

Notes from the Live Stock Conventions

THE first week of February was a busy one for the live stock associations of Canada and of the province of Ontario. Practically all held their annual meetings in Toronto during that week and a few of the conventions were reported fully in Farm and Dairy last week—those having to do with the dairy industry. Owing to the lack of space, brief reports of the other conventions had to be deferred to this issue.

Dominion Cattle Breeders

The principal business of the Dominion Cattle Breeders' Association, had to do with the shipment of cars of pure bred stock to Western Canada, under the auspices of the various breeders' associations. During 1915, 216 head of pure bred animals were shipped to the west in this way, including eight hogs, 28 horses, 75 sheep and 104 cattle. The cost of shipping these animals exceeded the amount collected from the individual shippers by over \$700. How to meet this deficit was the problem. A committee consisting of the President, John Gardhouse, H. V. Smith, and W. W. Dryden, was appointed to ask the Minister of Agriculture for a grant covering part of the loss incurred. The same committee was instructed to ask the different breeders' associations for help.

Representatives to fair boards were appointed as follows: Canadian National, President John Gardhouse; Western Fair, Harry Smith and W. W. Ballantyne; Ontario, Ottawa, the President and J. J. Hodgins; Winter Fair, W. A. Dryden and the President, for beef cattle, and W. W. Ballantyne and R. S. Stevenson for dairy; Eastern Winter Fair, Peter White, K.C., Prof. Grisdale and W. F. Stephens. Mr. Gardhouse was appointed General Director, and Prof. G. E. Day as representative of the O.A.C.

Shorthorn Breeders' Meet

Is the Shorthorn a dairy animal or a beef is a question that might not unreasonably be asked by one unversed in cattle lore, who might have happened to attend the annual meeting of the Dominion Shorthorn Breeders' Association. The dual purpose cow was placed on the pedestal as the future hope of the country, especially Western Canada. The meeting was an enthusiastic one and well attended. All reported a splendid demand for stock and to still further enhance the popularity of the breed, the executive was empowered to carry on an active publicity campaign including the appointing of field men to conduct the work.

The usual amount was granted to fair, \$4,700, the committee being given power to make such increases as they might see fit. The various projects of the ministry were petitioned to appoint official auctioneers to sell live stock at public sales, made or controlled by the Department of Agriculture and that the law be so amended that any auctioneer may secure a license for the whole province. In the past auctioneers licenses have been issued only for the county and where an outside auctioneer has to be imported to conduct a commission or dispersion sale his license has had to be paid by the holder of the sale. Summing up the financial standing of the association, President J. Gardhouse said:

"Our resignations for 1915 numbered 11,185 being an increase of 948 over 1914. Our receipts from membership, registrations and books sold total \$20,290.80, being an increase of \$1,140.98, and our cash on hand amounts to the substantial sum of \$2,800.48. Our disbursements, however, have been somewhat heavier, amounting to \$18,781.64, but our net gain for the year amounts to \$8,548.90. Our membership increased in

1915 by 250; our total membership is now 2,994. To prove the dairy merit of the Shorthorn, Mr. Gardhouse summarized the records entered in record of performance from April 1910 to the present time. Twelve two-year-old hid silfers gave an average of over 6,000 pounds of milk, testing 4.30 per cent. butter fat; 19 three-year-old cows gave an average of slightly over 6,000 pounds of milk, testing 3.90 per cent; 6 four-year-old cows averaged 7,100 pounds of milk testing 3.85 per cent; 85 mature cows averaged over 8,700 pounds of milk testing 3.90 per cent. The chief officers were re-elected. With the Clydesdale Men

The annual report of the directors of Canada, strongly criticized the methods pursued by the Dominion government in the purchasing of horses for military purposes,—"too many middlemen acting between the farmers and the army authorities."

"The difficulty in the past," stated the report, "has been the lack of a proper organization for the assembly of horses at central points for inspection by remount officers. The allied forces and the Dominion, an organization should be under the control of the Dominion Live Stock Commissioner."

The past year the directors reported as being a most trying one for horsemen in general. The demand for horses for military purposes has not yet fully materialized and purchasing of remounts has not been of sufficient volume to include the surplus lines of horses suitable for the purpose and he has had little effect upon the Canadian market for heavy horses. A conviction was expressed, however, that before peace is declared, there will be such a demand for horses as never before experienced in Canada, and, as there has been less breeding, this year's foals should grow into valuable property. Finally advice was given to farmers to hold on to their brood mares as after the war there will be a heavy demand for the breeding stock from the Old Country.

The association contributed toward a fund of \$6,000 established by the horse breeders of Canada, toward the purchase of a horse field ambulance, fully equipped for the use of the Canadian forces. The financial statement showed receipts of \$10,918 compared with \$10,709 in the preceding year, and the figures for the two years being \$11,780 and \$16,774 respectively. Last year the sum of \$5,032 was distributed in grants to the various fairs as compared with \$6,419 in the previous year.

The following officers were elected: President, John Boag, Queensville; Vice-President, William Graham, Claremont; General Directors—Messrs. William McCreedy, Napinka, Manitoba; Walter Scott, Sutton, W. F. Richardson, Columbus; James Torrance, Markham; T. H. Hassard, Markham; Jas. Henderson, Thamesford; and Dr. Elliott, Bolton; Secretary-treasurer, Mr. J. W. Wheaton, Toronto.

Fairs and Exhibitions

Many of the delegates to the various live stock conventions also took advantage of their trip to Toronto during the 16th annual convention of the Ontario Association of Fairs and Exhibitions, which was held at the same time. The question of school fairs came in for considerable discussion. It seems in fact that the school fair is now more important and better patronized than the regular fall fairs and president J. C. Stewart suggested that there should be some way of working them together.

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