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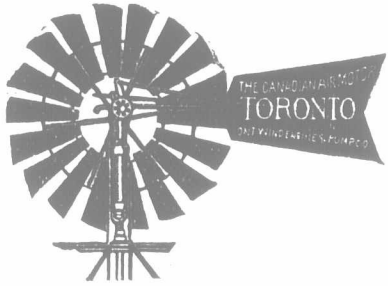
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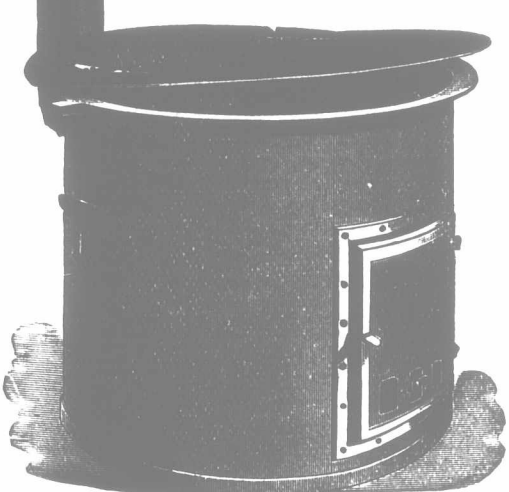
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**The Dominion Shorthorn Breeders' Association.**

The importance of the breed society to the live-stock industry, says "The Farmer's Advocate," Winnipeg, might not be appreciated in a country where the Shorthorn lacked the preponderance it has in Western Canada, but while the importance of the association is admitted, it must be a progressive body to maintain its proper position in the agriculture of the Dominion, namely, as leader of all Canadian breed societies. Not many years ago, just previous to the time when the National Records movement was launched, the Western men felt they were not getting the representation in the councils of the association they were entitled to, and, consequently, had no voice in the administration of Shorthorn affairs. Some even advocated a separate association, a project for which we had not sympathy, inasmuch as it would have tended to increased cost for registration and confusion of pedigrees, and would have sown doubt in the minds of many as to the authenticity of records. Fortunately, wiser counsels prevailed, the parent body became somewhat awakened to its duty and accorded a measure of representation to the Western men. At present, the directorate is composed of fifteen members, of which Alberta has one, Manitoba three, and Ontario the balance. We believe a rearrangement in the interest of the breed and the society, would be one director for Saskatchewan, and one for the Maritime Provinces and Quebec. Last year, the expenses of one of the vice-presidents was paid to the annual meeting, a precedent we doubt that the by-laws of the society provide for. In any event, if allowed to one Province, it should be allowed to all. Further, we believe the method of electing directors is antiquated, obsolete and unfair. Undoubtedly, it suited conditions of former days when there were few breeders in Canada of the reds, whites and roans outside Ontario. The directors appointed to represent a Province should be elected by the breeders in that Province, and not as now by the general meeting at Toronto. This might easily be done, the taking of the poll to be done by the secretary of the live-stock associations in the provinces. This idea might not commend itself to those resident in Ontario, but whether it does or not, the principle enunciated here is the correct one, being a restatement of that old British idea—no taxation without representation. Ballots could be mailed in December to the members in each Province, on which would be printed a list of the paid-up members of the society in that particular Province, and when marked by the recipients with a X against the name or names of the men they wished elected as director, could be returned to the secretary aforesaid and the ballots counted in the presence of one of two others authorized to be present for that purpose, affidavits being taken later as to the correctness of the results.

The society has even a greater work to do, namely, to encourage the development of the milking propensities of the breed, and thus make it possible for the general farmer to invest in Shorthorns with the prospect of such being profitable animals from a work-a-day standpoint, or, in other words, that Shorthorn breeders should be encouraged to develop animals that will be of such a type as to be profitable, even if not possessed of a show-ring reputation or aristocratic lineage. It would not be a bad idea to inject some new blood into the directorate. On it for years have been veterans of the show- and sales-ring, men who have done a great work, importing and breeding the very best, on whom Time has begun to lay his hand, and whose interest in the breed has not died out, albeit that is the sum total of their connection with the breed. New blood must be brought in to keep up the virility of the society, but in doing so moderation must be observed, for the accumulated wisdom of the older men will be needed to mingle with the progressive ideas of those of a younger generation.

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