Annual Meeting of the Dominion Cattle Breeders' Association.

The annual meeting of this Association was held at Brantford, Ont., December 6th. A good attendance of members was present. The President, John I. Hobson, Esq., occupied the chair. The minutes of last meeting were read and approved. The President then delivered his annual address, embodying deductions from observation and enquiry as to the demands of the export cattle trade on the occasion of his recent visit to Great Britain, and of the conditions affecting the business in the Northwest Territories and British Columbia, as well as in the Eastern Provinces, urging the necessity for better breeding and better feeding in order to supply a uniformly good quality of meat, and of still further improved transportation facilities, though much has been effected in this line in the last year. The following officers were elected for 1898: President, John I. Hobson, Guelph; Vice-President, J. C. Snell, Snelgrove; Provincial Vice-Presidents—H. Wade, Toronto, Ont.; H. D. Smith, Compton, Que.; C. A. Archibald, Truro, N. S.; T. A. Peters, Fredericton, N. B.; T. G. Bovier, P. E. I.; Hon. Thos. Greenway, Manitoba; W. T. Cochrane, High River, Alta.; A. C. Wells, Chilliwack, B. C. Directors—For Shorthorns, Arthur Johnston, Greenwood; Herefords, A. Rawlings, Forest; Polled Angus, James Bowman, Guelph; Galloways, D. McCrae, Guelph; Ayrshires, H. Wade, Toronto; Holsteins, G. W. Clemons, St. George; Jerseys, R. Gibson, Delaware; Guernseys, W. E. Butler, Dereham Centre; Devons and Sussex, A. Stone, Guelph; Ontario Agricultural College, G. E. Day, Guelph. Delegates to Toronto Industrial Fair Board, G. E. Day and D. McCrae; to Western Fair Board, R. Gibson and T. E. Robson; to Ottawa Fair Board, J. G. Clark and Joseph Yuill.

Sheep Breeders Meet.

The annual meeting of the Dominion Sheep Breeders' Association was held at Brantford, Ont., December 8th. There was a good attendance. The President, Mr. James Tolton, in the chair. After the reading of the President's address, the minutes being taken as read, officers were elected as follows: President, D. G. Hanmer, Burford; Vice-President, A. W. Smith, Maple Lodge. Directors: For Cotswolds, Wm. Linton, Aurora; Leicesters, A. W. Smith, Maple Lodge; Lincolns, J. T. Gibson, Denfield; Dorsets, R. H. Harding, Thorndale; Shropshires, R. Gibson, Delaware; Southdowns, John Jackson, Abingdon; Oxfords, Henry Arkell, Arkell; Hampshires, John Kelly, Shakespeare; Merinos, W. M. Smith, Fairfield Plains. Delegates to Fair Boards: Toronto Industrial, James Russell and F. W. Hodson; London, A. W. Smith and R. H. Harding; Ottawa, Jos. Yuill; Montreal, H. D. Smith. List of expert judges nominated: Cotswolds—J. C. Snell, Snelgrove; William Thompson, Uxbridge; John Thompson, Uxbridge; Thomas Teasdale, Concord; James Russell, Richmond Hill; James Main, Milton; H. Rawlings, Ravenswood; V. Ficht, Oriel; George Weeks, Glanworth; T. Hardy Shore, Glanworth; W. G. Laidlaw, Wilton Grove; D. McCrae, Guelph; J. G. Snell, Snelgrove; Peter McGregor, Mimosa; Wm. Rae, Arkell; William Ward, Uxbridge; Joseph Ward, Marsh Hill; John Park, Oriel; S. Coxworth, Whitby; Jas. Murray, Cresswell; Jos. D. Davidson, Belhaven; S. J. Lyons, Norval, Ont.; Wm. Petch, Black Heath; Jos. Gaunt, St. Helen's; A. Johnston, Greenwood.

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Dorsets—Thomas Hector, Springfield-on-the-Credit; John Jackson, Abingdon; Richard Gibson, Delaware; R. H. Harding, Thorndale; T. S. Cooper, Coppersburg, Pa.; M. A. Cooper, Coopersburg; John Hunter, Wyoming; G. P. Everett, Mt. Vernon; Mortimer Levering, Lafayette, Ind.; James Hanmer, Mt. Vernon; J. C. Snell, Snelgrove.

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Swine Breeders' Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Dominion Swine Breeders' Association was held at Brantford, Dec. 9th. The President, J. E. Brethour, in the chair. The President's address being read, the minutes of last meeting were taken as read. Officers elected: President, Geo. Green, Fairview; Vice-President, Wm. Jones, Zenda. Directors: For Berkshires—T. Teasdale, Concord; Yorkshires—G. B. Hood, Guelph; Chester Whites—R. H. Harding, Thorndale; Poland-Chinas—W. M. Smith, Fairfield Plain; Tamworths—A. Elliott, Galt; Duroc-Jerseys—W. E. Butler, Dereham Centre; Essex—Joseph Featherstone, Streetsville; Suffolks—A. Frank, The Grange; Ontario Agricultural College, G. E. Day; General Director, J. E. Brethour. Delegates to fair boards: Toronto Industrial—J. E. Brethour and T. Teasdale; Western Fair—G. Green and D. DeCourcey; Ottawa—J. Featherstone and Jos. Yuill; Montreal—J. Featherstone and J. M. Hurley; Peterboro—R. Vance; Belleville—J. M. Hurley; Guelph—G. B. Hood and Jas. Anderson; Brantford—T. A. Cox and Geo. Thompson. List of expert judges nominated: *Berkshires*—H. J. Davis, Woodstock; J. C. Snell, Snelgrove; Thos. Teasdale, Concord; George Green, Fairview; Robert Vance, Ida; T. A. Cox, Brantford; Jas. Quarrie, Delaware; Jos. Featherstone, M. P., Streetsville; S. Coxworth, Whitby; R. P. Snell, Snelgrove; Malcolm McArthur, Lobo; C. R. Decker, Chesterfield; J. G. Snell, Snelgrove; Chas. Youngs, Brooksdale; Wm. Jones, Zenda; D. DeCourcey, Bornholm; Geo. Thompson, Bright; Robt. Gibson, Galt; R. H. Harding, Thorndale; Jos. Yuill, Carleton Place; W. C. Edwards, Rockland; Jos. Barnett, Rockland.

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Chester Whites—Wm. Jones, Zenda; J. C. Snell, Snelgrove; George Green, Fairview; J. E. Brethour, Burford; D. DeCourcey, Bornholm; R. Dorsey, Burnhamthorpe; R. H. Harding, Thorndale; W. E. Butler, Dereham Centre; G. B. Hood, Guelph; G. E. Day, Guelph; Thos. Teasdale, Concord; S. H. Todd, Wakeman, Ohio; J. G. Snell, Snelgrove; Gideon Snyder, Jarvis; Henry Jones, Zenda; Jos. Cairns, Camlachie.

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Suffolks and Essex—S. Butterfield, London; R. Dorsey, Burnhamthorpe; Jas. Main, Milton; David McCrae, Guelph; Jas. Anderson, Guelph; Simeon Lemon, Kettleby; T. C. Douglas, Galt; Wm. Elliott, Milton; Jas. Millar, Guelph.

Pork-packers' Addresses.—An interesting and instructive feature of the meeting was the addresses of Mr. Chester Fearman, Hamilton, and Mr. C. C. L. Wilson, Ingersoll, who are prominent pork-packers, and who gave useful information to the farmers and breeders present in regard to the size and quality of hogs required for the export bacon trade, illustrated by object lessons in the form of specimen sides of bacon, showing the desirable or ideal sort side by side with the undesirable, underfed and overfatted carcasses. The discussion which followed regarding the best foods and methods of mixing and feeding was very interesting and helpful to many present.

The Dominion Minister of Agriculture has arranged for the fitting up of the steamship Reta, of the Pickford and Blake line, from Halifax to the West Indies, with cold storage. This is now being used for the carriage of quite large quantities of poultry, meats and butter. It promises to be a new market of considerable value.

Annual Meeting of the American Guernsey Cattle Club.

The 19th annual meeting of the American Guernsey Cattle Club was held at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, New York City, Dec. 8th. A very large number of the members were either present or represented, and great interest was shown. The report of the secretary and treasurer, Wm. H. Caldwell, showed that the season of 1897 had been the most prosperous one in the history of the Club. More entries of both bulls and cows had been made during the year than in any previous year. A corresponding increase was also shown in the number of transfers issued. The financial statement given showed that after paying all expenses there was left to the credit of the club $801.97. Seven members have qualified during the year, and four deaths among the members have been reported to the office. Up to the present date there has been issued 160 certificates of membership, and 120 names appear upon the list as active members. The retiring officers were all re-elected, namely:—President, James M. Codman, Brookline, Mass. Vice-Presidents: Levi P. Morton, Rhinecliff, N. Y.; Sydney Fisher, Minister of Agriculture, Dominion of Canada; Secretary and Treasurer, Wm. H. Caldwell, Peterboro', N. H. Members of the Executive Committee: Henry Palmer, Avondale, Pa.; Ezra Michener, Carversville; Pa. Committee on New Members: Francis Shaw, Wayland, Mass.; N. K. Fairbank, Chicago, Ill., and Jas. Forsyth, Oswego, N. Y.

Under the head of new business the question of offering encouragement to breeders to conduct home tests of their animals was quite generally discussed, and it was resolved:—"That it is the sense of the meeting that butter tests should be started, and that the manner of conducting the same should be left with the Executive Committee with power to act. It seemed to be the general opinion of the members present that such tests should be made upon the basis of the amount of butter-fat produced during the year, and that there should be three prizes offered for records of single animals and three for records of herds consisting of five animals each."

Attention was called to the exhibit of live stock at the coming Trans-Mississippi Exposition in Omaha, Neb., next fall. The secretary was authorized to solicit subscriptions to be added to some money held by the club, and that the Executive Committee be authorized to give same for such prizes at the Exposition as they deemed best.

A discussion upon the scale of points for Guernseys resulted in the following vote:—"That the present scale of points be referred to the Executive Committee to report at the next annual meeting any changes they may deem expedient in same."

Joint Meeting of Live Stock Associations.

A joint meeting of the various associations under whose auspices the Provincial Fat Stock and Dairy Show was conducted was held in Brantford on the evening of December 7th. The capacious Opera House was well filled, largely with stock-breeders and visitors to the show. The chair was occupied by Mayor Thos. Elliot, and addresses were delivered by the following gentlemen: Hon. John Dryden, Ontario Minister of Agriculture; Hon. Sidney Fisher, Dominion Minister of Agriculture; Mr. John I. Hobson, President of the Provincial Winter Show; Mr. Arthur Johnston, President of the Dominion Shorthorn Breeders' Association; Mr. T. H. Preston, President of the Southern Fair Board, and Mr. Mortimer Levering, Secretary of the American Shropshire Breeders' Association.

In the address of welcome by the Mayor, reference was made to the large number of prominent stock farms and breeders in the vicinity of Brantford. Among those named were: Bow Park, Capt. Milloy's, D. G. Hanmer & Sons, G. W. Clemons, W. M. & J. C. Smith, T. A. Cox, and others, all of which are well known as prominent stockmen.

Mr. Hobson, in reply to the address of welcome, complimented the Brantford Board on the excellent management, provision and reception. He conveyed to them the best wishes of the Guelph Fat Stock Club. Since Mr. Hobson has become acquainted by actual observation and contact with the British meat market, he was able to assure the meeting advisedly on the necessity of keeping the quality of our meat stock in the very fore front, in order to hold a large place in that market.

Mr. Preston represented the stock and dairy interests of the district in a very bright address, holding up before them the probable rapid advance in agricultural facilities and transport. He expressed the opinion that Edward Bellamy's prophecy, that electricity will gradually take the place of all other powers, is not too much to expect.

Hon. John Dryden, after complimenting the Board of Management on the success of the show and the attendance of the present gathering, referred to the exceeding more skill necessary in the breeding and fitting of high-class animals than is necessary in the production of inanimate machinery and contrivances. Reference was made to the passing away of the 3,000 pound ox and the 900 pound hog. These are back numbers, and in order to receive greater remuneration from agriculture, the demands for finer goods must be met, and more cheaply than heretofore. We, in Ontario, are leading the world, for our area, but must look to our laurels in order to make further advance.

Mr. Arthur Johnston, in speaking, referred to the past lack of monetary reward in agriculture, and did not expect that great fortunes would be made in the future. The wealth and nobility of England represented in agriculture was referred to, and the same tendency in the American Republic, as well as in our own Dominion, is apparent.

Hon. Sidney Fisher expressed pleasure at seeing the show in its new field such a great success. The enormous improvement in the agricultural situation during the Jubilee year was referred to at length. Population is what is needed in this country, and Mr. Fisher hopes that our gold fields will give us a great influx of people. Reference was made to the continuously increasing demand in England for our food products, as they are being put upon the market in good condition and honestly represented to the people. Our stock, butter, cheese and wheat are all forging to the front this Jubilee year. A reference was made to the effect of the removed quarantine upon stock going into the United States. In 1894, 256 cattle went from Canada to the States; in '95, 862; in '96, 1,646, and in 1897, after the removal of quarantine, 77,857, which not only brought back the good money paid for them, but increased the value of the remaining animals. The increase in our butter trade, the success of the Government creameries, and the certain improvement in our dead meat trade, were interestingly and instructively dealt with.

Mr. Levering paid our people many compliments, and hoped to see these two great countries, so much alike in people and products, and divided only by a ribbon of water, more closely related than at present. Our international trade should go on without a ripple of friction. Congratulations were extended for the maximum of perfection in our live stock. Mr. Levering's address was bright and witty, and reached a climax in a burst of original poetry peculiarly suited to the occasion.

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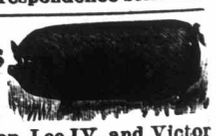

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