



Mr. William Smith, Columbus, Ont., President of the Canadian Clydesdale Breeders' Association.

## A Week With the Breeders

The important business transacted at the annual meeting of the Canadian Horse Breeders' Association was their decision to join hands with the Union Stock Yards Company at Toronto Junction in the erection of a suitable arena for exhibition purposes. The exhibition grounds in the city would be preferred for a building of this kind, but the city had refused to take any action in the matter. On motion of W. E. Wellington, seconded by Thomas Graham, the President and Directors of the Association were directed to negotiate with the Junction Company for the erection of an arena at a cost not to exceed \$60,000, in which the Union Stock Yards Company and the Horse Breeders' Association should each take one-quarter of the stock, the remainder to be divided among the other live stock associations. The mover pointed out that the Association had already \$5,000 in the treasury to meet its quarter interest of \$15,000; that the Stock Yards Company had already accommodation for the other live stock and would agree to build stabling for from 300 to 400 horses; and that it would also agree to deed to the arena company the land necessary for the building. Mr. Arthur Johnston pointed out that the city of Toronto had always treated the cattle, sheep and swine breeders with contempt, and in consequence a Winter Fair had been built up at Guelph, where the accommodation had become insufficient. The live stock men now would prefer to go to the Junction rather than to Toronto.

Mr. Henry Wade read the annual report, which referred to a deputation which waited upon the Minister of Agriculture in regard to keeping out scrub stock. Mr. Fisher had promised that something would be done. The receipts for the year were \$8,552 and the expenditure \$3,150, leaving a balance on hand of \$5,402. The sum of \$500 was granted to the Ottawa Horse Show and \$1,000 to the Spring Stallion Show of next year. \$1,000 was also voted by the directors to the regular spring horse show to be held in Toronto the last week of April. F. M. Wade was ap-

pointed Assistant-Secretary of the Association.

The officers for 1904 are:

President—Dr. Andrew Smith, F.R.C.V.S.; Vice-President, W. E. Wellington; Second Vice-President, Thomas Graham; Secretary-Treasurer, Henry Wade; Directors, Dr. Andrew Smith, W. Hendrie, jun., W. E. Wellington, C. B. Sheppard, Thomas Graham, E. C. H. Tisdale, Gerald Wade, H. M. Robinson, George Peppe, Samuel McBride, Peter Christie, Fred Richardson, J. M. Garlhouse, W. Wilkie.

### Clydesdale Breeders

The Canadian Clydesdale Breeders' Association held on February 4th the most successful meeting in its history. There were over one hundred breeders present from all parts of the country, including Quebec and Manitoba.

The report of the Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Henry Wade, showed that 132 imported stallions and 57 mares were recorded. A great many more than this were imported that were not recorded. The total registrations for 1903 were 1,120 and 661 transfers and Scotch registrations, as against 604 re-

gistrations and 415 transfers in 1902. Vol. 12 of the Stud Book, containing 590 stallions and 920 mares, had been issued. \$825 had been paid out in prizes last year. The demand for stallions had been keen and prices good. The total receipts were \$13,701.60, of which \$1,547 was from registrations. The total expenditure was \$2,507.77, leaving a balance on hand of \$859.33.

The President, Mr. Wm. Smith, in moving the adoption of the report, spoke of the growing and widening influence of the Clydesdale horse, which was largely due to the higher standard of excellence adopted by breeders. At the leading shows of the year the Clydesdale had been very much to the front. He believed the time had come when national records for all our pure-bred stock were needed. Referring to St. Louis Exposition, he was of the opinion that Canadian breeders would lose to a certain extent their manhood by going to that exhibition under present conditions. Speaking of the trade in horses between Canada and the United States, he stated that up to Oct. of 1903 (nine months) Canada imported 254 Clydesdale stallions, while the United States during the same period imported only 33. This shows, therefore, that the stallions that are being sent into Western Canada at the present time from the United States were bred in that country.

The meeting confirmed the action of the directors in voting \$700 and \$400 respectively to the Toronto and Ottawa spring stallion shows. A grant of \$300 was made to the Dominion Fair, Winnipeg, on condition that it be given in prizes only to animals recorded in the Association's Stud Book.

The stand taken by the breeders at the Rossin Horse meeting and also the action of Live Stock Commissioners Hodson, at St. Louis, were unanimously approved. The forming of a national live stock association was also approved of, and Messrs. Wm. Smith, Robt. Miller, Peter Christie and John Bright were appointed delegates to the inaugural meeting in March.

A resolution of first importance, and which is given in full elsewhere, was that moved by Robt. Miller and seconded by Arthur Johnston, re keeping out scrub and inferior bred horses. The motion passed without a dissenting voice.

Mr. F. M. Wade was made assistant secretary of the Association. A committee was appointed to confer with the railway commission regarding better railway rates.

The officers for 1904 are: Honorary President, F. W. Hodson, Ottawa; President, W. Smith, (re-elected), Columbus; Vice-President, Oswald Sorby, Guelph; Vice-Presidents for Provinces—Ontario, Robt. Miller, Stouffville; Quebec, Robert Ness, Howick; Manitoba, J. A. S. McMillan, Brandon; Alberta, J. A. Turner, Calgary; Assiniboia,

## TO KEEP OUT SCRUB HORSES

CLYDESDALE BREEDERS IN ANNUAL CONVENTION UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

That the members of the Canadian Clydesdale Breeders' Association in annual convention assembled memorialize the Dominion Government to place a minimum specific duty of \$30 on each horse that is being imported into Canada when the value is under \$150. When the value is over that amount that the duty be 20 per cent., always excepting registered horses for breeding purposes, which shall be admitted duty free, when owned and imported by British subjects, bona fide residents of the Dominion of Canada and registered in the recognized stud books for the different breeds of horses in the country in which the breed originated and in the stud books recognized by the Department of Agriculture at Ottawa.