

### Dominion Cattle Breeders' Association

The members of the Dominion Cattle Breeders' Association, at their annual convention in Toronto last week decided to co-operate with the executive committees of the other live stock associations in an effort to develop the live stock trade between Ontario and the West. It is proposed that the associations shall place a competent man in the West who will visit the leading exhibitions, advise in the agricultural press and adopt other similar means of inducing western breeders to purchase more eastern stock.

Last year seven cars of pure-bred stock were sent to the West. These comprised 22 horses, 74 cattle, 15 hogs and 14 sheep.

#### OFFICERS ELECTED

The directors of the association are appointed by the various affiliated cattle breeders' associations and they appoint their own officers. Mr. John Gardhouse, Highfield, was elected general director; Prof. G. E. Day, the representative from the Ontario Agricultural College.

The following representatives to exhibitions were elected: Toronto, John Gardhouse; Ottawa, Wm. Smith, Col. Ambus, and Robt. News, Howick; Que., London, Capt. Robson, Hideron, and A. W. Smith, Maple Lodge; Provincial Winter Fair, Guelph, A. Johnson, Greenwood; John Bright, Myrtle; R. S. Stevenson, Amster, and W. W. Ballantyne; Eastern Ontario Live Stock and Poultry Show, the president, Peter White, Pembroke; W. F. Stephen, Huntingdon, Que., and J. H. Grisdale, Experimental Farm, Ottawa.

The appointment of an auditor was left in the hands of the president who will consult with the presidents of the other associations.

Mr. Dodds, of the Union Stock Yards, West Toronto, told the meeting what had been done in the interests of outlemen at the yards during the past couple of years. He claimed that Toronto was the place for the holding of a large annual live stock exhibition and that this could be secured only by co-operation. During the past year an arena had been built at the yards, and while at present it would not accommodate large crowds like those that attend the International Show at Chicago, if the attendance warranted it a much larger arena would soon be built.

### Dominion Swine Breeders' Convention

The annual convention of the members of the Dominion Swine Breeders' Association was held in Toronto last week. It was largely attended. Such important matters as a proposal to lift the embargo on United States hogs and the suggestion that was made recently in Farm and Dairy that a commission of Canadian farmers should visit Denmark to investigate conditions connected with the bacon industry of that country were dealt with. Reports of the action taken in each case are given elsewhere in this issue.

#### THE DUTY ON UNITED STATES PORK

Pres. D. C. Platt, of Millgrove, reported that an effort was being made to induce the Dominion Government to increase the duty on United States pork entering Canada from two cents to five cents a pound, which would make it the same as the duty on Canadian pork entering the United States. Mr. Gunn, a leading bacon exporter, had informed him that the present low duty permits of the importation of large quantities of United States pork which is sold in the Canadian mining districts and lumber camps. This shuts off these markets from Canadian hog raisers who are unable to compete with the low priced United States product. In Mr. Gunn's opin-

ion a higher duty would shut out this United States pork and create a home market for fat hogs. Mr. Platt reported that a deputation from the Association had waited on the Dominion Government last winter and asked to have the duty raised. The deputation had been cordially received but had not accomplished anything as the budget speech was to be made the following day and it was, therefore, too late for the government to consider the matter at that time. Influences have been at work since, however, urging the government to take action. Messrs. D. C. Platt, J. E. Brethour, Burford, and Jos. Featherstone, of Streetsville, will consult the government again about the matter.

#### OFFICERS FOR 1909

The following officers were elected: Pres., D. C. Platt, Millgrove; vice-pres., Wm. Jones, Zenda; sec.-treas., J. A. Westervelt, Toronto; directors, J. E. Brethour, Burford, for Yorkshires; W. H. P. Pham, Toronto, for Berkshires; D. McCutty, Bonholm, for Chester Whites; W. M. Smith, Scotland, Poland Chinas and Duroc Jerseys; Geo. Douglas, Mitchell, Tamworths; Jos. Featherstone, Streetsville, Essex; R. H. Harding, Thorndale, general director; Prof. G. E. Day, Guelph Agricultural College.

Representatives to exhibitions: Toronto, D. C. Platt, Millgrove; Samuel Dolson, Alton, Central Canada; R. O. Morrow, Hilton; R. J. Garbutt, Belleville; London, Geo. Douglas, Mitchell; R. H. Harding, Thorndale; Winter Fair, Prof. G. E. Day, Guelph; G. B. Hood, Guelph; Wm. Jones, Zenda; R. H. Harding, Thorndale; Eastern Ontario Winter Fair, D. C. Platt, P. O. Collins, Bowesville; J. C. Smith, Hintonburgh; W. H. McNish, Lyn, Ont.

#### DIRECTORS' REPORT

The directors reported that the number of records for the different breeds appearing in volume 19 of the record was: Yorkshires 2,126, Berkshires 1,475, Chester Whites 421, Tamworths 317, Poland Chinas 43, Essex 30, Duroc-Jersey 23.

Registrations by provinces were: Ontario 2,135, Manitoba 555, Quebec 359, Saskatchewan 290, Alberta 238, Nova Scotia 86, Prince Edward Island 77, New Brunswick 79, British Columbia 9, United States 12. Total 4,439.

The number of members in the association paid at Ottawa was 378.

The receipts from swine records during 1908 were \$3,422.

The grants paid to the provincial associations in 1908, out of profits on registrations and memberships for 1907, were: Manitoba \$287.08; Quebec \$345.03; Maritime Provinces \$135.74; Saskatchewan \$96.09; Alberta \$80.59; British Columbia \$36.29. Total \$98.22.

Out of the profits for 1908 it was decided to make a grant of \$15.67 to the Ontario Large Yorkshire Swine Breeders' Society, the profits from Yorkshires registrations and \$149.75 to the Ontario Parkland Society, the profits from Berkshire registrations.

From the balance of the profits from Ontario and the Ontario surplus, grants will be paid as follows on condition that the prices for swine given by the exhibitions in 1909 be at least as large as in 1909, Provincial Winter Fair, Guelph, \$75; Toronto Exhibition \$100; the London and Ottawa Exhibitions, and the Eastern Ontario Live Stock and Poultry Show, \$50 each.

#### WANT WESTERN TRADE

It was decided to co-operate with the executives of the various other live stock associations in an effort to promote trade with the western provinces. It is proposed to provide some means by which persons in the West, who have no personal knowledge of the reputation of Ontario breeders may be assured of procuring value for money expended, and to make them familiar with the easy and cheap

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method of transportation furnished by means of the association cars. It was suggested that a representative or representatives be appointed in the West to look after the interests of eastern breeders by booking orders for stock, advertising in western papers, arranging for shipments of stock and doing other similar work.

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The receipts for the year were \$6,625.37 including \$3,037.47 cash on hand from previous year, \$2,672 from registrations and \$570 from membership fees.

The expenditures were \$4,739.14, including \$1,300 paid to record committee, \$744 for printing and binding the records; grants, Manitoba, \$397.03; Quebec, \$345.03; Saskatchewan, \$112.99; Maritime Provinces, \$91.74; Alberta, \$72.59; British Columbia, \$32.29; Ontario, \$1,156.44. Balance, \$1,886.23.

An animated discussion took place over a complaint, that exhibitors at

the various exhibitions have shown animals over age in different classes. A motion recommending that exhibitors of Swine, at all the leading exhibitions be required to take an affidavit that their animals were of the proper age, was voted down by a considerable majority. Another motion was carried advising fair boards to instruct judges to rule out animals that in their opinion are shown out of class.

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