

## Agricultural Intelligence.

### The English Short-Horn Herd Book.

It was mentioned in the last number of the CANADA FARMER that negotiations between the committee appointed in last July to negotiate with Mr. Strafford for the purchase of Coate's Herd Book, were in a forward state. It is now announced that certain difficulties in the way of the sale have been removed, and that a provisional contract has been signed for the sale. The committee state that, in answer to their appeal for funds, a hearty response has already been made by many Short-horn breeders, whilst numerous applications from parties desirous of becoming members are received daily. The arrangements made with Mr. Strafford, however, necessitate an immediate realization of a capital sufficient to enable the committee to complete the purchase and carry on the work, and they are, consequently, led to urge all interested in Short-horns to become life members of the society forthwith. A meeting was appointed to be held on Feb. 3, for carrying out arrangements. All parties wishing to become members are respectfully requested to communicate with the Hon. Secretary, Mr. John Harward, Winterfold, Kilderminster, as soon as practical.

### Ontario Dairymen's Association.

The eighth annual convention of the Dairymen's Association of Ontario, was held at Ingersoll, on February 10th and 11th—too near the time for our going to press to allow of anything but a brief record of the proceedings in this issue. Professor Bell delivered an address on the subject of "Canada in the Dairy and in the Market." The subject of feeding cornstalks to cows was debated. The opinion was almost unanimous, that cornstalks were not objectionable for dairy cows. The best size of cheese for the English market was discussed. The usual size, 70 to 80 pounds, was said to be too large. Fifty-six pound cheese would sell first when there was a glut. New York dealers give a cent or more per pound for thirty-pound cheeses.

The subject, "The Best Age to Remove Cheese from the Factory," was discussed. The opinion seemed to be that cheese was hurried to market too soon. "Coloring," was talked over, and admitted to be required by the public and not injurious. Hon. X. A. Willard delivered an exhaustive address on "Milk." An address on "The Importance of Elevating the Intellectual Character of the Dairyman," was given by Mr. C. E. Chadwick. Discussions took place on "Which Is the Most Suitable Curing-Room, and the Best Method of Ventilation" and "Will Creameries Pay in Canada?"

On the question of the comparative worth of Canadian and Liverpool salts, there seemed to be a variety of opinion—some saying that the Canadian salt had improved lately, and is now as good as the best—others speaking in favor of Liverpool salt. It was recommended that hoops be of the diameter of 14½ inches. The next annual meeting is to be held at Ingersoll.

### Toronto Electoral Division Society.

The annual meeting of this Society was held in the Agricultural Hall on the afternoon of Wednesday, the 20th ult. After the reading and confirming of minutes and other routine business, the Directors' Report, the most important portions of which will be found in other columns of the FARMER, was read and unanimously adopted. The following officers were then balloted for and declared elected:

President, Philip Armstrong; 1st Vice-President, George Vair; 2nd Vice-President, John Forsyth; Secretary-Treasurer, Wm. Edwards; Directors, John Grey, James Forsyth, John Paxton, James Fleming, John Chambers, T. J. Harris, Alonzo Watkins, John McCarter, and William Lightfoot.

Messrs. James Fleming and John Forsyth were appointed representatives to the next annual meeting of the Association at Ottawa, in the event of the President and 1st Vice-President not being able to attend.

Messrs. G. W. Buckland and H. C. Thomson were appointed auditors of accounts for the ensuing year.

Resolutions were also unanimously adopted on the following subjects—

Vote of condolence to the family of the late John Grey, in reference to his untimely death.

Vote of thanks to the Agricultural and Art Association, for the use of a room for the Society's meetings.

Vote of thanks to Mr. J. B. Boustead, the late President, for past services to the Society, in his retirement from the Board of Directors.

Vote requesting the Board to communicate with rural Societies as to a Union Fall Exhibition.

### The International Association of Short-Horn Breeders.

Messrs. W. R. Duncan, G. Sprague, and Emory Cobb, a committee appointed to perfect the organization of the International Association of Short-horn Breeders, have addressed a circular to breeders, inviting them to become members of the Association. The circular says:—"It is perhaps hardly necessary to refer at length to the importance of the cattle interest, and its rise and progress in the United States and Provinces of Canada. The most of you are conversant with the history of the earlier importations, and are very well informed as to the great improvement wrought upon the cattle of the country through these early importations. There was, at first, a great diversity of sentiment as to breeds, but after long and patient trials, the Short-horns stand out to view without a peer, and a very respectable array of talent and capital are enlisted in the breeding of Short-horns."

"The breeders of Indiana called a meeting at Indianapolis, to be held on the first Wednesday of December, 1872. A large delegation assembled on that occasion; an organization was effected, duly officered, with a Director from each State and Province. A Constitution and By-laws were adopted. It was ordered that the Convention assemble annually, and that the proceedings be published in pamphlet form, thus furnishing a means of preserving for future reference the points discussed and the essays read."

"It was ordered that a membership fee of \$2.00 be exacted from each member, the fund so raised to be used to print and send out the proceedings. In 1873 the Convention assembled at Cincinnati, with a good attendance, and adjourned to meet at Springfield, Illinois, on the 2nd day of December, 1874. At this meeting it was shown that the membership was not large enough, at the price fixed, to defray the unavoidable expenses, mainly the expense of printing the transactions, and the undersigned were instructed to address breeders through the medium of a circular, asking all who may be so addressed to become members of the Association, by sending name and post-office address to S. F. Lockridge, Secretary of the Association, Greencastle, Indiana, enclosing the membership fee."

"We are all engaged in a common cause,—the introduction and improvement of Short-horns,—and no one of you can afford to leave anything undone which shall in a proper manner promise to aid in developing this great interest."

### Ontario Poultry Society's First Show.

The Ontario Poultry Society will hold their first annual show on March 2nd, 3rd and 4th, at Guelph. \$1.00 is offered in prizes. The entrance fees are: for fowls, geese, turkeys and ducks, 50 cents each coop. For pigeons, rabbits, and caged birds, 25 cents each coop. An addition fee of 10 cents for each coop will be charged. Entries close on Feb. 26th, before which day fees must be remitted to the Secretary. The specimens to be exhibited before two p.m. on March 1st. Entries (except singing birds) are to be in pairs, labelled with name of owner, and bona fide the property of exhibitor. The judging will be by the American standard. The vitality of eggs laid during the show will be destroyed. Specimens are to be priced and ten per cent. on sales deducted toward expenses of show. Exhibitors must coop their birds as they wish them arranged for exhibition. The admission fee will be 25 cents for adults and 10 cents for children. The above is condensed from a circular which the Secretary, Mr. Geo. Murton, Guelph, will furnish to all who want fuller information.

At a meeting of the trustees and officers of the N. E. Agricultural Society, one of the representatives of various State Agricultural Societies in New England, offered a resolution which was adopted, that "the employment of volunteer committees at Agricultural Exhibitions secures the services of those most interested in Agriculture, appeals at once to the zeal and devotion of the members of the societies, and results in decisions as wise and fair and as efficacious as can be obtained in any other manner."

THE CULTIVATOR'S GUIDE FOR 1875, published by J. A. Summers, Toronto, is a well got-up catalogue, for which any one who contemplates purchasing garden, agricultural or flower seeds, should send.

### New Granges of Patrons of Husbandry.

The Order of Patrons of Husbandry continues to extend itself in the Dominion. In the January number of the CANADA FARMER, we published a list of Granges in existence on January 1st, 1875. We now supplement that list with the names of Granges organized since that time:—

84. KETTLEBY.—Calvin Davis, master, Kettleby; Charles Lloyd, secretary, Kettleby.
85. FOREST HILL.—William A. Moore, master, Yorkville; J. E. Hopkins, secretary, Eglington.
86. GRANGE.—A. A. Stewart, master, Ailsa Craig; Henry O'Neil, secretary, Parkhill.
87. MORECAM.—Wm. H. Haldenby, master, Kinlough; A. W. Haldenby, secretary, Kinlough.
88. POPLIN.—Joseph Goodfellow, master, Brawley; D. J. Hunter, secretary, Craigvale.
89. COOKSTOWN.—Thomas Duff, master, Cookstown; C. Cooke, secretary, Cookstown.
90. EXNISKILLEN.—Thomas Dundass, master, Petrolia; Robert Dawson, secretary, Petrolia.
91. PLYMPTON UNION.—James Vanuatter, master, Forest; Sylvester Kinsey, secretary, Forest.
92. MOUNT PLEASANT.—James Agnew, master, Lucknow; Thomas Murray, secretary, Lucknow.
93. ————Guy Bell, master, Brampton; David Lawrence, secretary, Brampton.
94. HARMONY.—Wm. Spence, master, Brampton; John Campbell, secretary, Woodham.
95. SHERKSTONE.—Frederick Heckadox, master, Sherkstone; Jacob M. Sherk, secretary, Sherkstone.
96. GRANGE.—Jacob Bowman, master, Dundas; Wm. D. Binkley, secretary, Dundas.
97. WAINSTEAD.—A. Y. Anderson, master, Wyoming; J. E. Anderson, secretary, Wyoming.
98. LORNE.—Arch. F. Campbell, master, Belmont; Geo. McCallum, secretary, Mapleton.
99. SHERIDAN.—Ferris Lawrence, master, Sheridan; Richard F. Polard, secretary, Sheridan.
100. FARMER'S WREATH.—John Stewart, master, Lucknow; John J. Taylor, secretary, Lucknow.
101. SHARON.—Amos J. Hughes, master, Sharon; Chas. E. Lundy, secretary, Sharon.
102. NORTH RIDGE.—John Noble, master, North Ridge; G. W. Johnston, secretary, North Ridge.

### Manchester Fat Stock Show.

The annual exhibition of fat cattle, sheep, pigs, poultry, pigeons, and dogs, was opened on Tuesday, the 21st Dec. There were only seven classes for cattle, and the entries were very insignificant in number, while the stock shown, with very few exceptions, was not of first-class quality. Mr. T. Statter, of Stand Hall, entered several of his prize beasts, and was rewarded by the first prize for the best fat Short-horn ox or steer exceeding three years and four months old; a similar honor for the best ox or steer of the Scotch, Irish or Welsh breeds; and the premier prize for the best fat cow or heifer of any breed or cross-breed, except Short-horn. Mr. R. Wright, Lincoln, was placed first in the class for Short-horn cows or heifers of any age, and Mr. J. Reid, Alford, Aberdeenshire, second; Mr. W. S. Roberts, Llangefni, Anglesea, second in the class for cattle of Scotch, Irish or Welsh breeds; Mr. H. N. Edwards, Leominster, second in that for cows or heifers of any breed except Short-horns; and Mr. J. Reid third. The show of sheep was small, and the principal prize-taker was Mr. Statter. A second prize, for fat wethers, was given to Mr. A. S. Drake, Meath; a first to the Duke of Portland, for crossed or mixed breeds; and in which class Mr. T. Richardson, Mansfield, was placed second. There were some good pigs, and Mr. P. Eden, Salford; Messrs. J. Wheeler and Son, Shipston-on-Stour; Mr. Leonard Pilkington, Gateacre, Liverpool; Mr. S. Wilson, jun., Ramsbottom; and Mr. Thomas Statter, divided the first and second prizes. There was a very large show of poultry.

CATALOGUES, ETC., RECEIVED.—The following catalogues have come to our table: William Rennie, Toronto Agricultural Warehouse, agricultural machines, implements, seeds, trees, fertilizers, etc.; a treatise on the use of Paris green, by Reynolds & Co., New York; T. S. Hubbard, Fredonia, N. Y., grape vines, fruit trees, etc.; George W. Campbell, Delaware, O., grape vines, small fruits, plants, seeds, etc.; R. H. Allen & Co., New York, seeds; Jas. J. H. Gregory, Marblehead, Mass., vegetable and flour seeds; Ellwanger & Barry, Rochester, N. Y., fruit and forest trees, shrubs, plants, flowers, etc.; Hovey & Co., Boston, flower and vegetable seeds, etc.; J. A. Simmers, Toronto, garden, agricultural and flower seeds, etc.; F. K. Phoenix, Bloomington, Ill., plants and seeds.

FIELD ROOTS, garden vegetables, etc., grown from seed supplied by Mr. Wm. Rennie, Toronto, Ont., were awarded many distinguished honors at the Provincial and other Exhibitions of last season. Our readers will do well to write for his annual descriptive seed catalogue for 1875.