

Messrs. Jas. Tolton, Henry Arkell, J. Coxworth and R. H. Harding were appointed a committee to draft a model set of rules and prize lists to govern the sheep and swine departments of the larger Canadian shows; also rules and classifications suitable for county, township and other exhibitions. The first two represent the sheep breeders, the latter the swine breeders, and they are expected to report at the next annual meeting of the association they represent.

Mr. D. McCrae spoke in support of a movement to hold an annual stock sale at Guelph, where one was conducted last fall.

The majority of those present expressed themselves unfavorable to stock sales under the auspices of this Association. It was thought the conditions were not similar to those that made the ram sales, etc., so successful in England.

Finally Messrs. J. C. Snell, J. I. Hobson, H. Wright and W. S. Hawkshaw were appointed a Stock Sale Committee.

It was decided to procure suitable badges for the members.

It was resolved, that each member of a committee be instructed to carry out the expressed wishes of this meeting, his own opinions to the contrary notwithstanding; also, that the first named person on a committee be chairman, but when a committee is divided, one or more acting for the Sheep Breeders' Association, and one or more for the swine breeders, then the first named in each division shall be its chairman.

The duty of the chairman shall be to take the initiative in all work undertaken by his committee, and to report at the next annual meeting of the association he represents. The Secretary by virtue of his office shall be a member of each committee, and this principle will be hereafter observed.

Mr. J. C. Snell was appointed to review the papers on swine breeding which were prepared, but not read before the Association, but which were ordered to be printed in the report of 1893, and Mr. Richard Gibson those on sheep breeding, their productions to be read at the next annual meeting.

The delegates to Ottawa (Messrs. Hobson and Featherstone, M. P.) were also authorized to be a deputation to wait on the railway authorities, asking that certain grievances that breeders and exhibitors have to contend with in shipping stock be removed.

The salary of the Secretary for 1893 was fixed at \$100 for the Sheep Breeders' Association and \$100 for the Swine Breeders' Association.

It was resolved to ask the Dominion Government to pay in full for all hogs (the property of exhibitors at the World's Fair) which died or were slaughtered while in quarantine at Point Edward, said exhibit being one of national importance and benefit to the swine trade of Canada generally.

Sheep Judges—Messrs. Jas. Russell, of Richmond Hill, and Alex. Smith, of Maple Lodge, were selected for classes 8 and 11, and William Thompson, of Uxbridge, reserve judge; H. Arkell, of Teeswater, and W. S. Hawkshaw, of Glenworth, for class 9 and 10, with S. Lemon, of Kettleby, reserve judge. The judges of classes 8, 9, 10 and 11 will be a committee to award the sweepstake prize.

Swine Judges—Messrs. J. E. Brethour and Joseph Featherstone were selected to judge Tamworths and Chester Whites; James Main, of Milton, and Thos. Teasdale, of Concord, for Berkshires, Yorkshires and Poland Chinas, with Mr. S. Coxworth, of Claremont, as alternate judge.

The rules and prize list governing the winter's show were revised.

A motion was discussed at length to the effect that the Board of Agriculture and Arts be requested to hand over to this Association all pedigrees of sheep and swine in their possession, it being considered in the interest of the sheep and swine industries of this country that the records be conducted and controlled by the associations directly interested. This was finally left as a notice of motion to be brought up at the annual meeting.

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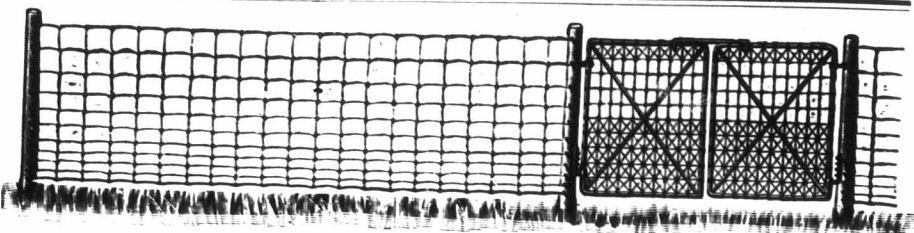
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RETIRED FARMERS.

We often read of retired merchants, retired lawyers, retired clergymen and men retired from pretty much all of the avocations of life, but how often do we hear of retired farmers? And yet there are more retired farmers in our country than all others who have retired with a competence. For this there are good reasons, among which we may notice, first, a competence for farmers does not mean so large a fortune as it does for most people in other walks of life. Their wants are less, at least to start with. They usually retire with less family to live upon accumulated property, as often one great reason they retire is really to

GIVE THE BOY A CHANCE,

and in that case they are pretty sure of some income from the property, and if they still reside upon the farm their wants are still kept within their income.

Now all over our country in nearly every town are representatives of this class, who, having secured what to them looks like a competence, have retired from what they think the hardest of work. They do not comprehend that to men of active habits, who all along through life to mature years have had control of property and were thoroughly interested in something worthy of their closest attention, that to retire from all this there could be other than rest. But such men often find themselves disappointed and are really forced to look for something to keep themselves busy. They learn to hate having nothing to do. Oftentimes they go into the grocery business and later on wish they hadn't. Sometimes into implement or hardware business. Now the agricultural implement business is probably the thing nearest akin to their line of thinking of anything offered. But look at the failures in that line. What is the matter? Fierce competition by old houses which once controlled trade, and lack of acquaintance with and experience in modern methods, have proven too much for many of these novices.

Many such men in county seats were first

ELECTED TO SOME COUNTY OFFICE

and often filled that office very acceptably to their constituents. And they should—they have natural ability, pluck and endurance, and the salaries are sure. But with all such the time comes when they have to decide which they will do—go back to the farm or find something in the city to do. American tenure of office, and especially county offices, is short lived. Too many want them, and they have to be passed around.

Now to all this class of men, who, for above reasons, have retired from the farm, there is a natural field—a field that is constantly becoming more accessible and easier of work.

WE REFER TO THE BUILDING OF FENCES.

Carpenters build barns, blacksmiths do the smithing, clergymen preaching, and so on through the whole list. Time was when leading men in many communities did the preaching; when log cabins were in style and ox teams the swiftest means of transportation, there was but little demand for carpenters and smiths. But all this is changed, and now in the progress of American civilization the modern

FENCE SALESMAN

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