

Annual Meeting American Oxford Down Breeders' Association.

The annual meeting of the American Oxford Down Record Association was held at the Neil House, Columbus, Ohio, Tuesday evening, January 12th. In the absence of President McKerron, John C. Williamson, Xenia, Ohio, presided. The chair appointed H. N. Musser of Ohio; E. O. Wood, of Michigan; and J. S. Campbell, of Pennsylvania, a committee to examine the treasurer's report, which showed a balance of \$399.91 on hand. Special prizes were paid to Oxford breeders in 1896 as follows: Maine—Charles W. Hilton, Anson, \$75. New Hampshire—J. L. Pendexter, Intervale, \$75. Massachusetts—Simpson Stock Farms, Saxonsville, \$55. New York—A. Bordwell, Fargo, \$55; Wm. Empie, Minaville, \$10. Ohio—Duvall & Taylor, Alliance, \$30; W. A. Shafer, Middletown, \$20; Rinear Bros., Brecksville, \$15; J. C. Williamson, Xenia, \$10. Kentucky—John H. Ayle, Glasgow, \$40. Indiana—S. H. Conger, Fair Rock, \$65; Wilson Bros., Mincie, \$10. Illinois—R. J. Stone, Stonington, \$75. Wisconsin—George McKerron, Sussex, \$75. South Dakota—Edmund Cook, Wilmot, \$75. Prince Edward Island—F. G. Boyver, Georgetown, \$15. Ontario—Smith Evans, Gourock, \$45; Peter Arkell, Teeswater, \$30. Manitoba—P. B. McLaughlin, Clearwater, \$40; Jas. Bray, Longburn, \$35. Total, \$380.

Motion was made to offer \$50 in cash prizes to Oxford Down sheep at each State and Provincial fair in the U. S. and Canada in 1897. Carried. Mr. Rinear, of Ohio, thought that where there was but one exhibitor for these special prizes only one prize should be paid. Motion to that effect was made and carried. Mr. Stone, of Illinois, called the attention of the Association to the fact that grade Oxfords were shipped to the Western ranges and sold as pure-bred rams, doing great injury to the breed, and a member who has acted as judge at a number of fairs in Ohio and Pennsylvania stated that he had seen prizes awarded to grade Oxfords that were shown as pure-bred sheep. In some cases these grades were very inferior stock, and did the Oxford breed great injury. The Secretary was instructed to warn dealers who have shipped grade pure-bred sheep, and to urge fair associations to require certificates of registry produced at time of exhibition.

Mr. Faber, of Ohio, thought all county fairs should enforce rules in regard to shearing same as the State fairs do. Mr. Herbert Wright, of Guelph, Ont., asked that special prizes be offered in 1897 to Oxfords from Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. But as the motion to offer prizes at State and Provincial fairs includes the fairs held at Charlottetown, P. E. I., and Halifax, N. S., no further action was needed.

Mr. J. H. Jull, of Mt. Vernon, Ontario, said that the special prizes offered by this Association had greatly increased the interest in Oxfords. The plan of giving small prizes to all sections of the country is much better than to give larger prizes to fewer sections. He advised dividing the prizes to Ontario between the Toronto Industrial, which is held in summer, and the Provincial Fair Stock Show, which is held in winter. He also advised printing volumes of the Record of fairs. About two thousand pedigrees would make a nice book. Volume VI. contains over six thousand. The objection to reducing the size of the books is the increased cost. By saving in this direction more money can be offered in special prizes, which will be of greater benefit to the breed and to breeders. Mr. Jull urged breeders to keep a clear and distinct type. He said one large breeder urges the breeding of low-down and close-wooled sheep. That is all right, if not too low down, and the wool not so close and fine as to lose its weight of fleece.

Mr. Stone thought the secretary should be ordered to write to fair associations denouncing the rule to not color sheep. The English are allowed to oil and color, and of course the ones who buy from that country buy oil and color, and the American who breeds and fits his own sheep has no chance with the importer because he will be thrown out for coloring. The time has come when we must help America before we do England. We should have Oxford men to judge Oxfords at fairs. Prizes should be offered at fat stock shows to encourage breeders who have pluck enough to castrate some of their best ram lambs.

Mr. Wood, delegate representing the Genesee County (Michigan) Oxford Down Sheep Breeders' Association, presented the following list of names of applicants for membership: Hon. W. A. Atwood, ex-Senator, owner of the largest woolen mill in Michigan, and president Genesee Co. Savings Bank; Hon. D. D. Aitken, M. C. 6th Mich. Dist.; Hon. H. E. Spencer, ex-Senator; Hon. Ed. S. Lee, ex-Prov. Atty; Hon. R. I. Whaley, President Citizens' Commercial & Savings Bank; Dr. E. F. Miller; Hon. W. A. Patterson, ex-Mayor; W. F. Stewart, manufacturer; Alex. McFarlan, bank director. The application of these gentlemen was considered a very great compliment, as several of them were reported to have experimented with different breeds and decided in favor of the Oxford. All have established flocks, joined the Genesee County Oxford Down Sheep Breeders' Association, and they propose to make Michigan well known through the country as headquarters for the finest types of this breed. A meeting has been called for February 2nd, 1897, at 7 o'clock p. m., at the office of Dr. B. F. Miller, Flint, Mich., for the purpose of organizing a State Association of Oxford Down Breeders. Mr. Robert Jones, the large breeder and importer, Fort Steele, Wyoming, was also an applicant for membership, and was, on motion of Mr. Campbell, added to the list, which was accepted.

Letters from breeders in several States and Provinces were read, and confirmed the reports of members present that the increased demand for Oxfords is quite general and encouraging throughout the United States and Canada.

Motion was made by Mr. Campbell to increase the capital stock of the Association two thousand dollars (\$2,000). Carried. A communication was read from the Nashville (Tenn.) Chamber of Commerce, inviting this Association to hold its next annual convention there during the Tennessee Centennial Exhibition, opening May 1st, 1897, and continuing six months.

This letter brought out a lengthy discussion, and developed the fact that members from

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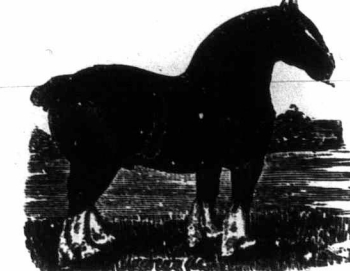
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several States were anxious to secure the next annual meeting in 1896.

Moved, that the thanks of the Association be expressed through the Secretary to the Nashville Chamber of Commerce for the very cordial invitation; that headquarters for Oxford Down breeders be established, and breeders advised of the importance of a fine display of Oxfords at the Tennessee Centennial Exposition. Carried.

It was decided that the next annual meeting of the Association be held at Flint, Mich., the meeting to be held in the afternoon of the same day that the Michigan Association meets; the date to be arranged by the secretaries of the two associations. The secretary was instructed to correspond with members and arrange with them to prepare articles to be read at the next annual meeting.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, George McKerron, Sussex, Wis.; Vice-Presidents, one from each State and Province represented in the capital stock of the Association. Board of Directors: R. J. Stone, Stonington, Ill.; E. J. Thwing, Chardon, O.; J. C. Williamson, Xenia, Ohio; B. F. Miller, Flint, Mich.; Secretary and Treasurer, W. A. Shafer, Middletown, Ohio. Adjourned to meet at Flint, Mich., in 1898.

American Hackney Horse Society.

The annual meeting of the American Hackney Horse Society was held at the office of the Secretary-treasurer, Dr. W. Seward Webb, of New York, on January 14th; Mr. John B. Dasher in the chair.

It was decided to increase the Board of Directors from nine to twelve, with the provision that four of the number be replaced by four newly-elected directors each year.

The remaining old Board of Directors, with the exception of Mr. George Green, was re-elected as follows: Messrs. A. J. Cassatt, John B. Dutcher, Henry Fairfax, Prescott Lawrence, James Cochrane, Robert Cheney, and H. McK. Twombly. The additional directors elected were: Messrs. F. C. Stevens, E. W. Twaddell, F. J. Kimball, F. G. Bourne, and Frederic Bronson.

At a subsequent directors' meeting, Mr. A. J. Cassatt was re-elected president; Mr. F. J. Kimball, vice-president; Mr. Robert Cheney, second vice-president, and Dr. W. Seward Webb, secretary-treasurer. In future, it was further decided at the members' meeting, the officers and directors will change every year, with the exception of the secretary and treasurer.

The treasurer's report showed receipts for two new life memberships and ninety-three annual dues; the registration of forty-three stallions and sixty-seven mares, and the transfer of six stallions and forty-nine mares. The life members for 1896 numbered 124, of which 100 were re-elected and two were new members. Thirteen annual members resigned and three died, and one new member was elected, leaving seventy-seven annual members. The total of life and annual members is 198.

Live Stock Meetings First Week in February.

On Tuesday, the 2nd of February, the Ayrshire Breeders' Association annual meeting will be held at 11 a. m., at the Albion Hotel, Toronto. A directors' meeting of the Short-horn Breeders' Association will occur at 8 p. m., same day at same place.

On Wednesday, February 3rd, the Dominion Shorthorn Breeders' Association annual meeting will be held at 11 a. m., in Shaftesbury Hall, Queen St. E.

On Thursday, the 4th of February, at 11 a. m., at the Albion Hotel, the Shire Horse Breeders' annual meeting will be held. At same place, at 2 p. m., Clydesdale Horse Breeders' meeting; and at 8 p. m., same place, Hackney Horse Society's meeting.

On Friday, at 2 p. m., the Canadian Horse Breeders' Association annual meeting will take place at the Albion Hotel.

On Tuesday, the 2nd of February, the fourteenth annual meeting of the Holstein-Friesian Association of Canada will be held at the Albion Hotel, at 2 p. m. The Executive Committee will meet at 1 p. m.

Many interesting and important subjects will be presented and discussed at the above meetings of cattle and horse breeders, together with election of officers and other business. Hon. Mr. Fisher, Dominion Minister of Agriculture, and Hon. John Dryden, are both invited to the annual meeting of the Shorthorn breeders.

Canadian Jersey Breeders' Annual Meeting.

The third annual meeting of the Dominion Jersey Cattle Breeders' Association was held in the Albion Hotel, Toronto, on December 24th. Mr. D. Duncan, of Don, presided. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, B. H. Bull, Brampton; Vice-President, J. H. Smith, Highfield; Secretary-Treasurer, Edward Smith, Grimsby. Board of Management—B. H. Bull; J. H. Smith; D. Duncan; W. Ralph, of Markham; William H. Macarney, of Dunville; John O'Brien, of London; P. H. Freeman, of Markham; McLean Howard, of Toronto; and Ernest Duncan, of Don. D. Duncan and W. Ralph were appointed to represent the Association on the Industrial Board, and Messrs. W. T. Humpidge and J. O'Brien, of London, to the Western Fair, London.

Mr. Mortimer Levering, of Lafayette, Ind., was nominated judge for the Toronto Industrial, with Mr. Geo. W. Sisson, jr., Potsdam, N. Y., reserve. The question of holding a joint public sale was discussed, but the proposal was not approved.

W. G. Veale, Oxford Co., Ont., Can., writes:—

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