

STOCK GOSSIP.

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SOUTHDOWN MEN IN SESSION.

The American Southdown Association met in annual session at Springfield, Ill., May 29th, Mr. George McKerrow, Sussex, Wis., presiding. The financial reports indicate that the Association is in a prosperous condition. It was decided that the first five volumes of the American Southdown Record be offered as special premiums at State and Provincial fairs of Canada, for pen of four lambs (two rams and two ewes) bred and owned by exhibitor. Also that a gold medal be offered for the best flock of Southdowns, as indicated by the premiums won at fairs in 1895.

The limit of time for recording lambs born in 1895 and thereafter, for 50c. each to members, was extended from January 1st to July 1st, following year of birth. Transfers not recorded within six months of sale will be charged a fee of 50c.

From the report of the Secretary, we extract the following: "Reports from breeders are of an encouraging nature, and lead to the belief that during the coming season the demand for Southdowns will be greater than ever before. The changing of wool-growing flocks to those that will produce mutton first and wool secondly, presents a grand opportunity for Southdown breeders. There is no question as to the superiority of their mutton, their claims for a fineness of wool next to the Merino; their prolificacy; their early maturity; their healthfulness, are well founded, and for hardiness the Merino, heretofore claiming the first place, must give way to the Southdown. Wherever they have been tried, either on the Merino, native or other sheep, their good qualities make them favorites. In regard to them, Mr. R. E. Fitzgerald, Shiner, Texas, says: 'I use all my thoroughbred rams on my Merino flocks, and the cross is perfectly splendid. In 1890 I saw that we could no longer raise sheep profitably for their wool only, so I concluded to try thoroughbred Shropshires and Southdowns. I have nothing to say against the Shropshires, and if I had not tried them along side with the Southdown, I am sure that I would have been satisfied with them, and thought they were good enough. The Southdown is the hardest sheep in the world. It was thought that no sheep could withstand our hot, dry climate like the Merino, but the Southdown will stay fat where the Merino will die of poverty. I saw that fully tested the past winter.' Mr. C. H. Nimson, in addressing the Sheep Breeders' and Wool Growers' Association, of Mitchell Co., North Carolina, speaking of the sheep owned by the Bellevue Farm Company, said: 'At Bellevue we selected the Southdown, because we believed that these sheep were better adapted to the climate, soil, and the surroundings, we could afford them, than any other. We commenced five years ago with poor, unselected native ewes of all ages, sizes and shapes—good, bad and indifferent; crossing them with pure-bred registered Southdown rams. The first cross made a wonderful change in the general appearance of the lambs, and in course of time they developed the characteristics of the Southdowns in other respects to an extent we had not been looking for. The second and third crosses have developed a mutton sheep that handle with ease and fatten readily. Our flock of grade and thoroughbred Southdown lambs will turn out a large proportion of good profitable feeders, weighing from seventy to one hundred pounds by December 1st. We have at Bellevue now more demand for Southdown ewes than we could begin to supply, even if we had our breeding flock up to the fullest capacity we could carry on the farm. The experience of these two flockmasters is that of others who have introduced the Southdown for the betterment of their sheep. This cross has been so successful that, as Mr. Nimson says, after five years' experience with a flock numbering from 300 to 700, graded up from the native sheep, we could not be induced to even experiment with other breeds. To make known these facts as to the Southdown's superiority for remodeling other breeds to conform to the sheep in demand to-day, must be the aim of all Southdown breeders. Their introduction into the several sections of the country will in a short time convince breeders that this is the breed they need. The greater demand for these sheep the coming season will be followed by a greatly increased call for them the next. The coming prosperity of those engaged in breeding them seems conclusive, and the greatest care should be taken to keep the breeding flock recorded, so that the high price that is always realized for stock thus fortified as to purity may be assured.

Officers elected for the ensuing year are:—President, John Hobart Warren, Hooick Falls, N. Y.; Secretary, John G. Springer, Springfield, Ill.; Treasurer, D. W. Smith, Springfield, Ill. Members of Board of Directors—Cassius M. Clay, White Hall, Ky.; John Jackson, Abingdon, Ont., Can.; W. E. Spicer, Harvard, Neb. The meeting adjourned to reassemble at Chicago during the Fat Stock Show, and at that meeting to discuss the advisability of holding annual meetings in Chicago.

NOTICES.

An opportunity to secure good dairy Shorthorns, at this age of choice and better as well as better prospects in beef, should give Robt. Garnham's advertisement in this issue a special interest. Good Shorthorns are always good property, and when they have extra dairy qualities they have just that much more to commend them.

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NOTICE.

CEMENT CONCRETE FOR WALLS, ETC. Mr. Isaac Usher, Thorold, informed us, during a recent visit, that his late trips among his patrons, to whom he has been giving instructions, have been in the vicinities of Baden, New Hamburg, Stratford, and Exeter, where many Queenston Cement Concrete structures are going up. Among his patrons at Stratford he mentioned the names of Hon. Thos. Ballantyne & Sons, who are having their entire stabling floored, and a 10x20-foot hog pen, with troughs, built all of cement concrete. It may be interesting to farmers who are having building done, that these floors are put down at the small cost of from 21 to 25 cents per square foot. Hog troughs which are entirely satisfactory, as well as indestructible, cost about 30 cents each. There is nothing to hinder any farmer to undertake and complete the work of constructing silos, walls, floors, troughs, etc., as well as any mechanic, if he receives the instructions which Mr. Usher will come to his place and give at his own expense.

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