

The Ontario Agricultural Gazette

The Official Bulletin of the Dominion Cattle, Sheep, and Swine Breeders' Associations, and of the Farmers' Institute System of the Province of Ontario.

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 50,000 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.

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ONTARIO AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

The large quantities of "soft pork" placed upon the market are having an injurious effect upon Canadian trade in export bacon, and it is therefore important that the causes of softness should be thoroughly understood. The Ontario Agricultural College has conducted several experiments in this connection, and at present has a number of interesting experiments nearly completed. Notes on the work up to date will be published in the near future.

LIVE STOCK FOR MANITOBA.

A car load of purebred live stock will leave Ontario for Manitoba and the West early in November. For all information apply to F. W. Hodson, Parliament Buildings, Toronto.

PROVINCIAL FAT STOCK AND DAIRY SHOW.

To be Held at Brantford, Nov. 30th and Dec. 1st and 2nd.

SPECIAL TO EXHIBITORS COMING A DISTANCE OF OVER 100 MILES.

Any exhibitor requiring to bring his stock over one hundred miles from any point in Ontario will be entitled to a rebate equal to the freight charges on his shipment for the distance it was carried over one hundred miles. In order to avail himself of this privilege an exhibitor must write the secretary at least three weeks before the show is held, giving full particulars as to the point of shipment, the distance from the show, and the carrying line. The exhibitor must also, at the time of the show, furnish a receipt showing the amount paid, the point of shipment,

and the number and kind of animals included in the car. No rebate will be allowed unless the above conditions are complied with.

SYNOPSIS OF PRIZE LIST.

In the fat cattle classes the prizes are as follows: Shorthorns, \$210; specials, \$120. Total, \$330. Herefords and Polled Angus, and Galloways and Devons, \$165 in each class. Grades, \$285, besides specials by H. D. Smith, Compton, Que.

Sheep.

\$147 are offered in each of the following purebred classes: Cotswolds, Lincolns, Leicesters, Oxfords, Shropshires and Southdowns—\$882. \$176 are offered for Dorset Horns and Merinos, and Hampshires and Suffolks—\$88 in each class. Specials in the Shropshire class, \$125. Grades and crosses, \$118.

Swine.

\$129 are offered in each of the following classes: Improved Berkshires, Improved Yorkshires, Chester Whites, Poland Chinas, Suffolks and Essex, Tamworths and Duroc-Jerseys. Total, \$903. For Grades and Crosses, \$88. For export Bacon Hogs, \$575.

Dairy.

Shorthorns, Ayrshires, Holstein-Friesians, Jerseys, Guernseys, Grades, \$100 each—\$600. In addition there are special prizes for Shorthorns, \$100; Ayrshires, \$50; Holstein-Friesians, \$65; and \$25 open to purebreds. For the most valuable exhibit in the dairy department, a grain-grinder, value \$50.

In addition to these there are over \$250 offered as special prizes in the various departments.

It is expected that the show will surpass all previous exhibits of this nature, either in Canada or the United States, and the meetings in connection will be of great interest to everyone. At the public meeting to be held November 30th prominent speakers of continental fame will be present. During the course of the show the following annual meetings will be held: The American Oxford Down Record Association, the American Leicester Breeders' Association and the Dominion Swine Breeders' Association. The programmes of these meetings will be published later.

This year a special feature is being made of prizes for bacon hogs suitable for export trade. The prizes in the bacon classes will be awarded by pork packers who are catering to the demand of the British market. If the farmers and breeders will produce the right type of hog and feed him properly, there will be no difficulty in obtaining the highest prices and procuring and holding the British market, for this commodity.

Along the same line, prizes will be awarded for dressed pork (bacon hogs) to be killed the second day of the exhibition. This will also serve as an object lesson. The judges will designate the good points of each carcass and also show in what it is deficient. A synopsis of the method of feeding followed will be prepared and attached to each carcass, showing the effect of the various kind of feed and treatment upon the finished product. This, together with the prizes awarded and the report of the judges attached, should be the means of showing interested parties in what direction to breed and feed.

Entries.

Entries should be made before November 20th; entries received between the 20th and 25th will be charged double fees. No entry will be received after November 25th. These rules will be strictly adhered to.

For information, prize lists, entry forms, etc., apply to the secretary, F. W. Hodson, Parliament Buildings, Toronto.

English Tourist to Scottish Shepherd: "Very quiet place this, my man!" Shepherd: "Ou, ay!" Tourist: "Does a newspaper ever find its way here?" Shepherd: "Whiles!" Tourist: "You'll never hear anything, I suppose, of what is going on in London?" Shepherd: "Naething! But then, you see, they hear naething in London about what's goin' on here!"