

FEBRUARY 16, 1911

Ritch, of the Dominion Sheep Commission, had been strongly urging it upon Canadian sheep men. Col. McCrae pointed out that, although London is the world's wool market, still, the actual sorting of the fleeces marketed there is done before the wool reaches London, and he thought, if we were to get good prices for our wool, it would be necessary to have some means of sorting and grading, so that a certain grade would stand for a certain quality. The long-wool market in Canada, declared Col. McCrae, is practically controlled by one man. The Down men have a chance to get a better price than the long-wool men.

A resolution, moved by John Campbell, asked that the Canadian National Exhibition provide a superintendent for the sheep department, and that seating be provided around the judging ring, and that the ring be kept clear.

Another resolution asked for better accommodation at the Ontario Winter Fair, in respect to heating, water, and conveniences for getting up and down stairs.

R. H. Harding urged that it had been commonly complained that at the leading fairs and markets too much money had been given for imported sheep, and not enough for home-bred. A resolution was passed, asking the fair boards to give more encouragement to stock bred by exhibitors, and to American-bred stock.

OFFICERS.

President, Lt.-Col. McEwen, Byron; Vice-President, J. D. Brien, Ridgetown; Secretary-Treas., A. P. Westervelt, Parliament Buildings, Toronto. Executive Committee—The President, and the Vice-President, with Geo. Telfer, Paris, and J. Lloyd-Jones, of Burford. Directors—Southdowns, Col. McEwen; Cotswolds, J. D. Brien; Lincolns, E. Robson, Ilderton; Leicesters, Jas. Douglas, Caledonia; Shropshires, J. Lloyd-Jones; Oxfords, H. C. Arkell, Teeswater; Dorsets, Jas. Robertson, Milton; Hampshires and Suffolks, George Telfer. General Directors—D. J. Campbell, Woodville, and Herbert Lee, Highgate.

Jersey Breeders' Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Canadian Jersey Cattle Club was held in the Board Room of the Street Railway Company, Toronto, Feb. 9th, 1911, the President, David Duncan, in the chair. An unusually large attendance of members evidenced the growing interest in the breed among farmers. The president, in his address, referred to the increasing demand for Jerseys in all the Provinces of the Dominion, and notably in the Western Provinces, sales having been more numerous in the last year than in any previous year. The demand for cream and high-class butter, as well as for high-testing milk, is constantly increasing, owing to the rapid growth of cities and towns, and for this the Jersey cow fills the bill for this extensive market.

The report of Secretary R. Reid showed that registrations in the Canadian Cattle Club record in the last year were far in advance of those of any former year.

The financial statement showed receipts, including a balance from 1909, and 1910 registration and transfer fees, and interest, of \$1,565.05; and expenditures, \$510.70, leaving a balance on hand of \$1,054.70.

The proposed new constitution submitted was, on the advice of Dominion Live-stock Commissioner, Dr. J. G. Rutherford, who was present, laid over for a future meeting, as amendments to the pedigree act will probably be made during the present session of the House of Commons. A committee was appointed to confer with the American Jersey Cattle Club on the matter of reciprocity of registration and transfers.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The following officers were elected: President, David Duncan, Don, Ont.; Secretary-Treasurer, R. Reid, Berlin, Ont. Directors—F. L. Green, R. J. Fleming, H. A. Dolson, S. J. Lyons, B. A. Bull. Representatives on National Record Board—R. Reid, Berlin; D. O. Bull, Brampton. The following vice-presidents, representing Provinces, were elected: Saskatchewan, Frank Wilson; Manitoba, Jas. B. Stewart; Quebec, H. W. Edwards; Nova Scotia, Roy B. Pipes; New Brunswick, C. Creighton; Prince Edward Island, Frank Glendon; Ontario, D. O. Bull and T. Porter. Representatives on Fair Boards—Toronto, W. P. Bull; London, Chas. Rogers; Ottawa, W. P. Hurdman; Sherbrooke, W. H. Martin; St. John and Fredericton, C. Creighton; Halifax, H. S. Pipes; Winnipeg, D. Smith; Brandon, W. P. Bowman; Regina, W. J. Lumsden; Calgary, C. A. J. Sharman; Edmonton, P. E. Buchart; Victoria, A. H. Menzies.

The sum of \$25 towards the prize lists was voted to each of the following exhibitions, on condition that each Board would duplicate the grant and give the same total amount for the Jersey class as for the other dairy breeds: Winnipeg, Regina, New Westminster, Calgary, Halifax, and Ottawa.

Progress in Ayrshire Circles.

The annual meeting of the Canadian Ayrshire Breeders' Association, held in Montreal on February 9th, was the most largely-attended and most enthusiastic held in the history of the organization.

President Jas. Bryson, in his annual address, referred to the establishment of the present herdbook, 41 years ago, to further Ayrshire interests, and congratulated the members of the present Association on the splendid showing made by the breed during the past year, both at sales, records of performance, exhibitions, and in the practical work of the dairy. There were now 56 members in the Canadian West, and a growing Western demand for Ayrshires. He congratulated the Association on the efficient work of Secretary W. F. Stephen.

The report of Secretary Stephen showed an increase of members during the past five years from 258 to 632, and from 1,768 registrations and 685 transfers in 1905, to 2,395 registrations and 2,395 transfers in 1910, an increase of about 120 per cent. in members, 30 per cent. in registrations, and 80 per cent. in transfers. Registrations were the largest in the history of the breed. Ayrshire men were now thoroughly alive to the great possibilities of the breed, and the results of the Record of Performance were most encouraging. Since last statement, 39 cows and heifers had qualified, and a number have just finished the test. Among these, the cow Tangle-wyld just closed her test with a year's record of 16,196 pounds milk and 625 pounds of fat. Primrose has exceeded the record of Annie Laurie 2nd by 1,061 pounds milk and 27 pounds butter, and also excels the American Ayrshire, Rena Ross, by 1,125 pounds milk, but the latter holds the butter-fat record by some 25 pounds. There are now 130 cows and heifers in the Record of Performance. The call for a diagram on the registry application form is meeting, on the whole, with favor. Ayrshires were never in better demand, nor sold for higher prices, than at present. A fireproof vault has been added to the office fixtures. The interests of the breed require to be jealously guarded, and ideals kept in mind of symmetry, type, and large and economical production, in order that the Ayrshire may become known as "The World's Favorite."

The financial statement showed receipts amounting to \$5,366.49, including \$3,324.37 from registrations, and \$1,194 from members' fees, and there is a cash balance on hand of \$1,478.70 and 2,500 herdbooks, valued at \$2,500.

RESOLUTIONS.

The business was principally of a routine character, and included the following resolutions:

Resolved, "That, when cows entered in the Record of Performance test have given the required amount of milk and fat to qualify, but have not freshened within the 15 months' time limit, the Minister of Agriculture be requested to instruct his inspector to send a report to the secretary of the Association, and that it be published in the 'Annual' for information."

"That, in regard to the new regulation governing free entry of pedigreed animals into the United States, inasmuch as the regulation precludes the free entry of Ayrshires tracing to importation to Canada previous to the establishment of a herdbook in Scotland, that we memorialize the Minister of Agriculture to approach the proper authorities, to so modify this regulation as to restore to Canadian Ayrshire breeders the privileges which they have heretofore enjoyed in this regard, namely, 'free entry.'"

"That the Ontario members be made members of the Dominion Cattle-breeders' Association, at 50 cents per member, and that the amount be donated towards prizes in the Ayrshire classes at dairy tests in connection with the Provincial Winter Fair, Guelph, Ont.; and if the amount therefrom does not reach \$100, that it be made up from our funds. Also, that \$100 be donated from the funds of the Association to the Ayrshire classes at the Amherst and Ottawa Winter Fairs."

"That \$100 for an Ayrshire, \$100 for a three-year-old heifer, and \$100 for a two-year-old heifer, be given, as champion prizes at Guelph, Amherst and Ottawa Winter Fairs, December, 1911, and January, 1912, provided the highest scoring at three fairs be made by pure-bred Ayrshires in the dairy test, all Ayrshires competing to be recorded in the Canadian Ayrshire Herdbook."

"That a grant of \$100 be given to the Ayrshire classes at the Dominion Exhibition, Regina, provided the Exhibition management put up at least \$1,000 for prizes in the Ayrshire classes."

"That the official organ be discontinued."

"That a committee be named to form Ayrshire clubs in localities where the number of breeders justified such action, this committee to be empowered to draft by-laws for guidance of these clubs. Also, that the Association pay the travelling expenses of the Secretary in going to Menie to organize a club there."

On motion that, owing to the increase of work, and the secretary providing a vault for our papers, etc., that his salary be increased to

\$1,000. A number of minutes of the meeting were adopted.

Alex. Hume reported that on the 7th inst., a number of Ayrshire breeders met at Campbellford, Ont., with a view to organizing a local society. This was done, and he asked for the services of the secretary to assist in perfecting the organization.

OFFICERS.

Hon. President, Dr. J. G. Rutherford, Ottawa, Ont.; President, John McKee, Norwich, Ont.; Vice-President, Hector Gordon, Howick, Que.; Vice-Presidents—Ontario, J. Campbell, Hamilton; riettsville; Quebec, Robt. Ness, Howick, Man-toba, W. M. Champion, Repburn, Saskatchewan; J. C. Pope, Regina; Alberta, A. H. Trimble, Red Deer; British Columbia, J. J. Wells, Sardis; Prince Edward Island, W. B. Simpson, Charlotte-town; Nova Scotia, F. S. Black, Amherst; New Brunswick, M. H. Parlee, Miramichi.

Directors—Western: Alex. Hume, Winnipeg; John McKee, Norwich, Ont.; Wm. J. Bantam, Stratford, Ont.; Robert Hume, Maxville, Ont.; A. Kains, Byron, Ont.; Wm. Eastman, Guelph, Ont.; N. Dymont, Clarksburg, Ontario; Eastern: R. R. Ness, Howick, Que.; Wm. Owens, Montreal, Que.; James Bryson, Brantford, Ont.; Hector Gordon, Howick, Que.; North Georgetown, Que.; N. B. Executive Committee—Eastern Division: R. R. Ness, Nap. Lachapelle, and Wm. Owens, Western Division: A. Kains, Wm. J. Bantam, W. W. Ballantyne. Registration Committee: W. F. Stephen, R. R. Ness. Secretary: Wm. J. Bantam. F. Stephen, Huntingdon, Que.

AYRSHIRE MEETING.

The annual meet was finished up with a banquet, held in the Queen's Hotel, and a display of fireworks or back-patting of the breed at this first annual banquet, but no fireworks were shown. Matters which concern the breed, and other dairy breeds as well, were discussed, and bouquets were thrown at the beautiful and profitable Ayrshire cow. The banquet was a most enjoyable affair.

Yorkshire Breeders' Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Yorkshire Breeders' Association was held in the Walker House, Toronto, Feb. 8th, 1911, the President, Roy Brethour, in the chair. The meeting showed a flourishing condition of the breed, with registrations and sales, the registrations for 1910 totalling 8,048, distributed as follows: Ontario, 3,576; Manitoba, 779; Quebec, 1,439; New Brunswick, 448; Prince Edward Island, 172; United States, 1,058. It was decided that the prize boards towards the prize money be given, provided the prizes be given to the Yorkshire breeders. The financial statement for 1910 showed receipts, including cash on hand from the previous year, of \$639.14, and a balance to the good of \$138.44.

The following officers were elected: President, J. E. Brethour, Burford; Secretary-Treasurer, Featherston, Streetsville; Directors—A. P. Westervelt, Toronto; John Platt, Minto; Zenda; John Platt, Minto; H. J. Davis, Woodstock; Guelph; H. J. Davis, Woodstock; Executive Committee: J. E. Brethour, William Jones, John Platt.

Dominion Cattle-breeders' Association.

The annual meeting of the Dominion Cattle-breeders' Association was held at the Walker House, Toronto, February 7th, a good representation from the various purebred cattle associations being present. The president, John Gardhouse, Highfield, occupied the chair. The secretary, J. W. Porter, showed that five carloads of purebred stock, comprising horses, cattle, sheep and pigs, had been shipped to the Western Provinces during the year under the terms granted by the railways for the carriage of registered stock. The financial statement showed a cash balance of \$618.69.

OFFICERS.

The following officers were elected for the current year: President, John Gardhouse, Highfield; Secretary-Treasurer, A. P. Westervelt, Toronto; Representatives to Exhibitions—Toronto, John Gardhouse, Highfield; Ottawa, R. Ness, and W. A. Wallace, Kars; London, A. H. Trimble, and W. Winter Fair, Guelph, John Platt, Minto; St. John Fair, W. W. Ballantyne, Brantford; Vancouver Fair, Ottawa, Peter White, and W. S. Stephen.

In our report of the Canadian Sheep-breeders' Association's annual meeting, line of typographical error in the list of directors made the name of Wm. Porter read C. E. Carter.

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