

Annual Meeting of the Dominion D. H. Breeders' Society.

The third annual meeting of this organization was held in the Town Hall, Clinton, on Wednesday last, with a large attendance of members. President John McMillan, M. P., occupied the chair. The financial statements showed the balance on hand at last audit, \$1,491.42; received during the year, \$825.50; disbursements for salaries, printing, postage and other expenses, \$428.47; balance on hand, \$1,888.45. The Secretary's report showed 604 entries received for the second volume—359 stallions and 245 mares.

The report of the Council was read, containing an account of their doings for the year and submitting several important recommendations. The report stated that the Council had ordered the prosecution of two parties for false entries, under sec. 85, chap. 11, 49 Vic., A. and A. Act of Ontario, and these would be decided shortly. They had also decided to close the second volume of the stud book on March 1st.

On the subject of registering animals bred in the United States, from Dominion Draught stock, several letters had been received, but the Council, entertaining doubts on the advisability of such registration, or the power of the Society therein under its letters of incorporation, had consulted Mr. J. T. Garrow, Q. C., and his opinion was submitted to the meeting. It was to the effect that the Society being incorporated under the laws of Ontario, for the declared purpose of "promoting the interests of breeders of draught horses in Canada," it had no authority to extend its business outside of this country, and necessarily would have no control or authority over applicants from the United States where false representations were made in an entry for registry. This opinion was on motion endorsed by the meeting, and the Secretary instructed to give all assistance or information which might be desired by parties in the United States, who might organize a stud book there.

The Council recommended (1), the passage of a resolution declaring the progeny of Dominion Draught stock eligible for any volume of the stud book; (2), that the standard of registration for the third volume should be three crosses of accepted sires; (3), that only one-half the Council retire each year hereafter; (4), that the Secretary be empowered to charge 25 cents for each letter necessary after the first one to complete or perfect an entry presented for registration; (5), that where animals are purchased by shippers or jobbers the entry for registration be required to be made by the breeder or owner of the animal; (6), that where the breeder is dead or his signature not obtainable, an application for registration must be attested to by the statement or affirmation of a responsible party before a notary public. All these recommendations were adopted by the meeting.

The election of officers resulted as follows:—President, John McMillan, M. P., Constance P. O., (re-elected); Vice-President, D. McIntosh, V. S., Brucefield (re-elected); Treasurer, John Aikenhead, V. S., Goderich; Secretary, James Mitchell, Goderich (re-elected). Council—P. Curtin, Adare; Alex. Innes, Clinton; P. McGregor, Brucefield; J. E. Blackall, V. S., Clinton; D. Fisher, Goderich; John McDiarmid, Lucknow; John Busch, Sebringville; James Henderson, Belton; J. J. Fisher, Benmiller; Wm. Sinclair, Chiselhurst; Thomas Green,

Dublin; C. E. Mason, Brucefield; J. H. McRoberts, Lucan.

It was decided that the Council should meet at least once every three months, and the first meeting for 1890 will be held about the time of closing the second volume.

S. Smillie, of Hensall, and Thomas McMillan, Constance, were appointed auditors for the current year.

It was decided that a dam with two crosses must be registered in order to admit her progeny to registration, but that mares not entered as dams must have three crosses to register.

After votes of thanks to the officers of the past year the annual meeting was closed.

COUNCIL MEETING.

A meeting of the new council was then held. Messrs. Innes, McIntosh, and D. Fisher were appointed a committee to receive the bonds of the new Treasurer and the Secretary, and transfer the bank accounts. The following were appointed as the Executive Committee for the revision of entries:—Alex. Innes, P. Curtin, D. McIntosh, James Henderson, and J. E. Blackall.

After transacting other routine business, the Council adjourned.

The Guelph Fat Stock Show.

The ninth annual meeting of the Guelph Fat Stock Club was a decided success, and much praise was deservedly given to the management for the enterprise and energy they have displayed in keeping up this truly instructive and interesting show. With the exception of two steers from St. Marys, one from Stratford and a cow from Hensall, the show was made up by local exhibitors, and much credit is due to all those who contributed to so good a display of well finished cattle, which consisted entirely of Shorthorns and Shorthorn grades. The judges for cattle were Messrs. John Hope, Brantford; S. Moore, Waterloo; Wm. Crealock, Toronto.

Before the labors of the evening were entered upon, the exhibitors, judges and a number of the visitors were invited by the President and Directors of the Fat Stock Club to a dinner* got up in capital style by the landlady of the Western Hotel. The room was nicely decorated, with a bill of fare reminding the guests of the approaching festive season.

In the first ring four three-year-old steers came to the call of Ring-master Taylor. Weir Bros., St. Marys, showing two nicely finished steers, on which they were awarded first and second. The first was won by a large, upstanding red steer, but plain in appearance, being rather coarse; he was not quite as even in flesh as is required, but very ripe, and showed the best of care and feeding. The second was of better quality, but not nearly as ripe. Mr. Ross, of Pilkinton, showed two, one of which took third prize, both well-grown steers, but they were not brought out in as good form nor as well finished as they should be at this age.

Only one two-year-old showed up, but he made up for deficiency in numbers by his individual excellence, taking first in his class, also coming out first in two other sweepstake rings. He was bred and fed by T. Ballantine & Son, of Stratford. Sired by the imp. Duthie bull, Methlic Hero; dam, a native cow, thus showing what wonderful feeding quality one cross of good breeding often produces. This steer was remarkably thick and even in his flesh, though hardly as firm as would be liked. He is a profitable beast to both feeder and butcher, weighing close to 1,800 pounds at thirty months.

Four yearlings came to the front, in which a beautiful red steer, bred and fed by W. Sharpe

& Son, Everton; sired by the imp. Campbell bull, Baron; dam, a cow of the discarded Roger strain. He was in grand form, just the type of a Shorthorn steer; full of quality and wonderfully ripe for his age, weighing 1,450 pounds at nineteen months. Duncan Stewart, also of Everton, won second with a nice red steer, also by Baron, the third going to Elijah Searle's roan steer.

No less than eight cows, three years and over, were ushered in, and most unfortunately; by the decision of the club the four best were prohibited from showing, as they were not allowed to compete in this class unless they had produced a calf. Thus at one sweep clearing the ring of three beautiful heifers, bred and fed by Jas. McQueen, of Salem, and another capital good one shown by W. Shillinglaw, Hensall, thus leaving rather a weaker class, made up by J. Atkinson, Utoka; N. Potter, Mono Mills; and John Phin, Hespeler, which were nicely fed and smooth useful cows, but nowhere near those disallowed. Heifers, under three, was rather a poor ring. The first going to heifer owned by Robert Irving, Nassagawaga; second and third to Geo. Wakefield, Guelph.

Two very nice even heifers, under two years, the first prize was won by John Atkinson; second, W. West, Guelph.

Best fat animal, any age or sex, by an exhibitor who has never shown at Guelph Fat Stock Show, going to T. Ballantine & Son.

Herd of three cattle, any age or sex, James McQueen, Salem, sweepstakes.

Sweepstakes (a mowing machine, presented by J. Harris & Sons, Brantford), for best fat animal; brought out a capital lot, including all the winners, with the ruled out heifers of Mr. McQueen's counted in, and was finally won by Mr. McQueen's beautiful heifer. She is wonderfully even and ripe. She, like the other two heifers shown by this exhibitor, being from pure bred Shorthorn cows, sired by a bull of the Roger sort.

The ring for best fat beast, any age or size, the "McAteer cup," value \$60, to be twice won by one exhibitor, and with a different animal. Cattle competing for this prize must never have been shown except in classes under a year. For this handsome prize a number came forward, but the pull was between the two-year-old steer of T. Ballantine & Son, and the yearling steer of W. Sharpe & Son, the coveted ribbon again going to the two-year-old. This cup was given by Mr. McAteer, of the Western Hotel, Guelph, who also most generously fitted up his stables at his own expense, and allowed the club the use of them gratis.

A goodly number of sheep, as might be expected, filled up the pens allotted them, John Rutherford, Roseville, Ont., sweeping all before him in the aged and shearing classes, with twelve of his picked champion flock just home from the Chicago Show, where 17 first, and 30 prizes in all, were carried off by him. With these he had placed a monster wether, weighing 402 lbs. The prizes for lambs, which were a remarkably good lot, going to Mr. Waters, the President of the club; also Messrs. Howitt, R. Irving, Parkinson and Rae were amongst the winners.

A few pigs were also on exhibition for the prizes prepared by the club, and given by the citizens of Guelph. Quite a display of poultry helped to add to the attraction of the show, the ladies very properly lending their assistance in awarding the prizes in this department.