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THE DOMINION CATTLE, SHEEP, AND SWINE BREEDERS' ASSOCIATIONS.

Annual Membership Fees:—Cattle Breeders' \$1; Sheep Breeders', \$1; Swine Breeders', \$2.

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP.

Each member receives a free copy of each publication issued by the Association to which he belongs, during the year in which he is a member. In the case of the Swine Breeders' Association this includes a copy of the Swine Record.

A member of the Swine Breeders' Association is allowed to register pigs at 50c. per head, non-members are charged \$1.00 per head.

A member of the Sheep Breeders' Association is allowed to register sheep at 50c. per head, while non-members are charged \$1.00.

The name and address of each member, and the stock he has for sale, are published once a month. Over 11,000 copies of this directory are mailed monthly. Copies are sent to each Agricultural College and each Experiment Station in Canada and the United States, also to prominent breeders and probable buyers resident in Canada, the United States and elsewhere.

A member of an Association will only be allowed to advertise stock corresponding to the Association to which he belongs; that is, to advertise cattle he must be a member of the Dominion Cattle Breeders' Association, to advertise sheep he must be a member of the Dominion Sheep Breeders' Association, and to advertise swine he must be a member of the Dominion Swine Breeders' Association.

The list of cattle, sheep, and swine for sale will be published in the third issue of each month. Members having stock for sale, in order that they may be included in the Gazette, are required to notify the undersigned by letter on or before the 9th of each month, of the number, breed, age, and sex of the animals. Should a member fail to do this his name will not appear in that issue. The data will be published in the most condensed form.

F. W. HOPSON, Secretary.
Parliament Building, Toronto, Ont.

Institute Membership.

The following is a list of the members which have been received since the last list published:

Bruce, Centre.....	3
Bruce, North.....	1
Bruce, West.....	1
Durham, East.....	2
Dundas.....	1
Grey, Centre.....	2
Haldimand.....	10
Halton.....	6
Hastings, North.....	2
Manitowlin, East.....	18
Parry Sound, East.....	2
Welland.....	1
Wellington, West.....	1

Secretary's Report.

(Continued from last issue)

Towards the end of last year stock throughout the Province was very scarce, and the interprovincial trade was very large. Should not THE GAZETTE, which is being received by breeders throughout Canada, be entitled to a fair share of the credit? I is impossible to make any accurate statement as to the work done by THE GAZETTE in making sales, but the opinion of the large number of prominent live stock men, who have sent unsolicited testimonials, is evidence as to the work being done through this medium. I will quote only one:

"Your advertisement of stock for sale in THE GAZETTE is a very happy one, and must be very useful to buyers." (Sgd.) SYDNEY FISHER,
Minister of Agriculture.

The result of the publication of the lists may be summed up as follows:

(1) The increase in interprovincial trade.

(2) The increased membership of the associations.

The cost of THE GAZETTE to each association during the past year was \$69.70. Has value been received for this expenditure?

REGISTRATIONS.

Three years ago the Dominion Swine Breeders' Association took complete

control of the Swine Records, and arrangements were made by the executive whereby the association paid to the recording secretary twenty five cents for each registration certificate issued and ten cents for each transfer. Mr. Henry Wade was appointed recording secretary for the association. Before January, 1896, the Swine Records were in the hands of the Agriculture and Arts Association—the Swine Breeders' Association receiving nothing from the Records and about fifty or sixty cents from the membership fees, the balance, \$1.40 or \$1.50, going to pay for the volumes of the Record supplied to members. All we received in addition to the legislative grant was between \$100 and \$150 from membership fees.

Since January, 1896, when the

Records were taken charge of by the association, in addition to paying the recording secretary \$2,511.80 for issuing registration certificates and transfers, we have received \$2,702.90 on account of registrations, and \$1,760 on account of membership fees, or a total of \$4,462.90. Out of this sum we paid for two volumes of the Record issued, \$1,288, leaving a balance for the three years of \$3,174.90 against the \$450 (an outside limit) which we formerly received from membership fees. In other words, under the existing arrangements we are \$2,724.90 better off than we would have been had the old arrangements still been in force. Against this sum, however, may properly be charged about \$700 for printing the volume of the Record which will contain pedigrees already issued by the recording secretary but not published. Deducting this amount will leave in round figures \$2,000 more to the credit of the association than we would have had under former arrangements.

This, I think, is a good showing for three years' work and your executive justly feel that their work was well done and in the interests of the association.

Following is a statement showing the number of swine published yearly in each volume of the Swine Record since 1891, when the first volume was issued. In the first volume were printed registrations received as early as 1876:

NUMBER OF EACH BREED RECORDED YEARLY.

Breed.	1891.	1892.	1893.	1894.	1895.	1896.	1897.	1898.	Certificates issued in 1898.
Berkshires.....	1398	1100	1300	1500	1150	1025	1287	1491	1273
Yorkshires.....	494	498	500	900	859	821	460	718	1044
Suffolks.....	200	121	.....	64	.....	44	32	.....	10
Chester-Whites.....	249	250	200	200	96	358	184	415	442
Poland-Chinas.....	200	250	720	170	92	296	237	330	233
Tamworths.....	.....	76	160	91	333	248	193	427	817
Duroc-Jerseys.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	81	152	69	208	151
Essex.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	43	.....	17
Victorias.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6

It will be noticed there are two columns for 1898. One column for the pedigrees published in 1898, the other for registration certificates issued in 1898. The pedigrees of animals recorded in 1898 will not be published until the end of this year. In this connection it might be well to consider whether some change should not be made so that the volume issued at the end of each year would contain pedigrees issued during that year, and not those issued during the preceding year. For example volume No. VIII., lately published, contains pedigrees issued in 1897. If two volumes were issued this year we would then have the pedigrees issued right up to date; that is, all

certificates received during 1899 would be published at the end of this year and the volume would be sent to all who had been members for 1899, they thus receiving the volume in which the pedigrees of their stock were recorded. The extra cost to the association would be \$150.

Taking the number of pedigrees published in each volume as a basis, the following table will show the amount of fees received from the registration of each breed. The computation has been made at the rate of fifty cents per registration, although a few animals will have been recorded for non-members, for which \$1 was paid.

To be continued.