds and thirds, notably second and third on ewe lambs. The ram and ewe championships went to McKerrrow.

OXFORD DOWNS.—McKerrrow again figured prominently in the Oxfords, Geo. McKerrrow, Wm. McKerrrow and "Dick" Stone, of Illinois, mixing things up pretty well, the McKerrrows getting the bulk of the money in breeding classes, including ram and ewe championships.

HAMPSHIRE.—In Hampshire Downs, Telfer Bros., of Paris, butted in to pretty good purpose, winning from the Americans, P. W. Artz, Chilmark Farm, and Jas. West, first prizes in the only three sections in which they exhibited, viz., ram lambs, ewe lambs and pen of rams the get of one sire; the ewe lamb also won the open championship. The judge was H. N. Gibson, of Delaware, Ont.

DORSET HORNS showed up stronger than last year as to numbers, there being three Canadian exhibitors, R. H. Harding, of Thorndale; Hastings Bros., Crosshill, and John Hunter, Wyoming, pitted against three Americans, viz., J. B. Henderson, of Pennsylvania; The Mich. Prem. Stk. Co., Ltd., of Michigan, and S. Shaffer, of Pennsylvania. Harding won out as usual, taking every first but two in the breeding classes, including the ram sweepstakes. Henderson got the female championship on his first-prize shearling ewe. Harding had the best of it also in the wether classes, getting first for pen of five lambs and wether championship. Hunter brought out some very good stuff, on which he succeeded in getting several prizes, including a second on ewe lambs and on pen of five wether lambs.

COTSWOLDS.—The ratings in Cotswolds were ordered by a Canadian judge, T. Hardy Shore, of Glanworth, Ont., and in the ribboned strings F. W. Harding, of Wisconsin, had a good many entries bedecked with the blue, and securing the bulk of the best prizes. Lewis Bros., of Illinois; Elgin F. Park, of Burgessville, Ont., and J. C. Ross, of Jarvis, Ont., helped to make things interesting, the former heading the list in pen of four lambs get of one sire, while Ross walked his ram lamb to the top. Lewis Bros. had the champion ram, and Harding the champion ewe.

LINCOLNS.—A good class of Lincolns was passed upon by Jas. Snell, of Clinton, Ont. Ontario had things to herself here, J. T. Gibson, of Denfield, and J. H. and E. Patrick, of Ilderton, being the only exhibitors. Patrick had some good sheep, and secured first in ram lambs, dividing Gibson's entries in most other sections, but in nearly each one Gibson had something hard to get above, and, accordingly, got all the firsts but one, and both championships, first for flocks, as well as all the firsts for pure-bred wethers, and first for long-wooled, grade or cross-bred yearling wether, and for pen of five yearling wethers. Patrick had first wether lamb, and first for pen of five wether lambs.

LEICESTERS.—Mr. James Snell also distributed the ribbons among a most excellent exhibit of Leicesters. The fact that Mr. A. W. Smith's (Maple Lodge) first-prize aged ram, which was also first as a shearling at St. Louis last year, had to go below an imported shearling of Geo. Truesdell's, Maryland, in the championship competition, says enough for this sheep. In fact, Mr. Smith was up against good stuff throughout, and got, perhaps, no more firsts than he deserved, though he finished the breeding classes with blue ribbons (first prizes) on aged ram, ewe lamb, flock, and pen of four lambs, the latter being an extra good bunch, uniform, well grown, strong-backed and well covered, with long, wavy locks of lustrous wool, of the kind always in evidence at Maple Lodge. Hastings Bros., of Crosshill, Ont., took the lead in ram lambs and shearling ewes, winning championship on the winner of the latter class. Truesdell's yearling ram took the male championship. John Orr, of Galt, Ont., brought out some good stuff, which got into second place in some sections.

CHEVIOTS.—There were but three exhibitors in the breeding classes of Cheviots, all Americans, viz., Hugh F. Collins, Indiana; M. P. and S. E. Lantz, of Illinois, and the University of Wisconsin. Lantz had decidedly the best of it, winning all firsts and championships.

SWINE.

The only Canadian hog in the show was a Berkshire burrow, exhibited by W. H. Durham, Toronto, in the class over 12 and under 18 months. He did his best, however, winning first in his class and the champion ship. A right good pig he was, weighing over six

hundred pounds, and exhibiting splendid bacon type. Though he competed at a disadvantage with the American thick, fat type, his strong bone, firm, even fleshing, extraordinary smoothness and quality were a combination the judges could not get over. It is a pity we didn't have more of his kind to win laurels for the Dominion at this magnificent live-stock exposition.



Mr. R. J. Mackie, Oshawa, Ont.

President Canadian Hereford Cattle Breeders' Ass'n.

Canadian Hereford Breeders Meet.

The annual meeting of the Canadian Hereford Breeders' Association, held at Guelph during the week of the Winter Fair, was declared by the President, Mr. R. J. Mackie, the largest and most representative meeting in the history of the association. The report of the Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Henry Wade, Toronto, showed a balance on hand of \$600. A recommendation was favorably considered, providing for the assessment of each member to the extent of 50 cents, to make them members of the Dominion Cattle Breeders' Association. Representatives were appointed to the National Record Board. A committee was appointed to wait upon Hon. Mr. Fisher, Minister of Agriculture, requesting him to appoint a representative in the West to induce Hereford breeders who are recording in American records to record in the Canadian Herdbook.

The report of the Registrar, Mr. J. W. Nimmo, Ottawa, referred to the action of the association in deciding to nationalize the records and transfer the office from Toronto to Ottawa. Under registrations, Mr. Nimmo reported that the pedigrees of 550 bulls and 800 females, or a total of 1,440 pedigrees, have been recorded, as well as 268 transfers and duplicate certificates issued during the past year, as follows:

	Reg.	Fees.
Ontario	382	\$194.20
Manitoba	316	134.05
Territories	781	290.10
Quebec	13	5.10
Nova Scotia	4	3.00
United States	42	23.00
		\$649.45

The Registrar made the following recommendation, which was adopted by the meeting:

"That the time for bringing in American ancestors free of charge be extended until May 1st, 1906, and a circular be issued to all the Hereford breeders announcing this fact, and stating that pedigrees received up to that date will appear in the fourth issue of the Record. No doubt, by May 1st we would have nearly two thousand.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, R. J. Mackie, Oshawa; 1st Vice-President, J. A. McDermid, Stayner; 2nd Vice-President, W. H. Hunter, The Maples. Vice-Presidents for the Provinces—Ontario, J. A. Govenlock, Forest; Quebec, H. D. Smith, Compton; Nova Scotia, W. W. Black, Amherst; New Brunswick, H. B. Hall, Gagetown; Manitoba, Jas. A. Chapman, Beresford; Alberta, C. Palmer, Lacombe; Assiniboia, R. Sinton, Regina; British Columbia, J. L. McKay, Sinclair. Sec.-Treas., H. Wade, Toronto; Registrar, J. W. Nimmo, Ottawa. Directors—W. H. Hammill, Beeton, Ont.; A. Warner, Painswick, Ont.; F. M. Copeland, Harriston, Ont.; M. O'Neill, Smithgate, Ont.; Mossom Boyd, Bobcaygeon, Ont.; A. S. Hunter, Durham, Ont.; R. W. Stutt, Forest, Ont.

A Bouquet for Us.

A Brant subscriber writes, expressing great satisfaction with the "Farmer's Advocate" during the past. He enumerates three things that particularly pleased him: 1st, the publication of an article which he sent telling how to overcome a certain weed; 2nd, securing some excellent seed corn from an advertiser in the paper, and, 3rd, getting a splendid Tamworth hog from another advertiser.

Annual Meetings Horse and Cattle Breeders' Associations.

The second week in February has been selected for the annual meetings of the different live-stock and horse-breeders' associations, the dates being as follows:

MONDAY, FEB. 5th.—8 p.m.—Annual meeting Directors Dominion Shorthorn Breeders' Association, Room G, King Edward Hotel; H. Wade, Secretary.

TUESDAY, FEB. 6th.—11 a.m.—Twentieth annual meeting Dominion Shorthorn Breeders' Association, St. George's Hall; H. Wade, Secretary.

8 p.m.—Annual meeting Harness, Hunter and Saddle Horse Society, Room G, King Edward Hotel; H. J. P. Good, Secretary. Annual meeting Directors Canadian Ayrshire Breeders' Association, Walker House; H. Wade, Secretary.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 7th.—Fourth annual Canadian Clydesdale and Shire Show (The Repository, corner Simcoe and Nelson Sts.); H. Wade, Secretary.

10.30 a.m.—Annual meeting Canadian Ayrshire Breeders' Association (The Repository), corner Simcoe and Nelson Sts.; H. Wade, Secretary.

4.30 p.m.—Annual meeting Canadian Hackney Horse Society of Canada (The Repository), corner Simcoe and Nelson Sts.; H. Wade, Secretary.

8 p.m.—Fifth annual meeting Canadian Pony Society (The Repository), corner Simcoe and Nelson Sts.; H. G. Wade, Secretary.

THURSDAY, FEB. 8th.—Fourth annual Clydesdale and Shire Show, The Repository, corner Simcoe and Nelson Sts.; H. Wade, Secretary.

10.30 a.m.—Annual meeting Canadian Shire Horse Breeders' Association, The Repository, corner Simcoe and Nelson Sts.; H. Wade, Secretary.

8 p.m.—Annual meeting Clydesdale Horse Association, The Repository, corner Simcoe and Nelson Sts.; H. Wade, Secretary.

FRIDAY, FEB. 9th.—Fourth annual Canadian Clydesdale and Shire Show, The Repository, corner Simcoe and Nelson Sts.; H. Wade, Secretary.

8 p.m.—Annual meeting Canadian Horse Breeders' Association, The Repository, corner Simcoe and Nelson Sts.; H. Wade, Secretary.

American Leicester Breeders' Association.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The American Leicester Breeders' Association held their annual meeting in the City Hall, Guelph, on Tuesday, 12th December, and had a large attendance of members, and much interest was evinced in the business and welfare of the association. The President, Mr. J. M. Gardhouse, made a pleasant address, congratulating the members on the prosperity of their favorite breed, and the increasing popularity of Leicesters. Much interest was displayed in the question of affiliating with the Canadian Record for Leicesters being established for the Dominion. A motion was made for a committee to negotiate for a basis of affiliation on satisfactory terms, if it were possible. A feeling of confidence in the substantial standing and prosperity of the American Association, which is composed of both Canadians and citizens of U. S., of which probably fully 90 per cent. are of Canada, prevailed so strongly that the motion was lost by a very large majority; the prevailing idea being that it was better to "let well enough alone."

It was also decided to offer special prizes in 1906 at the Winter Fair at Guelph, Ontario, and at Amherst, N.S., for three ewe lambs recorded in American Leicester Flock Book, only those who have never won the specials of the association to compete. It was also resolved, by motion, that Vol. 5 of the Record be published at once.

Officers elected were: President, J. M. Gardhouse, Weston; Vice-President, Jas. Snell, Clinton; Secretary-Treasurer, A. J. Semple, Cameron, Ill. Directors—C. E. Wood, James Douglas, Geo. B. Armstrong, Andrew Whitelaw, Wm. Ginnes. The first four from Ontario, and the latter from Michigan.

Reason for the Vacant Lands of New Ontario.

To the Editor "Farmer's Advocate":

The Hon. Minister of Crown Lands advertises lands for the landless, lumber for the lumberman, but nothing for the settler. The Government has sold all the pine to lumbermen, and it must be remembered that where pine grows in New Ontario very little other timber is found. A settler is supposed to build a house sixteen feet by twenty. He cuts logs and hauls them to the river. The lumberman takes them, and the settler is put out of business. He is forced out of the country, and leaves the land vacant. A young Canadian located a lot, paid for it, cut some logs to build with, and these were taken by a lumberman. The settler was advised to write to Hon. F. Cochrane, which he did, and sent an affidavit that the lumber was for his own use to improve his own farm, but he got no satisfaction. All he asked the Government for was to get back the money he had paid out. Is that not great encouragement for our young men? The Government had better give the land to the lumbermen, as well as all the timber. The settler cannot improve, cannot buy or live outside. A word for the poor veterans who risked their lives for Canada and the Empire. There are some veterans here who have been given land on which the lumbermen are at present working, and not leaving a pine tree that will make a two by four scantling. With no timber to build with the settlers cannot stay, and unless something is done at once there must be a lot of fine land vacant. A SETTLER.