

free rural mail delivery can be adopted successfully, they might send their resolutions in to the Government. I do not think the farmers have cause to complain of being neglected by the Government; for no branch of the people has had more favors than the farmer, who may feel certain that any resolution they may adopt will receive a fair consideration. JAMES IONSON.

Haldimand Co., Ont.

Dominion Cattle-breeders' Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Dominion Cattle-breeders' Association was held in Toronto on Feb. 5th, Mr. Arthur Johnston, President, in the chair. The financial statement of the Secretary-Treasurer showed receipts of, from members' fees, \$919; legislative grant, \$2,500; total \$3,419.00. Expenditures, \$3,669.24, and a balance on hand of \$250.24.

After the general routine of business was transacted, the following officers were elected:

President, Arthur Johnston, Greenwood.
Vice-president, A. W. Smith, Maple Lodge.
Vice-pres. for Ontario, J. M. Gardhouse, Weston.

Vice-pres. for Manitoba, G. H. Greig, Winnipeg.

Vice-pres. for N.-W. T., C. W. Peterson, Calgary.

Vice-pres. for Quebec, Robt. Ness, Howick.

Vice-pres. for Maritime Provinces, E. B. Elderkin, Amherst.

Vice-pres. for British Columbia, G. H. Hadwin, Duncan's.

Secretary-Treasurer, A. P. Westervelt, Toronto.

The representatives appointed from the other Breed Associations constitute the Directorate of this association.

General Director, W. Smith, Columbus.

O. A. C., Prof. G. E. Day, Guelph.

Delegates to Fair Boards: Provincial Winter Fair, G. W. Clemons, John Bright, J. T. Gibson;

Ottawa Winter Fair, Prof. Grisdale, J. G. Clark, and the President; Toronto Industrial, J. A. McGillivray, A. P. Westervelt; Ottawa Central, N. F. Wilson, F. W. Hodson; London, T. E. Robson, W. H. Taylor; Brantford, Mr. Clemons, Mr. Alexander.

It was decided to have the association tent erected at the Dominion Exhibition, Winnipeg.

On motion, the following were appointed delegates to the National Live-stock Association convention at Ottawa, March 7th to 11th, 1904: The President, Chas. Calder, W. H. Taylor, and the Secretary.

Swine-breeders' Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Dominion Swine-breeders' Association was held at the Palmer House, Toronto, February 6th, Major G. B. Hood, President, in the chair. The report of the Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. A. P. Westervelt, showed a very prosperous financial standing. The receipts, including a balance on hand last meeting of \$1,499, totalled \$6,621.58, and the expenditures \$4,406.76, leaving a balance on hand of \$2,214.82. The election of officers resulted as follows:

President, Thos. Teasdale, Concord.

Vice-president, R. H. Harding, Thorndale.

Berkshires—Director, Geo. Green, Fairview.

Yorkshires—Director, J. E. Brethour, Burford.

Chester Whites—Director, D. DeCoursey, Bornholm.

Poland-Chinas—Director, Wm. Jones, Mt. Elgin.

Durocs—Director, W. M. Smith, Scotland.

Tamworths—Director, J. C. Smith, Hintonburg.

Essex—Director, Jos. Featherstone, Streetsville.

O. A. C., Prof. G. E. Day, Guelph.

General Director, G. B. Hood, Guelph.

Secretary-Treasurer, A. P. Westervelt, Toronto.

Asst. Recording Secretary, J. W. Nimmo.

Auditor, J. M. Duff, Guelph.

On motion, it was unanimously resolved to donate to Mr. J. W. Nimmo the sum of \$100, as a slight recognition of his untiring energy in getting out the Swine Records, under the supervision of Mr. Henry Wade.

Representatives to Fair Boards: Winter Fair, Guelph, G. E. Day, Wm. Jones, G. B. Hood;

Winter Fair, Ottawa, the President, R. Clark, Ottawa, and Mr. Barr; Toronto Industrial, D. C. Platt, R. P. Snell; London, Geo. Green, D. DeCoursey; Peterboro, R. Vance; Guelph, G. B. Hood; Belleville, F. J. Hurley; Kingston, R. J. Garbutt.

Messrs. Teasdale and Brethour were appointed delegates to the National Live-stock Convention.

Messrs. D. C. Platt and Wm. Jones were appointed to represent the Swine Records at the above convention.

The following were appointed a committee re transportation: Messrs. Brethour, Platt and the President and Secretary. \$300.00 will be offered in prizes to the Dominion Exhibition,

Winnipeg, and \$40 to Brandon Exhibition; also \$300 to the Toronto Industrial, providing that association increase their amount in like manner.

Sheep-breeders Meet.

The annual meeting of the Dominion Sheep-breeders' Ass'n was held at the Palmer House, Toronto, Feb. 5th. Mr. R. H. Harding, the President, occupied the chair. The report of the Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. A. P. Westervelt, showed receipts for members' fees, \$81; legislative grant, \$2,500; total \$2,581. Expenditures, \$3,151.69; balance due Treasurer, \$570.69. After the reports were discussed and passed upon, the election of officers was proceeded with, and resulted as follows:

President, R. H. Harding, Thorndale.

Vice-president, J. M. Gardhouse, Weston.

Cotswolds—Director, D. McCrae, Guelph.

Lincolns—Director, J. T. Gibson, Denfield.

Leicesters—Director, A. Whitelaw, Guelph.

Hampshires and Suffolks—Director, John Kelly, Shakespeare.

Dorsets—Director, J. A. McGillivray, Uxbridge.

Oxfords—Director, Jas. Tolton, Walkerton.

Shropshires—Director, D. G. Hammer, Burford.

Southdowns—Director, John Jackson, Abingdon.

General Director, A. W. Smith, Maple Lodge.

Secretary-Treasurer, A. P. Westervelt, Toronto.

Auditor, J. M. Duff, Guelph.

Delegates to Fair Boards: Winter Fair, Messrs. Jackson, Tolton, McGillivray; Toronto Industrial, J. Jackson, J. M. Gardhouse; London, A. W. Smith, R. H. Harding; Ottawa Central, N. F. Wilson; Ottawa Winter Fair, the President.

Ontario Winter Fair Association.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Winter Fair Association was held at the Palmer House, Toronto, on February 6th, the President, A. W. Smith, in the chair. Mr. Smith made a short and pointed address, in which he touched upon the steady progress the Winter Fair has made, especially from an educational standpoint. The report of the Secretary-Treasurer showed receipts from all sources, \$13,998.81, and expenditures, \$13,960.57, leaving a balance on hand of \$38.24.

Officers elected: Hon. Pres., F. W. Hodson, Ottawa; President, A. W. Smith, Maple Lodge;

Vice-pres., Arthur Johnston, Greenwood; Secretary-Treasurer, A. P. Westervelt, Toronto.

Mr. J. M. Gardhouse was added to the Executive Committee. Committee on Sheep, same as before, W. Laidlaw added. Committee on Cattle, same as formerly. Committee on Swine, same as before, Prof. Cumming added.

The Dominion Exhibition.

Negotiations are already in hand for the engagement of the best bands which can be obtained for the Dominion Fair, and it is intended that the music to be provided on the grounds each day shall be of the highest order of excellence. In fact, it will be the endeavor of the management to secure the very best for every section of the Fair.

The live-stock breeders both in Canada and across the boundary are making preparations to show large herds of cattle and horses at the Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition next summer. They realize the importance of this means of showing their stock, and as the prize list this year is a great deal larger than last year, there is no doubt that they will be able to reap a good financial return from their exhibits.

It is expected that the dates of the Dominion Fair will be the last week in July and the first week in August, although no definite announcement can be made as yet. It is the intention of the board to have, if possible, a two-weeks race meeting in connection with the exhibition, and the Canadian and American horsemen are making arrangements to send runners, trotters and jumpers to take part in the events and compete for the purses that are to be given.

Fat-stock Show at New Westminster, B. C.

New Westminster, B. C., will hold a Fat Stock Show, March 8th to 11th. A splendid prize list has been prepared, and lectures will be given by competent instructors upon representative animals. The outlook is for a very successful exhibition.

The Colony's Choice.

A. P. Ketchen, B. S. A., who for the last year has been Assistant Live-stock Commissioner for the Dominion, has been asked to go to the Orange River Colony, to organize the agricultural interests of that country, at a tempting salary, including free passage to the Cape. It is expected Mr. Ketchen will accept.

Read This.

As several inquiries have reached us within the past two weeks without a signature, we take this opportunity of again calling our readers' attention to the rules at the head of the Questions and Answers Column. Will those who have neglected to comply with this rule send their addresses at once?

MARKETS.

The past week has seen very little change in the markets. Wheat has become firm at the advance quoted last week. In Chicago and European centers it maintains its high quotations. Other grains remain inactive with an advance of one-half cent for oats and barley since last week. Live stock continues depressed. Reports from British markets show an almost incredible decline in Canadian bacon. Since last September it has fallen five dollars per cwt. This condition has been brought about by the marketing of enormous numbers of hogs in Denmark, Ireland and England, and by the lessened purchasing power of the public, owing to industrial depression. This glutting of the market will not fail to check the production of hogs, after which prices will rise again. In the meantime, farmers should govern their operations accordingly. The Canadian cattle trade drags along slowly. The weather during the past month has been rather adverse to active dealing, and the demand for exporters has not been brisk. Butchers' cattle have arrived in sufficient numbers to supply home demands, but if there should be much of an increase in shipments prices are almost certain to sink. Milch cows are rather eagerly bought up, many going to country points.

Toronto quotations are:

Exporters—Best, \$1.50 per cwt.; medium, \$4.25 to \$4.40.

Export Bulls—Choice, \$3.75 to \$3.85 per cwt.; medium to good bulls, \$3.25 to \$3.50.

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Butchers' Cattle—Choice picked lots of butchers', 1,100 to 1,175 lbs. each, equal in quality to best exporters, \$4.30 to \$4.40; good, \$4 to \$4.30; fair to good, \$3.60 to \$3.85; common, \$3.30 to \$4.25; rough to inferior, \$3; canners, \$2.50 to \$2.75.

Feeders of good quality, 1,050 to 1,150 lbs. each, \$3.75 to \$4 per cwt.

Stockers—One-year to two-year-old steers, 400 to 700 lbs. each, are worth \$3 to \$3.50 per cwt.; off-colors and of poor breeding quality, of same weights, are worth \$2.50 to \$3 per cwt.

Milch Cows—Milch cows and springers are worth \$35 to \$52.

Calves—Calves sold at \$3 to \$12 each, or from \$4.50 to \$6.50 per cwt.

Sheep—Prices, \$4 to \$4.25 per cwt. for ewes, and bucks at \$3 to \$3.25.

Lambs—Prices for grain-fed choice ewes and wethers for export, \$5.00 to \$5.75; barnyard lambs, \$4.60 to \$5.

Hogs—Best select bacon hogs, not less than 160 lbs., nor more than 200 lbs. each, fed and watered, \$4.75 per cwt.; lights and lake ports, \$4.50; sows, \$3.25 to \$3.50; and stags, \$2 to \$2.50 per cwt.

PRODUCE.

Toronto Wholesale Prices.

Wheat—Ontario—No. 2 red, white and mixed, 87c. to 88c. for milling; spring, 77c. to 78c. for No. 1, east; goose, 73c. to 74c. for No. 2, east.

Wheat—Manitoba—No. 1 hard, 96c. to 96½c.; No. 1 northern, 94c.; No. 2 northern, 91c.; and No. 3 northern, 88c., on track, lake ports. Milling-in-transit for each grade is 6c. more.

Corn—Canadian, 38c. for yellow, and 37½c. for mixed, cars west. New American, 53½c. for No. 2 yellow, 53c. for No. 3 yellow, and 52c. for No. 4 mixed, in cars on the track here.

Oats—No. 1 white, 32c. low freights, 31½c. middle freights, and 30½c. high freights. No. 2 white are quoted at 1c. less.

Barley—No. 2, 44c., middle freights; No. 3 extra, 42c., middle freights, and No. 3, 40c., east or middle.

Rye—No. 2, 54c. low, middle or high freights.

Peas—No. 2, 62c. to 63c., any freights.

Buckwheat—No. 2, 48c. low freights, 47c. middle, and 46c. high freights.

Flour—Ninety-per-cent. patents for export, \$3.25 to \$3.30, buyers' bags, f. o. b., main lines west. Manitoba flour is unchanged. First patents are quoted at \$4.90, second patents at \$4.60, and strong bakers' at \$4.50, bags included, on the track, Toronto.

Mill Feed—Ontario shorts are unchanged at \$17 to \$17.50, and bran is steady at \$15 to \$15.50, in bulk, cars west. Manitoba mill feed is steady. Shorts are quoted at \$20 to \$21, and bran at \$19, in car lots, bags included, on the track, Toronto.

Oatmeal—Car lots on the track here are quoted at \$4.10 for bags, and \$4.35 for barrels. Broken lots, 40c. extra.

Beans—Trade is dull, and prices steady. Prime beans are quoted at \$1.30 to \$1.50 per bushel.

Seeds—There has been some improvement in the movement. Red clover, \$5.25 to \$5.75 for ordinary grades, and \$6 to \$6.35 for choice to fine, alsike at \$4.25 to \$6, and timothy at \$1.15 to \$1.50, and flail-threshed at \$1.75 to \$2 per bushel.

Hay, baled, car lots, ton	\$9.00	to	\$9.50
Straw, baled, car lots, ton	5.00	to	5.75
Dressed hogs, car lots	5.90	to	6.00
Potatoes, car lots	80	to	85
Butter, dairy, pound rolls	17	to	18
Butter, tubs, pound	16	to	17
Butter, creamery, pound rolls	21	to	23
Butter, creamery, boxes	20	to	22
Butter, bakers', tub	14	to	15
Eggs, new-laid, dozen	30	to	35
Held eggs, dozen	25		