

Sheep Breeders' Convention.

The Dominion Sheep Breeders' Association convened in Guelph on Wednesday, December 9th, President Jas. Tolton occupying the chair. The attendance of interested breeders was greatly in excess of any previous year. After the President's annual address, the business of the meeting was proceeded with, and several very interesting and pointed discussions took place regarding the excessive fees charged by veterinary inspectors appointed by the Government, transportation, and other interesting subjects.

A committee was appointed to devise plans for selecting judges for county and township fairs, consisting of R. Gibson, Jno. Campbell, and D. G. Hamner.

The resolutions adopted by the cattle breeders regarding the appointment of Dominion Agriculturalist, revision of the tariff, railway rates, and quarantine were heartily endorsed by the sheep breeders, and the following gentlemen were appointed to wait upon the commission: Jas. Tolton, Walkerton; D. G. Hamner, Burford; Alex. Smith, Maple Lodge; and Jno. Campbell, Woodville.

The appointment of officers for the ensuing year then took place: President and Vice-President, Messrs. Jas. Tolton and D. G. Hamner being re-elected. Directors—Cotswolds, J. C. Snell, Snelgrove; Leicesters, Alex. Smith, Maple Lodge; Southdowns, Jno. Jackson, Abington; Shropshire, Richard Gibson, Delaware; Oxford, Henry Arkell, Arkell; Hampshire, John Kelly, Shakespear; Lincoln, Jno. Gibson, Denfield; Dorset, R. H. Harding, Thorndale; Merinos, W. M. Smith, Fairfield. General Director—Jno. I. Hobson, Mosborough. Auditors—Prof. Day, of O. E. F. and Andrew Whitelaw, Guelph. Delegates to Fair Boards—Toronto, Jas. Russell, J. C. Snell; Ottawa, J. C. Snell, Carleton Place; Montreal, Daniel Brims, Atholstone; Kingston, A. L. Brown, Picton; London, Alex. Smith and R. H. Harding; Peterboro, Robt. Vance, Ida; Belleville, J. M. Hurley, Belleville. Expert Judges: Leicesters—Ernest Parkinson, Eramosa; Jno. Orr, Galt; Wm. Watt, Salem; Wm. McIntosh, Hurkayne; Thos. Currelley, Fullerton; R. Eastwood, Mimico; Jno. Kelly, Shakespear; R. Hastings, Wingham; Mr. Thompson, Ferguson; J. H. Campbell, Palmerston; J. C. Snell, Snelgrove; Joseph Snell, Snelgrove; G. B. Armstrong, Teeswater; Jno. Gibson, Denfield; Wm. Cowan, Galt; Clarence Wood, Freeman; Jas. Gaunt, St. Helen's; Jos. Gaunt, St. Helen's; J. M. Guardhouse, Highfield; Jno. Guardhouse, Weston; Wm. White, law, Guelph; Andrew Whitelaw, Guelph; Alex. Smith, Clinton; R. G. Martin, Marysville; Alex. Smith, Maple Lodge; A. Easton, Appleby; G. B. Armstrong, Teeswater; Lincoln—Jno. Gibson, Denfield; Wm. Oliver, Avonbank; E. Parkinson, Eramosa; T. C. Robson, Iderton; G. Walker, Iderton; Jno. Geary, London; Jno. Snell, Snelgrove; Jas. Brock, Whalen; Jno. Lee, Highgate; Richard Gibson, Delaware; Alex. Smith, Snelgrove; Wm. Thompson, Uxbridge; J. C. Snell, Snelgrove; Thos. Teasdale, Concord; Jas. Russell, Richmond Hill; Jas. Main, Milton; Heber Rawlings, Ravenhurst; Valentine Ficht, Oriel; Geo. Weeks, Glenworth; Hardy Shore, White Oak; W. G. Laidlaw, Wilton Grove; D. McCrae, Guelph; B. H. Farnham, Napanee; J. G. Snell, Snelgrove; P. McGregor, Mimosa; W. Rae, Arkell; Wm. Ward, Uxbridge; Jas. Ward, Marsh Hill; Jno. Park, Oriel; S. Coxworth, Whitby; Jas. Murray, Creswell; J. D. Davidson, Bellhaven; Shromchires—Richard Gibson; G. P. Everett, Mt. Vernon; J. Conworth, Paris; W. H. Beattie, Wilton Grove; A. Brown, Bethel; R. Miller, Brougham; J. Hamner, Mt. Vernon; Jas. McFarlane, Clinton; Jas. Cooper, Kippen; T. M. Whiteside, Innerkip; Jno. Campbell, Woodville; D. G. Hamner, Burford; Jas. Phil. Hespeler; M. Levering, Lafayette, Ind.; S. H. Todd, Wakeman, Ohio; A. Elliott, Galt; J. Dickson, Milton West; Jno. L. Thompson, Gas City, Ind.; Geo. Allen, Allerton, Ill.; W. G. Pettit, Fresno, Cal.; J. Campbell, Woodville; Geo. Phil. Hespeler; Chas. Calder, Brooklin; H. N. Gibson, Delaware; Oxford—Smith Evans, Gourock; Jas. Tolton, Walkerton; R. J. Hind, Dutton; Henry Arkell, Arkell; Wm. Dickson, Midway; Peter Arkell, Teeswater; Herbert Wright, Guelph; Jno. Harcourt, St. Ann's; Jno. H. Jull, Mt. Vernon; Henry Arkell, Arkell; Jno. Cousins, Harrison; E. Turner, Burford; Archie McKenzie, Corwin; R. E. Birdall, Birdsall; W. R. Elliott, Hespeler; Geo. McKerrrow, Sussex, Wis.; W. A. Shifor, Middleton, Ohio; Aaron Bordwell, Fargo, N. Y.; J. C. Williamson, Xenia, Ohio; Hampshire, 'Henry Arkell, Arkell; Peter Arkell, Teeswater; G. P. Everett, Mt. Vernon; Jno. Jackson, Abington; R. H. Harding; T. S. Cooper, Coopersburg, Pa.; M. A. Cooper, Washington; Jno. Hunter, Wyoming; Capt. Young, Tupperville; Merinos—G. P. Everett, Mt. Vernon; R. G. Moore, Galt; D. G. Hamner, Burford; Southdowns—Jno. Miller, Markham; A. Simmenton, Black Heath; Wm. Martin, Binbrook; R. Gibson, Delaware; Jno. Jackson, Abington; T. C. Douglas, Galt; D. G. Hamner, Burford; H. Arkell, Teeswater; W. H. Beattie, Wilton Grove.

Dominion Cattle Breeders' Association.

The annual meeting of the Dominion Cattle Breeders' Association took place in the City Hall, Guelph, Ont., on Monday, December 7th. Most of those in attendance were Shorthorn breeders. The chair was occupied by Mr. John I. Hobson, of Mosborough, President of the Association, who in his opening remarks, as referred to the quarantine regulations, as to whether they should further endeavor to obtain the recognition of our records by the Americans, and also touching on the quarantine existing between the two countries.

A letter was read from the Hon. Sydney Fisher, Dominion Minister of Agriculture, asking that the revision of the tariff, lowering of railway rates, and quarantine, be thoroughly discussed by the different associations, and that committees be appointed to wait upon the commission in the interests of the farmers and breeders.

A motion was then passed appointing Messrs. John I. Hobson, J. C. Snell, Arthur Johnston, and Mr. McCrae to form a committee to deal with these matters.

A resolution was also passed, that the committee ask for the reduction of rates and that bulls under one year should be billed at 1,000 lbs., under two years at 2,000 lbs., under three years at 3,000 lbs.

A motion was also passed, that it is oppressive for railways to demand a man to accompany stock on less than carload lots.

The following resolution was also filed: That, believing that contagious pleuro-pneumonia is not at present existing in either the United States or Canada, this Association is of the opinion that as long as these countries are free from contagious diseases cattle of all kinds should be admitted to either country without quarantine, but after careful and efficient veterinary inspection under such regulations as may be mutually agreed upon between the two countries; that the Government also urge on the Secretary of Agriculture the necessity of doing away with the present rule of the customs department in not acknowledging pedigree records in the Canadian Herd Books, as the standard is equal to and in some cases higher than the American.

Another resolution was also adopted, that the Association memorialize the Minister of Agriculture in the Dominion Government, requesting him, when appointing an agriculturalist for the Dominion, to appoint not only a practical farmer but also a man thoroughly in touch with and acquainted with the needs of the live stock raisers of the country, and that a copy of the resolution be at once forwarded to the Hon. Minister of Agriculture of the Dominion. The election of officers for the ensuing year was next proceeded with. John I. Hobson, of Mosborough, being re-elected; with J. C. Snell, Vice-President, and F. W. Hodson, Sec.-Treas. Vice-Presidents—For Ontario, Mr. Wade, for Manitoba, J. E. Smith; N. W. T. Geo. H. Gregg; Quebec, H. D. Smith; Nova Scotia, Col. Blair, New Brunswick, Mr. Inches; P. E. Island, Mr. Bogier. Auditors—Jas. Russell, Richmond Hill; Mr. McCrae, Guelph. Directors—Shorthorns, Arthur Johnston, Greenwood; Herefords, Mr. Stone, Guelph; Polled Angus, Mr. Bowman, Guelph; Galloways, Mr. McCrae, Guelph; Aryehires, Jas. McCrack, Rockton; Holsteins, Mr. Clemens, St. George; Jerseys, Capt. Ralph, Markham; Guernseys, Hon. Wm. Mulock; Devons, W. C. Edwards, Rockland, Que.; O. E. Farm, Prof. Day. Representatives to Fair Boards—Toronto, Arthur Johnston, Greenwood, Prof. Day, of O. E. Farm; Ottawa, Jos. Yull, Carleton Place, J. G. Clark, Ottawa; London, Richard Gibson, Delaware, Capt. Thos. Robson, Iderton. The meeting then adjourned to meet again during the first week of February.

Annual Meeting of the Dominion Swine Breeders' Association.

The annual meeting of the Dominion Swine Breeders' Association was held at Guelph on December 10th, Mr. J. E. Brethour, President, occupying the chair. After the opening remarks of the President, the reports of the delegates to the Fair Boards were read and accepted.

The following resolutions were adopted:—That the Toronto Industrial Exhibition Association be asked to charge for space instead of per head. Also, that the Dominion Swine Breeders' Association, in their annual meeting assembled, respectfully petition the management of the Toronto Industrial Exhibition to provide suitable accommodation for the swine exhibit at their show, the present buildings being totally insufficient and unfit for the purpose of the animals, and anything but conducive to the comfort and convenience of visitors; and that this Association urge the directors to provide sufficient accommodation before the time for holding the next exhibition.

A letter from the Minister of Agriculture in relation to the tariff was submitted, and Messrs. Brethour, R. Gibson, Joseph Featherstone, M. P., and William Jones were appointed a committee to meet the tariff commissioners.

It was suggested that a section should be added to the prize list in each class at the fall fairs for a type of pigs most suitable for the demands of the English markets. The suggestion was generally approved, and will probably be acted upon.

Electing officers for the incoming year: President, J. E. Brethour, Burford; Vice-President, Geo. Green, Fairview; Sec.-Treas., F. W. Hodson, Guelph. Directors—Yorkshires, G. B. Hood, Guelph; Berkshires, Thos. Teasdale, Concord; Suffolks, R. Dorsey, Thorndale; Poland-Chinas, R. H. Jones, Mt. Egin; Essex, Jos. Chinas, Fairview; Streetsville, Tamworths, Andrew Elliott, Galt; Duroc-Jerseys, Wm. Butler, Dereham Centre, Gen. Director, J. C. Snell, Snelgrove. Auditors, John I. Hobson and R. Snell. Expert Judges: Berkshires—H. H. Davis, Woodstock; J. C. Snell, Guelph; Teasdale, Geo. Green; R. Vance, Ida; T. A. Cox, Chester, Ont.; Quire, Delaware; Jos. Featherstone, S. Coxworth; R. G. Snell, Snelgrove; Malcolm McArthur, Lobo; C. R. Decker, Chesterfield; J. G. Snell; Chas. Young, Brooks, Galt; Wm. Jones, Mt. Egin; D. DeCourcy, Bornholme, Yorkshires—R. Gibson; Henry Daddels, Kossuth; Sharpe, Butterfield, Windsor; J. E. Brethour; G. B. Hood, Jos. Featherstone; A. F. McGill, Hillsburg; J. G. Mair, Thowes; G. Bendwell, Valleyfield, Que.; J. M. Hurley, Belleville; Geo. Gier, Grand Valley; R. H. Harding; H. G. Eyre, Harlem; Jas. Stephens, Trout River, Que. Chester Whites—Wm. Jones, Mt. Egin; J. C. Snell, Guelph. Green, E. Brethour, W. E. Butler, Sharpe Butterfield; Harding, W. E. Butler, Sharpe Butterfield; G. B. Hood, Guelph; Prof. Day, of O. E. Farm; Thos. Teasdale, Concord; J. Y. Ormsby, Woodstock; and S. H. Todd, Wakeman, Ohio. Poland-Chinas—Thos. Teasdale, S. H. Todd, J. Featherstone; J. Snary, Croton; J. Main, Milton; A. W. Young, Tupperville; Geo. Green, Fairview; Wm. Smith, Fairfield Plains; Wm. Jones, Oliver Drury, Fargo; and R. Dorsey, Tamworths—W. H. Blair, St. George; Andrew Dunn, Ingersoll; J. H. Simmenton, Chatham; G. North, Marden; A. Elliott, Galt; F. Master, Haysville; A. C. Hallman, New Dundee; F. Shore, London; J. C. Nichol, Huber; D. G. Hamner, Burford; H. Caldwell, Orchard; J. E. Brethour; H. Caldwell, Orchard; Jos. Elliott, Hamilton. Duroc-Jerseys—Jos. Featherstone; Peter Lamarch, Wheatley; Wm. Jones, R. Dorsey; J. C. Snell, Geo. Green, D. G. Hamner, Sharpe Butterfield, Thos. Teasdale, S. H. Todd, Jos. McGavin, Chatham; R. H. Harding, D. DeCourcy, Essex—Sharpe But-

terfield, R. Dorsey, Jas. Maine; David McCrae, Guelph; Jas. Anderson, Guelph; J. C. Snell, Suffolks—Sharpe Butterfield; Jno. Thompson, Uxbridge; Jno. Groat, Malcolm McArthur, Simeon Lemon, T. O. Douglas, Wm. Elliott; Jos. Miller, Guelph. Delegates to Fair Boards: J. E. Brethour, Burford, Ottawa, Jos. Featherstone, M. P., Streetsville, and Joseph Yull, Carleton Place, Kingston, J. M. Hurley, Belleville, and H. B. Frink, Napanee, Belleville, J. M. Hurley, Montreal, J. G. Mair, Howick, P. Q., and T. D. McCallum, Danville, P. Q. Peterborough, R. Vance, Ida, Guelph, G. B. Hood, Guelph, and Jas. Anderson, Guelph. London, Geo. Green, Fairview, and R. H. Harding, Thorndale. The meeting adjourned to meet again during the first week in February.

Montreal Markets.

Cattle.—The improvement noted in these markets in the last reports have unfortunately been of short duration. Receipts have been again far more than the market could stand, and the consequence has been a decided setback to any gain in prices made on the recent light offerings. The decline has been fully a half-cent per pound; very good cattle on this market making over 24c. to 25c. for very good number ranging from 24c. to 25c. for very good number. One cent per pound has purchased no little stock, and even under that figure for one or two sorry specimens. The offerings have run up close to 800 and 1,000 head on each of the two market days in each week.

Sheep.—The numbers of sheep offering have not been sufficient to stimulate any demand for export account, and the market remains steady at former quotations—24c. for tops, 2c. to 24c. for butchers'. Lambs active and in good demand at outside figures for tops, 30c. to 4c. per pound.

Live Hogs are coming in in lighter supply, the colder weather causing a fall off in numbers; 30c. to 4c. in the yards, 25c. advance contract lots in cars, for heavy fats and light carcasses respectively.

Dressed Hogs are offering freely in car lots at \$4.50 for over 200 pounds average; \$4.75 for 160 to 170 pounds average; small lots and single carcasses, an advance of 25c. to 30c. on these prices.

Hides.—The anticipated decline in beef hides has taken place on heavier receipts and a decline in Chicago market; green salted, Nos. 1, 2 and 3, 6c. and 5c. per lb. respectively. Lamb skins, 6c. and upward, advanced 15c. to 75c. each.

British Markets have improved in London and Liverpool, advancing 4c. to 1c. per pound to 11c., 11½c. per pound, dressed weights, for States cattle. No Canadian offers. Sheep also steady and higher—10½c. to 11c. Glasgow. Very bad shipments, losing from \$4 to \$8 per head.

A Famous Victory.

To the Editor FARMER'S ADVOCATE:

A few lines about our great victory at Guelph, winning the Cooper cup last year, and this is at this time in order, as the cup now belongs to our property. We are indeed proud of our success, and especially so when we had so much to spare on this latter occasion. Some of your readers may not be aware that it was decided by six judges—three short and three long wooled sheep breeders, five of which were in favor of our Lincoln ewe lamb, which weighed 200 pounds at a little less than nine months old. Both of these sheep were by the great stock ram, Ribby Conqueror 503. We had a grade Lincoln shearing wether that could have won it if the other two had not been there—so said the judges. Having three sheep of this quality at a show like this is a glorious finish to a very successful show season. Size with quality will win every time both in cattle and sheep, but the quality must be there in every case. We admit that it is easier to get a little good one than a big good one, but if you have the big one, and have him right, the little one is not in it with him. A certain learned professor has been writing the same thing for over 100 pounds at a year old. What will he say of our lamb at 200 pounds under nine months old? We never owned and have seen but few better. She would sell for more than half a dozen 100-pound lambs to-day. J. T. GIBSON. Middlesex Co., Ont.

Live Stock Shipments of 1896 from Montreal.

With the sailing of the Reford steamer, Geron, navigation closed for the season from Montreal. In point of numbers the export cattle trade has been all that could be desired, but withal the season has not been a prosperous one to Canadian shippers. The total shipments reached 100,360 head, a slight increase over the season of 1895; the shipments of sheep being 80,671 head, very little over half of last season's shipments, owing to the embargo. The export of hogs reached 10,087, a decline of almost 3,000 from the season of 1895.

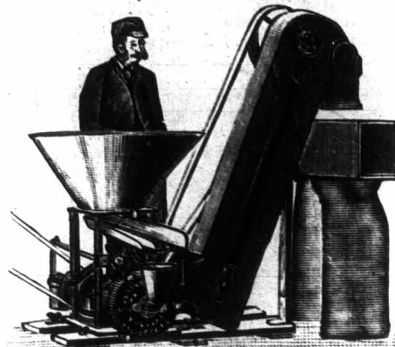
NOTICES.

According to the evident popularity of the Canadian Steel Air Gun we cannot but believe that the Ontario Wind Engine and Pump Co., of Toronto, have something worthy of congratulation. Within the last few weeks we have heard of no less than three having been contracted for in an area of four miles in the riding of South Ontario. For pumping, pulping, chopping, and other work they serve an excellent purpose. They are simple in construction, and durable. Read the Company's advertisement in this issue.

The early bird not only catches the worm but when it is in the shape of a spring broiler it also catches the big price. To get these it is usually very unsatisfactory to depend upon hens to hatch them, so that artificial incubation is the only sort that can be depended upon in doing anything like a big business. The eggs must not be allowed to become chilled, however, nor too hot, so that a self-regulating machine is all-important, especially in the cold weather. The Victor incubator, manufactured by Geo. Ertel & Co., London, has proved its excellence as a perfect machine.

The Vessot Improved Grain Grinder....

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FOR MILLS grind twenty to sixty bushels per hour as fine as desired. Always guaranteed. Our mills are greatly improved, being made low down. Elevator and bagger added when desired. A sieve or screen protects the plates from sticks or stones. The plates can be instantaneously parted or brought together again while in motion by a simple lever attachment. Price list unchanged. Last year's mills sold at great reduction. We also make an improved Corn and Cob Crusher. Send for circular. Information cheerfully given.

S. VESSOT & CO., Sole Manufacturers, JOLIETTE, P. Q. Canada.

4 Scotch Shorthorn Bulls for Sale

Ten to thirteen months old, from Duchess of Gloster, Lovely, and Nonpareil dams, and sired by imported King James. Also a few Partridge Cochins Cockerels for sale, \$1.50.

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The "Advocate" and Advertisers both Endorsed.

To the Editor FARMER'S ADVOCATE:

GENTLEMEN,—Having seen in the ADVOCATE your reference to the Folding Sawing Machine, I purchased one, and must say it is the greatest labor saver I ever saw, as one man can saw more wood with it than two men with a cross-cut saw and do it easier.

As I saw their advertisement in the ADVOCATE, I knew it must be reliable, as it would not be accepted unless it were. I like the ADVOCATE better every year, as it is worth three times its cost. I remain, Yours truly,

King's Co., N. B. T. H. CASSIDY.

GOSSIP.

In one week recently Mr. A. J. King, of Toronto, Ont., shipped over 225 tons of turkeys, geese and chickens to Liverpool. One English buyer took 15,000 birds.

H. I. Elliott, of Danville, Que., adds to his advertisement in this issue an offering of fine Partridge Cochins cockerels at a price which should be taken advantage of. His Shorthorns are of noted families and of good individual character.

J. G. Clark, Ottawa, Ont.:—"I have added to my Yorkshires the grand young boar that won first honors for J. E. Brethour at Toronto in 1896. His sheep went into winter quarters in distasteful, and expect to have a fine lot of youngsters for the spring trade from him. The stock are all looking well."

We here call attention to the advertisement in this issue of Mr. Mac Campbell, Northwood, Ont. His offerings are young Shorthorn bulls, Berkshire pigs, and a breed of fowls which have for considerable time been growing in popularity for general purposes on the farm.

A Nova Scotia correspondent writes us that the Hackney stallion, Kilnwick Fireaway, sold by Graham Bros. to the Nova Scotia Government last year, has recently been sold to Dr. Jakeman, of that Province. This is the second time this horse has changed hands since going down by the sea.

We take pleasure in calling the special attention of our readers to the advertisement of Caldwell Bros., "Briery Bank Farm," Orchard, Ont., who make some extra offerings in Ayrshire cattle and Tamworth swine. They also wish to make an exchange of stock; this will interest some farm readers particularly.

The neat new Lock Grip Wire Fences sold by the Toronto Picket Wire Fence Co., now to be seen on the Guelph Experimental Farm, have drawn forth many words of commendation from the many visitors that have visited that institution within the last twelve months. Not only is it cheap, but it is also durable and neat.

Mr. Wm. Clark, of North Wiltshire, P. E. I., writes in a fine spirit of his Leicester trade in 1896. His sheep went into winter quarters in exceedingly fine form on Nov. 22, after a heavy fall of snow. We judge from his note that the sheep industry is looking up in the Maritime Provinces, for he sold out of ram lambs entirely and returned quite a number of orders unfilled.

E. P. Ball, Rock Island, Que.:—"Please find enclosed copy of change of ad. Your readers will notice that I have quoted low prices, but they are not culls by any means. I am short of fodder and stables crowded. We showed our herd at the leading fairs in the Province last fall, winning the herd prize four times and the same for bull and cow year after year. I am confident that there are many prize winners in the lot advertised. Times are hard and I have placed a low figure so that all may have a chance of improving their dairy. Bulls are not akin to heifers. Here is certainly an offer to start a young herd cheap."