

American Oxford-Down Breeders in Session.

The annual meeting of the American Oxford-Down Sheep Record Association was held at the Neil House, Columbus, O., Jan. 11, President McKerron in the chair.

Secretary and Treasurer's report: "Last year in my report I stated that we had recorded more pedigrees during the year than ending than during any previous year of our existence. I am now pleased to inform you that we have again broken the record. We have not only outdone ourselves, but have passed several of the older breeds of sheep, and now stand second in point of numbers registered. I do not know just when we passed them, but I do know that only two or three years ago the Cotswolds and Southdowns outnumbered us, and now we have more sheep registered than either of them. The Hampshires, Lincoln Leicesters, Cheviots, and Dorsets are all old-established breeds and each provided with a record, but the Oxford leads them all. We have no fault to find with any of the mutton breeds, and do not make the comparison to disparage them, but to show the position which the Oxford holds in good company. Almost any kind of sheep will flourish when times are good, but it requires real merit to flourish when times are bad. The Oxford pays but little attention to hard times and less to legislation. He grows as well under free wool as anywhere, and fears foreign competition less than he fears the home-grown canine. Our Association has done much to encourage Oxford breeders during the past year. The special prizes offered at State and Provincial fairs brought out nice displays of home-bred sheep and lambs. Cash prizes were awarded and paid by the Association amounting to \$1,195. Among the winners were the following Canadians: Smith Evans, Gourock, Ont.; \$40; Peter Arkell, Teeswater, \$35; and James Tolton, Walkerton, \$25. P. B. McLaren, Clearwater, Man.; \$40; James Bray, Portage la Prairie, \$25; and Menzie Bros., Shoal Lake, \$25. Breeders and exhibitors appreciate our efforts, while State and Provincial Fair managers have treated us well. Since last meeting 200 copies of Vol. 6, containing over 6,000 pedigrees, have been printed at a cost of \$1,173.10, and are now ready for distribution. As our Record work increases we find some changes advisable. A system of naming sheep for record should be adopted, which would bring the names of each flock together, when arranged alphabetically in the index, so that one who is interested could see at a glance how many sheep from any particular flock are registered in the book. The breeder can use his own name and number, as McKerron's No. 1, name of town, as 'Winona No. 2', name of farm, as 'Viewfield's Hester'; or any other name that pleases him, provided he uses it in all pedigrees sent in for registry. Such an arrangement would make a neater index and be easier made. Imported sheep should retain the names by which they are recorded in the English Flock Book. Breeders should also be required to use pedigree ear-numbers, or labels stamped with their name or initials and numbers, which should be registered with each pedigree. The private flock numbers should be inserted before the lambs are weaned, so that there will be no doubt as to pedigree. Then if one label gets torn out or lost the animal can be identified by the other.

It was carried, that Rule 7, which requires sheep to be named for registry, be changed as suggested by the Secretary; also that a new rule be established requiring breeders to use private ear-numbers, which must be recorded with the pedigree of each animal.

A motion to restrict all registry fees to fifty cents was lost, it being argued that as all surplus money in the treasury is given in special prizes to Oxford breeders and used for the benefit of the breed in general, it would not be advisable to cut down the receipts.

President McKerron's idea of a new standard of excellence for the Oxford breed was discussed at length, and after careful revision was adopted as follows:

SCALE OF POINTS FOR OXFORD-DOWN SHEEP, IN FOUR DIVISIONS.

	Points.
Breed Type.....	30
Constitution.....	25
Mutton, Form, and Quality.....	30
Wool.....	15

SUB-DIVISIONS.

Breed Type of Animal.

Form of a good general appearance, made by a well-balanced conformation, free from coarseness in any part, and showing good style both at rest and in motion. 15

Head of moderate length and width between the ears and between the eyes, and well covered with wool over poll and down to the eyes. Color of face an even dark gray or brown, either with or without gray spot on tip of nose. 6

When fully matured and in good condition, rams should weigh 250 to 350 lbs.; ewes, 150 to 250 lbs. 5

Ears medium size, not too thick, and of an even brown or dark gray color. 2

Legs short, strong in bone, flat, and of even dark gray or brown color, placed squarely under the body and well apart. 2

Constitution.

Large around the heart and wide and full in the chest. 10

The movement must be bold and vigorous. 5

Eyes bold, prominent, and bright. 4

Skin bright pink in color. 4

Neck strong and masculine in rams, and well set on in both sexes. 3

Mutton, Form, and Quality.

Wide and straight on top of shoulders, back, loin, and rump, from base of neck to tail. 15

Full shoulders and thighs, well meated both inside and outside. 5

Flanks well filled and strong, so as to make the lower lines of the body as straight as possible, and side lines straight or rather full. 4

The whole carcass evenly covered with good, well-marbled meat. 6

Fleece of moderate length, close, and of even quality, covering the whole carcass well, and free from black patches upon the body, neck, or head. 15

Wool..... 100

The question of special prizes was next in

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It was decided to offer special prizes at the New York, Chicago and Guelph Fat Stock Shows, if such are held in 1896, the amounts to be decided by the Executive Board.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President—Geo. McKerron, Essex, Wis.; Vice-President, one from each State represented in the capital stock, Secretary and Treasurer, W. A. Sanger, Madison, O.; Board of Directors—V. W. W. Sanger, Madison, Ind.; E. J. Thwing, Chandler, O.; H. J. Stone, Washington, Ill.; J. C. Williamson, Xenia, O.

STOCK GOSSIP.

In the FARMER'S ADVOCATE for January 1896, appeared a portrait and complete description of a prize-winning Yorkshire Coach stallion named "Shining Light," owned by Mr. A. C. McMillan, Erie, Ont., who is now offering him for sale. He is a grand horse with a splendid breeding record. Note Mr. McMillan's advertisement elsewhere in this issue and communicate with him without delay.

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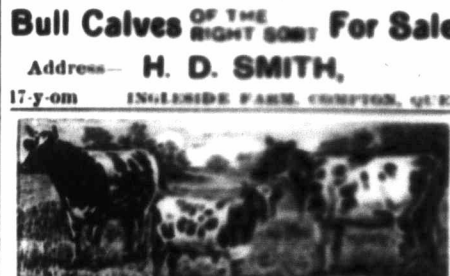
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