

CO-OPERATIVE FRUIT-GROWERS' ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Co-operative Fruit-growers of Ontario, held in Toronto, on June 9th, was not very largely attended. The local associations represented were: Sparta, Oakville, Norfolk, Brant, Owen Sound, St. Catharines, Oshawa, Walkerton and Orillia. There were twenty-four associations represented in the central organization last year, as compared with thirteen the year previous.

A. E. Sherrington, Walkerton, presided. The report of the Secretary-Treasurer, A. B. Cutting, showed total receipts of \$120, made up of contributions of \$5 each from the local associations represented. The expenditures totalled \$101.33, leaving a balance on hand of \$18.67. By a unanimous vote, this balance was presented to the Secretary for his services.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Hon. President, A. E. Sherrington, Walkerton; President, D. Johnson, Forest; 1st Vice-President, Robt. Thompson, St. Catharines; 2nd Vice-President, J. E. Johnston, Simcoe; 3rd Vice-President, Elmer Lick, Oshawa.

Mr. Cutting resigned the secretaryship, and P. W. Hodgetts, Parliament Buildings, Toronto, was elected in his place. This is a temporary arrangement, until it is decided whether the central organization will obtain incorporation and act as buying and selling agent for the affiliated associations. If this takes place, a permanent paid official will be secured to manage the affairs of the Association. Mr. C. W. Gurney, Burford, Ont., was elected auditor.

The chief topic discussed was the extension of the work. The members present were of the opinion that something more must be done, or the co-operative movement would suffer. Last year had been a somewhat trying one for the local associations. The dealers are making a determined effort to combat co-operative enterprise. Reports have been circulated that the packing of the fruit by the local associations is not what it should be. There is some slight ground for these reports, and it seems up to the central organization to improve things and create more confidence in the co-operative movement.

Since its inception, the central association has endeavored to keep its members informed as to the fruit crop, the market situation, and conditions generally affecting the trade. Some of the associations have not responded promptly to circulars sent out by the Secretary, asking for information as to the probable yield, etc., and there is a feeling that something more must be done to retain the interest of the local associations. The Secretary has also endeavored to help the local associations in the way of obtaining supplies of spraying material, barrels, boxes, etc., at reduced rates, but has found his work hampered by the central association not having the power to buy of its own initiative. This would be remedied under incorporation.

A resolution carried, instructing the Executive

Committee, through the Secretary, to obtain all the information possible as to the willingness of the local associations for incorporation, and as to other matters affecting the welfare of the co-operative movement with a view to more aggressive and effective work.

If incorporation is proceeded with, the Ontario Government will be asked to grant aid towards employing instructors to assist the local associations in spraying, packing and handling the fruit crop to the best advantage. The members were of the opinion that some assistance of this kind is needed if the co-operative movement is to succeed, and uniform methods in packing and handling the crop are to be obtained.

The meeting adjourned, to meet again shortly, if deemed necessary, at the call of the Executive, to discuss incorporation.

ANTI-GAMBLING LAW IN NEW YORK STATE.

By the passage and gubernatorial signature of the Agnew-Hart anti-race-track-gambling bills, at Albany, last week, the State of New York is placed under a law for which Governor Hughes has striven with magnificent zeal and purpose, and for which Senator Otto G. Fooker crawled from a sick bed and made an heroic sixty-mile journey to give the casting vote. As explained in the press despatches, the bills in no way affect, so far as their face provisions go, the State Racing Commission in particular, or horse-racing in general. They relate solely to the penalties for gambling, pool-selling and bookmaking, which, as before, are declared by the law to be "a public nuisance."

The first of the bills amends the racing law by repealing that provision of it under which gambling within a race-track enclosure was exempted from the penalties operative elsewhere in the State, and was made subject to an exclusive penalty of simple recovery at civil suit of the amount wagered. The bill also provides that the general penalty for gambling shall be "imprisonment in the county jail for a period of not more than one year," without alternative of a fine.

The second bill amends the penal code in like manner, and in addition changes the grade of the crime from that of a felony, which any gambling was until to-day, to that of a misdemeanor, thus bringing the offence within the jurisdiction of the minor criminal courts. In short, New York State now has an anti-gambling law instead of a farcical subterfuge.

The victory, which is described as the most brilliant in the annals of the New York Legislature, must add immensely to the prestige of Governor Hughes, and takes rank as a magnificent democratic triumph in the principles of law and order, inasmuch as all the resources and ingenuity of the sporting element were arrayed against him. The old stock argument has been

worked for all it was worth, viz., that the bill will throw many men out of employment and cripple the horse-breeding industry. What they mean is that it will cripple the racing business, for the legitimate improvement of horse stock for useful purposes has ever been threatened rather than assisted by the racing business. The New York legislation will not forbid racing, but does aim to control a terrible evil commonly associated with racing. As for throwing men out of employment, it is a stupid fallacy to claim that the engagement of men in non-productive employment can be other than an economic handicap to any State. The State of New York is to be congratulated on its Governor, its Legislature, and its anti-gambling law. May it be well enforced.

DEATH OF ROBERT CLARKE.

In the death of Mr. Robert Clarke, of Ottawa, which took place on May 3rd, breeders of Chester White swine in Canada have lost an earnest and enterprising champion of the breed, his herd, as is well known to "The Farmer's Advocate" readers, having been one of the largest and best in the Dominion, representatives of which were prominent winners at the Central Canada and other leading exhibitions. Mr. Clarke entertained intelligent and up-to-date ideas regarding the successful breeding and management of this class of stock, as evidenced by the uniform excellence of his herd in type, quality and character, and he was broad-minded, being always cheerfully willing to impart information regarding his methods, so that others might profit from his experience, and by his honorable and straightforward business dealings stood high in the estimation of the stockmen of the Country. He was president of the Ottawa Cartage Company, and a director of the Exhibition Association, and prominent in the Independent Order of Foresters and United Workman circles.

The construction of a new Welland Canal, 25 feet in depth, at a cost, roughly calculated, at twenty-five or thirty million dollars, is a plank of Federal policy foreshadowed by Hon. Geo. P. Graham, Minister of Railways and Canals. This may be all very well, but what about the Georgian Bay Canal? The lower-lake route is circuitous at the best. It is time we strike to the heart of the transportation problem by digging a canal across the neck of land separating Georgian Bay from the upper reaches of the Ottawa River.

G. A. Annett, of Lambton Co., Ont., sends us a stalk of alfalfa, sown May 1st, which was 14 inches high on June 10th. It was sown without a nurse crop. He also adds that they have a hen that lays eggs weighing over eight ounces, and measuring with the calipers, 2 x 8 inches.

GOSSIP.

LAST CALL FOR THE SHORTHORN SALE AT WHITE OAK.

The date of the dispersion sale of Shorthorns owned by Mr. Frank R. Shore, at White Oak, Ont., is June 24, and those who are contemplating purchasing should keep the date in remembrance. Prominent among the offering is the splendid young imported bull, Queen's Counsellor. This bull is full of the blood of the great Cruickshank families, and his smooth, handsome finish, and thick, natural flesh, are a proof of the potency of this blood. Queen's Counsellor has proved himself an extra stock-getter, his calves having substance, together with the sappy, early-maturing qualities that meet the present demand, while they also possess the rich colors and wealth of hair now so much desired. Among the cows and heifers are representatives of the family descended from the Kinellar-bred Imp. Buchan Lassie, twelve of which are catalogued. The breeding of the sires used (most of which are imported) embraces the blood most approved at Sittytown, Collynie and Dalmeny, which has always been noted for early-maturing and good fleshing qualities combined with the cow much-sought-after good-milking properties. The Canadian Duchess of Gloster family of Sittytown extraction has been very popular in recent sale-rings, and has been bred in the same lines. Six of the family are catalogued, which, with the calves at foot, swell the offering to some ten of this sort. Then, there are ten of the Kinellar Minas, always popular, also topped out with the same class of bulls. Altogether, the herd is in good breeding form; calves are numerous, lusty and promising, and, with no special preparation for sale, will be in the most profitable condition for a continuance of the certainty of producing calves. For means of getting to the sale, see advertisement, and send for catalogue.

THE BATH & WEST SHOW.

At the annual Bath & West of England and Southern Counties Show, at Dorchester, the first week in June, the entries of Shorthorn cattle numbered 71. Milk is an important consideration in the West of England, and classes are provided for milking Shorthorns. Mr. Adeane won first honors in the class for pedigree cows over four years with Babraham Darling Lady, and was also first and second for cows under four, in the ordinary cow class. The champion female was Lord Calthorpe's ex-Royal winner, Sweetheart, second prize in her class going to Sir J. Colman's Gallon Rose, quite a Scotch type, with a fine vessel. The three-year-old Queen of Spey 16th, bred by the Duke of Richmond, and shown by Messrs. Dean, was first in her class. Lord Calthorpe had an easy win in the two-year-old class with Elvetham Sweetheart; she was sired by Sittytown Chief, and out of the champion cow, Sweetheart. Village Belle, shown by Messrs. Garne, won in yearling heifers, Deane Willis being second with a neat red, by Bapton Viceroy. In the aged bull class, Sir Richard Cooper, with Chiddingston Malcolm, a finely-fleshed, evenly-covered bull, bred by Messrs. Denny, in Kent, where the Scotch type is popular, was a clean first and breed champion. In two-year-old bulls, Deane Willis was first with Bapton Count, by Chewton Brave Archer. The winning yearling bull was bred by Messrs. Law, of Sanquhar, sired by Pride of Holl, and shown by Messrs. Dean & Sons.

In the section for Shropshire sheep, Sir R. P. Cooper took first prizes in all the three classes. Mr. Williams, of Whiston Hall, got second place for shearing rams, and Mr. Bibby, of Hardwick Grange, Shrewsbury, received the second ticket for a pen of three shearing ewes. Cotswolds were an excellent display. Messrs. W. T. Garne, W. Houlton and J. Fowler were the leading winners.

In Lincoln, the contest was between

Messrs. H. Dudding and S. E. Dean & Sons, Mr. Dudding winning for stud rams and ram lambs, and Messrs. Dean for yearling rams and yearling ewes; their winning yearling ram was a particularly handsome, well-grown and fine sheep.

Southdowns were a notably good and large entry. Champion honors for males went to Mr. F. H. Jennings, and for females to Sir J. Wernher. Messrs. C. Adeane, the Exors. of Col. McCalmont and H. M. the King were also winners.

Oxford Downs had a good entry, of high-class merit. Messrs. J. Horlick, J. T. Hobbs, and A. Brassey were the principal winners.

Hampshire Downs were a choice display of typical sheep, in which the leading winners sent some notably fine specimens of their breed; these included the exhibits made by Messrs. J. Flower, H. C. Stephens, Hon. P. D. Bouverie, and C. Coles.

Dorset Horns had a record entry in point of number, in respect of flocks represented, and also in respect to high individual merit and quality. Messrs. W. R. Flower, J. Attrill, E. A. Hambro, and F. J. Merson were the principal winners.

In pigs, the Berkshires made a notably good entry. For boars Messrs. L. Currie, Lord Calthorpe and G. J. B. Chetwynd were the principal winners. In the sow classes, which were excellent, Messrs. J. Horton, J. Lawrence and Chetwynd were the principal winners.

The breeders of Large Black pigs sent forward an entry of very high merit and quality, and their leading winners were Messrs. J. Warne, T. Warne, H. J. Kingwell, and J. C. Oliver.

Large Whites made a smaller entry than usual, but of good merit. The Earl of Ellesmere and Messrs. R. M. Knowles and E. J. Morant took the leading honors.

The Tamworths made an entry of good merit and quality. Mr. R. Ibbotson winning first and second in each class, and Mr. H. C. Stephens taking third honors.

SALE DATES CLAIMED.

June 18th.—Thos. W. Clark, Cainsville, Ont., farm and threshing outfit.
June 23rd.—Richard Gibson, Delaware, Ont., dispersion sale of Shorthorns.
June 24th.—F. R. Shore, White Oak, Ont., Shorthorns.

At the annual sale, last week, of imported and home-bred Jersey cattle, from the Hood Farm herd, at Lowell, Mass., the 81 head sold made an average price of \$143.76. The highest price, \$470, was for the five-year-old cow, Golden Leda's Belle, by Leda's Golden Lad, purchased by N. Thayer, Lancaster, Mass. Fifty-five of these were home-bred, and twenty-six imported.

THE HENDRIE SHORTHORN SALE.

The auction sale, at West Toronto, on June 11th, of the herd of Shorthorns belonging to the estate of the late Mr. Hendrie, of Hamilton, Ont., though attended by a fairly large representation of Ontario breeders, could hardly be called a success, the stock being in poor condition, and but few of them of attractive breeding, while the young things were not, as a rule, of promising appearance. The result was a low range of prices, very few reaching the \$100 mark, and the average a little less than \$75. That buyers secured some good bargains is practically certain, as, when brought into good condition, many of the animals will doubtless sell for double their cost or more. The highest price, \$160, was paid by Mr. A. E. Meyer, of Guelph, for Dimples, a roan three-year-old, by Strathallan Hillhurst, and out of Imp. Dimples, of the Jealousy tribe, and the highest price for a bull was \$127, for the roan two-year-old, Scottish Fashion, by Prince of Fashion (imp.), and out of Scottish Rose (imp.), purchased by Mr. M. J. McGillicuddy, Kenilworth.