

A Philistine Colt Breaker.

Albert G. Hubbard, horse-breeder, who hails from the town of East Aurora, center of the horse and literary worlds, gives a lesson in the art of colt-breaking in the last issue of his periodical of protest, *The Philistine*. He says: Some of Theodore Roosevelt's admirers a short time ago presented him with a statuette, entitled, "The Bronco Buster." The work was done by Frederick Remington, and shows a lank, lean horse in a perfect agony of fear. So well has the talented artist done his task that the poor horse seems to be sweating blood at every pore; his eyes are bursting from their sockets, the savage bit is tearing the delicate membranes of his mouth, while the long, sharp spur on the right foot of the rider is ripping his hide from ear to tail.

A word with you: In horsemanship I am no theorist, writing from the sixteenth floor of a city office building. I own horses, raise colts, and train them to saddle and harness. I have ridden horses since I wore dresses. I have had the sole care of horses on the plains, in pasture, on the track and in the barn; and this I know: the horse is not a savage animal. Whenever a so-called "vicious horse" is found, it is one that has been monkeyed with by a "bronco buster."

The process of "busting broncos" is to lasso an animal that has never had a man's hand on it, choke it into submission, clap a saddle on its back, cinch this saddle with two girths until the horse can scarcely breathe, then leap onto its back and by whip, curb and spur, followed up with wild hallooing, force the poor beast into a paroxysm of revolt. Then the rider simply sticks until the frantic, fear-stricken animal exhausts its strength. To break the spirit of the proud animal is the result desired.

The other way to break horses is to work with them slowly, "fuss" around them, get acquainted with them, and when the animal finds no harm is intended, put the harness on him and drive off. The horse is the most cheerful and willing servant man has, excepting the dog. And if we treated horses with the same familiarity in childhood that we do dogs in puppyhood, in a few generations your horse would be just as responsive and affectionate as your dog. The horse really wants to serve you; he knows you feed him and care for him, and he will be grateful if you give him a chance.

In the village of East Aurora there is a farm where are kept over six hundred trotting-bred horses. Many men are constantly engaged in training colts, and for one of these men to get into a struggle or a fight with an animal is regarded as sufficient grounds for that man's dismissal. The superintendent of this farm tells me that the entire scheme of training must be toward securing the confidence of the animal; keep him cheerful and conserve and develop his courage. To subdue a horse and break his spirit is as villainous a thing to do as to break the spirit of a man, or the heart of a woman. There are now various horse ranches in the West where no "bronco buster" is allowed to set foot. The horses are trained by gentle means. It takes a little more time, but gives you a better horse. And then it eases up your conscience—if you have such a thing.

Teddy Roosevelt is a pretty good fellow, but he is getting to a time in life when he should leave brutality behind. His desire should no longer be towards "busting" and killing things. Let him sink that statuette, which reveals the very quintessence of shocking cruelty, deep in Oyster Bay.—*The Horseman*.

Dominion Shorthorn Breeders' Association Annual Meeting.

The 13th annual meeting of the Dominion Shorthorn Breeders' Association was held in Shaftesbury Hall, Toronto, Feb. 8th. There was an unusually large attendance of members from Ontario, together with representatives from Nova Scotia, Manitoba and Alberta, and a buoyant feeling prevailed, the result of the increasingly active demand for Shorthorns at improved prices.

The president, Mr. James Russell, of Richmond Hill, occupied the chair, and in his address congratulated the Association on its growing time, which is evidenced by the large increase in registrations, and the very satisfactory condition of the Association's bank account, as well as in the brisk trade being done by the breeders. The report of the Secretary and Executive Committee showed that the paid registrations in 1898 were 5,386, as against 4,128 in 1897, and 2,957 in 1896, the increase in revenue from registrations in the same time being in like proportion the receipts from this source in 1898 being \$5,233, an increase of \$1,108 over 1897. The membership now stands at 713, as against 537 last year. The financial statement showed the receipts, including a balance on hand Jan. 1st, 1898, of \$6,731.18, to be, on Dec. 31st, \$13,865.95, and expenditure \$5,627.91, leaving a balance on hand of \$8,178.04.

Hon. John Dryden, Minister of Agriculture, addressed the meeting on the question of applying to the U. S. authorities for recognition of Dominion Herd Book certificates of registration by their customs officials, in order to pass breeding stock free of duty. The following resolution, moved by Mr. Arthur Johnston, and seconded by Mr. John I. Hobson, was adopted:

Whereas, this Association has learned that purchasers of Shorthorn cattle for exportation to the United States are put to much inconvenience and delay in shipment because of the necessity, under present regulations, of registering in the American Herd Book in order to pass the customs,

Therefore resolved: That, inasmuch as the standard of the Dominion Shorthorn Association is precisely the same as that of the American Record, and that such cattle, to be useful in the United States, must, in the end, be recorded there, this meeting is of opinion that every interest would be subserved and the customs authorities of properly accepted certificates of registration, signed by the Registrar, under the control of the Department of Agriculture of Ontario.

Resolved further: That a committee, consisting of Hon. John Dryden, John I. Hobson, Richard Gibson, Arthur Johnston, and Henry Wade, be hereby appointed to enlist the co-operation of the American Shorthorn Association in presenting this view to the proper authorities at Washington.

A resolution was adopted requiring the signature of both the breeder and the owner of animals presented for registration and, in case of death, the signature of the proper representative of the estate, the owner of the dam at the time of service being

recognized as the breeder. Transfer certificates should also bear the signature of the owner of the service bull, the name and number of the bull, and the date of service in the case of females of breeding age.

THE TUBERCULIN TEST.

The following resolution was adopted: Moved by R. Gibson, seconded by Wm. Linton, that we, the Shorthorn breeders of Canada, in our annual meeting, do hereby ask the Dominion Government to allow cattle to come into Canada from Great Britain without being tested for tuberculosis.

LIBERAL MONEY GRANTS FOR PRIZES.

On motion, it was decided to grant \$750 towards the prize list for Shorthorns at the Toronto Industrial, or the Western Fair at London, whichever offers the best terms by way of supplementing the amount offered in prizes in this class.

It was also agreed that \$500 be granted as prizes for Shorthorns at the Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition, provided the management of the Exhibition supplement the grant by a satisfactory amount. It was further agreed to place an additional \$300 in the hands of the Executive, to be offered in prizes at the leading exhibitions in other provinces as they may deem expedient.

Mr. J. C. Hanley, of Read, Ont., contributed an interesting paper on "What Shorthorns have done for the improvement of Canadian cattle," and D. Alexander, Bridgeton, an able article on the "Tuberculin test," the latter, unfortunately, being received too late to be read at the meeting.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

The officers for 1899 were elected, as follows:—President, James Russell, Richmond Hill; First Vice-President, John I. Hobson, Guelph; Second Vice-President, Robt. Miller, Stouffville. Ex-Presidents, life members—Hon. John Dryden, Brooklin; Richard Gibson, Delaware; A. Johnston, Greenwood. Vice-Presidents from Provinces—Wm. Linton, Aurora, Ont.; F. G. Boyver, Georgetown, P.E.I.; J. H. Ladner, Ladner's Landing, B.C.; James A. Cochrane, Hillhurst, Que.; Geo. A. Fawcett, Sackville, N.B.; W. D. Shattuck, Davisburg, Alta.; C. A. Archibald, Truro, N.S.; W. E. Heuback, Touchwood, Hills, Assin.; Hon. Thomas Greenway, Crystal City, Man. Board of Directors: A list—W. J. Biggins, Clinton; David Itae, Fergus; James Tolton, Walkerton; John Davidson, Ashburn; W. D. Flatt, Hamilton. B list—W. D. Cargill, Cargill; A. W. Smith, Maple Lodge; John Isaac, Markham; W. G. Pettit, Freeman; C. M. Simmons, Ivan. C list—Edward Jeffs, Bondhead; H. Smith, Hay; T. E. Robson, Iderton; F. L. Patten, M.D., St. George; James M. Gardhouse, Highfield. Executive and Finance Committee—James Russell, Richmond Hill, President; John I. Hobson, Mosboro'; William Linton, Aurora; Robert Miller, Stouffville; Arthur Johnston, Greenwood. Delegates to Industrial Exhibition, Hon. John Dryden, Brooklin; John I. Hobson, Mosboro'. Delegates to Western Fair, Henry Smith, Hay; C. M. Simmons, Ivan. Delegates to Central Fair, Ottawa, R. R. Sangster, Lancaster; D. McLaren, Dunnmore. Delegates to Provincial Exhibition, Nova Scotia, C. O. Chase, Church street, Cornwallis, N. S.; C. W. Holmes, Amherst, N. S. Delegates to Provincial Exhibition, New Brunswick, Senator Josiah Wood, Sackville, N. B.; Geo. A. Fawcett, Sackville, N. B. Delegates to Provincial Exhibition, Prince Edward Island, C. C. Gardiner, Charlottetown, P. E. I.; F. G. Boyver, Georgetown, P. E. I. Secretary and Editor, Henry Wade, Toronto.

The Canadian Horse Breeders' Association.

The annual meeting of the Canadian Horse Breeders' Association was held at the Albion Hotel, Toronto, February 9th. There was a very good attendance, and a good feeling was manifested on account of the brighter outlook for the horse trade.

Mr. Robt. Davis, the retiring president, occupied the chair, and in his address referred to the improved demand for good horses and the substantial advance in prices for that class.

Mr. H. Wade, the secretary, presented his report and the financial statement, which was very satisfactory, showing receipts for 1898, \$1,932.25; expenditures, prizes, \$3,355; military grant, \$750; expense of running spring show, \$817.50; balance on hand, \$835.71.

On motion, it was decided to hold a horse show in Toronto in the spring (probably in April) in conjunction with the Country and Hunt Club. A committee was appointed to interview the railway authorities for reduced freight rates on pure-bred registered horses for breeding purposes.

The following is the list of officers elected: President, Dr. A. Smith, Toronto; First Vice-President, H. N. Crossley, Rossau; Second Vice-President, R. Beith, M.P., Bowmanville. Directors—Hackney Horse Association, R. Beith and John Macdonald; Clydesdale Association, R. Beith and J. Graham; Shire Association, H. N. Crossley and W. E. Wellington; Thoroughbred Association, Dr. Smith and W. Hendrie, Jun.; Trotting and Pacing Association, S. B. Fuller, Woodstock, and E. W. Cox, Toronto; Draft Horse Association, A. McInnes, Clinton, and J. Henderson, Belton; Additional Directors, Geo. Pepper, Toronto; D. B. Simpson, Bowmanville.

Delegates: To Toronto Industrial Exhibition, H. N. Crossley and D. B. Simpson; Western Fair, London, R. McEwan and O. Sorby.

Special committee to arrange for horse show—Dr. Smith, R. Davies, H. N. Crossley, J. Macdonald, and H. Wade.

Annual Meeting of the Holstein-Friesian Association.

The sixteenth annual meeting of the Canadian Holstein-Friesian Association was held at the Albion Hotel, Toronto, on Tuesday, February 7th. The attendance was good, and included several visitors from the United States. The President, Mr. Wm. G. Ellis, occupied the chair, and other speakers were Messrs. A. C. Hallman, New Dundee; G. A. Gilroy, Glen Buell; T. W. Charlton, St. George; Alfred Rice and George Rice, Curries, Ont.; Wm. Shunk, Sherwood; Wm. Armstrong, Locust Hill, Ont.; H. Bollert, Cassel; R. S. Stevenson, Ancaster; J. H. Emery, Edward Adams, Toronto; Henry Welsh, Weston; John Clarkson, Summerville; Wm. McClure, Norval; R. W. Walker, Utica; S. Shunk, Jr., Edgely; G. W. Clemons and W. A. Clemons, St. George; J. A. Matteson, Utica, N. Y.; Henry Stevens and Ralph J. Stevens, Lacona, N. Y.

The report of the Secretary showed that the business of the Association had increased forty per cent. during the past year, and although Vol. III. of the Herd Book had been printed and distributed free to members during the year, the satisfactory balance of \$621.76 is now in the treasury. The registrations for the year numbered 382, and the transfers 196, while 17 new members were added to the roll of the Association.

The sum of \$300 was voted in aid of the dairy tests at the Toronto, Ottawa, Winnipeg, Brandon, and the Provincial Fat Stock and Dairy Shows, provided that the rules of these tests were agreeable to the Association.

A committee was appointed to revise the Constitution, subject to the approval of the next general meeting, in order to bring the Executive Committee into closer touch with the work of the Association.

The election of officers for 1899 resulted as follows: President, Wm. G. Ellis, Toronto; First Vice-President, A. C. Hallman, New Dundee; Second Vice-President, T. W. Charlton, St. George; Third Vice-President, Alfred Rice, Curries; Fourth Vice-President, G. A. Gilroy, Glen Buell. Directors (two years): Wm. Shunk, Sherwood; A. Hoover, Jr., Emery. Directors (one year): H. Bollert, Cassel; R. S. Stevenson, Ancaster. Secretary-Treasurer, G. W. Clemons, St. George. Auditors: J. H. Patten, Paris; Wm. Shuhring, Sebringville.

The salary of the Secretary-Treasurer was fixed at \$250 for the year.

Delegates to the different fairs were named as follows: Toronto—W. G. Ellis and Wm. Shunk; London—Edwin Smith and J. W. Johnson; Ottawa—G. A. Gilroy and Joseph Fletcher; Montreal (in case a fair is held)—G. A. Gilroy and C. M. Keeler; Sherbrooke—John Pickering and Ogden Sweet;

St. John, N. B.—O. J. Peters; Winnipeg—Jas. Glennie and J. T. Hutchinson.

It was decided to return to the old plan of having one expert judge at Toronto Industrial, and the following were recommended as suitable for the position: Henry Van Dresher, Cobleskill, N. Y.; A. F. Cole, Morrisville Station, N. Y.; D. J. Hinchley, South Brookfield, N. Y. For London—Messrs. Shuhring, Charlton, Patten; Ottawa—Messrs. Bollert, Stevenson, Shunk; Montreal—Messrs. Shunk, Bollert, Hallman; Winnipeg and Brandon—Messrs. Charlton, A. Rice, Gilroy; Sherbrooke—Messrs. Fletcher and Clemons.

President Matteson and Mr. Henry Stevens, of the American Holstein-Friesian Association, addressed the meeting on the subject of the amalgamation of the Herd Books of the two Associations and requested that a committee of three members be appointed to meet a similar committee from the American Association for the purpose of discussing the advantages of such a course.

None of the Canadian breeders favored amalgamation, but it was decided that as a matter of courtesy such a committee should be appointed, and the President, Mr. W. G. Ellis, Mr. T. W. Charlton and the Secretary were named as members. The meeting then adjourned to meet again at Toronto next year.

The Canadian Clydesdale Horse Breeders' Association.

The thirteenth annual meeting of the Clydesdale Horse Breeders' Association was held at the Albion Hotel, Toronto, February 9th. Mr. Robert Davies, the retiring President, occupied the chair, and there was a good attendance. Mr. Henry Wade, the Secretary-Treasurer, presented the annual report, in which he stated that there had been a decided improvement in the demand for Clydesdales, increased interest being manifest. With the improved demand has come a renewal of importations of breeding stock from the Old Country. One importer has brought out as many as eleven in the last year. Among those who have introduced new blood into the country have been Messrs. John Isaac, Markham; Dalgety Bros., Dundee, Scotland, and Glencoe, Ont.; Arthur Johnston, Greenwood. There has also been a considerable movement of Clydesdales from Ontario to points in Northwest. Mr. John A. Turner, Millerville, Alta., has taken nine head from Messrs. Sorby, Guelph, and Mr. Chas. Michie, Payna, Alta., has been another purchaser. Registrations during the year numbered 253, as against 39 in the previous year. The membership has increased from 29 in 1897 to 69 paid members for 1898. Volume IX. of the Stud Book has been printed, and it probably will not be long before there will be redigrees enough on hand to print Volume X. The financial statement showed receipts of \$563.32, and expenditures of \$469.15, leaving a balance of \$94.17.

Mr. Davies, in his annual address, congratulated the members upon the present condition of the horse market. The demand, he said, while not brisk, was certain, and, as in everything else, the superior article could be disposed of most readily, and at a profit. He spoke in strong terms of the necessity of perseverance in the work of improving the stock, and for vigilance in the advancing of the interests of the breeders. They should consider the animal first, and the price it would bring afterwards. He was confident that their branch of the horse trade had a promising future.

Officers were elected as follows: President, Peter Christie, Manchester; first Vice-President, John Davidson, Ashburn; Vice-President for Ontario, Douglas Sorby, Guelph; Vice-President for Quebec, Robert Ness, Howick, Que.; Vice-President for Northwest Territories, John A. Turner, Calgary, Alta.; Vice-President for Manitoba, J. E. Smith, Brandon. Directors—Robert Beith, M. P., Bowmanville; Robert Davies, Toronto; George Cockburn, Baltimore; John Vipond, Brooklin; Robert Graham, Claremont; Alex. Doherty, Ellesmere; A. Innes, Clinton.

Delegates: To the Industrial Exhibition—Peter Christie, Manchester, and O. Sorby, Guelph. To the Western Fair—A. Innes, Clinton, and J. Henderson, Belton. To the Ottawa Exhibition—Robert Davies, Toronto, and Robert Beith, M. P., Bowmanville. To the Montreal Exhibition—R. Ness, Howick, Que. To the Horse Breeders' Association—Robert Graham, Claremont, and Robert Davies, Toronto.

A resolution was adopted respecting the export of stock to the United States, upon the lines of the resolutions previously adopted by the Shorthorn Association and the Shire Horse Breeders, asking for the recognition of certificates of registration in the Canadian Clydesdale Record to pass the customs free of duty. Another resolution was passed authorizing the opening of negotiations with the railway companies, in order to obtain the same terms for shipping horses as those now enjoyed by the Dominion Cattle Breeders' Association. It was also decided to give \$50 to the Spring Horse Show. The prize will be given for the best draft team, to be sired by a registered Clydesdale stallion.

Dominion Cattle Breeders' Association

The annual meeting of the Dominion Cattle Breeders' Association was held in Shaftesbury Hall, Toronto, Feb. 9th. There was a very fair attendance of members, and the chair was occupied by the President, Mr. J. I. Hobson, of Guelph. In a brief address Mr. Hobson referred to the good work which was being done by the Association, and the increased interest which the farmers were showing in the organization. In the course of his remarks he spoke of the falling off in the quality of our export cattle as a matter requiring the serious consideration of the Association and of farmers generally throughout the Dominion, a condition which can only be surmounted by improved breeding and feeding of our stock.

Mr. F. W. Hodson, the Secretary, in his annual report, explained the regulations governing shipments of registered stock and the privileges which had been obtained by the Association in that respect.

It was decided to appoint a committee to wait on the Government to try and secure a grant for the promotion of interprovincial trade, and Dr. Mills and Messrs. A. Johnston and R. Gibson were chosen.

A resolution was adopted asking the Dominion Government to permit cattle to be imported from Great Britain without being tested for tuberculosis, and from the United States as soon as that country agrees to reciprocate.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, John I. Hobson, Guelph; 1st Vice-President, H. D. Smith, Compton, Que.; 2nd Vice-President, Henry Wade, Toronto; Secretary-Treasurer, F. W. Hodson, Toronto; Vice-Presidents representing the different Provinces—Ontario, J. C. Snell, London; Manitoba, Hon. Thos. Greenway, Winnipeg; North-west Territories, W. E. Cochrane, High River; Quebec, Robt. Brunwick, T. A. Peters, Fredericton; Prince Edward Island, Hon. D. Ferguson, Charlottetown; British Columbia, A. C. Wells, Chilliwack; Newfoundland, Hon. Thos. C. Duder, St. John's. Auditor, J. M. Duff, Guelph. Directors: Shorthorns—A. Johnston, Greenwood; Herefords—H. D. Smith, Compton; Polled Angus—Jas. Bowman, Guelph; Galloways—D. McCrae, W. Clemons, St. George; Jerseys—R. Gibson, Delaware; Guernseys—W. E. Butler, Dereham Centre; Ontario Agricultural College, G. E. Day, Guelph. Representatives to Fair Boards: Toronto Industrial—G. E. Day, Guelph; J. M. Gardhouse, Highfield. Ottawa—J. G. Clark, Ottawa; J. C. Smith, Hintonburg. London—R. Gibson, Delaware; Capt. T. E. Robson, Iderton. Brantford—G. W. Clemons, St. George, and J. R. Alexander, Brantford.

No art is fraught with so many difficulties or has more varied conditions that affect management than that of agriculture. The long winter evenings afford the best time in the world to study them. Experience is a good school, and a little theory for dessert will not come amiss.