

Agriculture and Arts Association. This written herdbook, and the certificates based thereon, issued from time to time by the secretary, were found sufficient for the public convenience until 1867, when a step in advance was made, the regis-



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trations entered up to that date being issued in printed form and constituting the first Shorthorn herdbook of Canada. This book began a series of nine volumes, continuing to 1886, entitled "The Canada Shorthorn Herdbook." The number of registrations in the series was considerably over 30,000.

HISTORY.

In June, 1881, a number of Shorthorn breeders who were not satisfied with the standard required for registration as fixed for the Canada Shorthorn Herdbook organized themselves into an association entitled "The British-American Shorthorn Breeders' Association." Under their auspices three volumes of herdbooks were issued, with about 8,000 registrations. In 1886 it was seen that the interests of the industry would be best served by having in Canada only one standard of qualification and one system of registration, and a movement was set on foot by which this was accomplished, and, as a result, the Dominion Shorthorn Breeders' Association was formed, under whose auspices all Shorthorn registrations since that date have taken place. This association has published eleven volumes of its herdbooks, with 47,066 entries. The twelfth volume, containing about 3,000 entries, is now in the printer's hands.

STRENGTH OF ASSOCIATION.

The Dominion Shorthorn Breeders' Association is the largest and strongest of Canadian live stock associations. It has a working membership of about 400, an annual revenue of over \$5,000, and is self-sustaining. Its membership comprises a very large proportion of the leaders of the live stock industry throughout Canada, though, of course, the greatest proportion is from Ontario. The president for 1896 is Mr. Arthur Johnston, Greenwood, Ontario. Its two general vice-presidents are James Russell, Richmond Hill, and John I. Hobson, Mosborough. The other vice-presidents are Robert Miller, Brougham, and James Cochrane, Hillhurst, Quebec, and one each from all of the other provinces. It has a board of fifteen directors. Among the representative members of the association, besides the officers above named, are Richard Gibson, Delaware; James S. Smith, Maple Lodge; W. C. Edwards, M.P., Rockland; D. D. Wilson, Seaford; John Idington, Stratford; Hon. John Dryden, Brooklin; C. M. Simmons, Ivan; James I. Davidson, Balsam; David Birrell, Greenwood; J. & W. Watt, Salem; E. Gaunt, St. Helens; W. J. Biggins, Clinton; D. Alexander, Bridgen; W. W. Ballantyne, Stratford; J.



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