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DOMINION SHEEP BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION.

A list of the members of the Dominion Sheep Breeders' Association, together with a list of the animals each one has for sale, will be published on November 9th. In order that a list of the stock may be included in the bulletin, it is necessary that data reach the Secretary not later than November 2nd.

The list of members of the Dominion Swine Breeders' Association will be published on November 16th.

Farmers' Institute Department.

Reports concerning the work of the Farmers' Institutes in Ontario will be published weekly under this head; also papers prepared for this department by Institute workers. Secretaries and officers having announcements to make are invited to send full particulars to the Superintendent.

MEETINGS OF FARMERS' INSTITUTES, 1897-8.

SUPERINTENDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENT.

Work of the Past Year.

In announcing the twelfth annual series of meetings of Farmers' Institutes in Ontario, it is gratifying to be able to show a substantial yearly increase in every department of the work. In almost every county the institute meetings were better attended last season than ever before. The work of the local institutes was carried on in a more systematic manner, and better results have been attained. In 1895, the first year of institute work in Ontario, 12 meetings were held, and 2,008 persons attended the sessions. Since then there has been a yearly increase in the number of meetings and in the attendance. Last season 653 meetings were held, and 125,177 persons attended, and 4,277 addresses on agricultural topics were delivered. Many of these addresses were of great practical value. The number of persons who joined the various local institutes and paid the annual membership fee between January 1st and June 1st of this year were 14,452. These figures show a satisfactory increase over the institute year ending June 1st, 1897. During that season 12,741 persons attended the institute meetings, 2,837 addresses were delivered, and the total membership was 12,024. At that time it was supposed by many that the Farmers' Institutes in this Province had reached the highest possible membership, attendance and prosperity, but this year's results prove that great advances may yet be made. I am convinced that this work is only in its infancy, and that untold benefits will yet be realized.

Besides the 125,177 persons who attended the various institute meetings during 1897, 12,050 persons visited the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, between the 9th and 28th of June, as excursionists from the various institute districts. Each excursion was arranged for, and advertised and conducted by officers of a local institute. During the month of June the time of the staff of the college was given to the visitors, and many object lessons were each day given, and all details connected therewith carefully explained. Such was the work accomplished during the past year. It is hoped the coming institute season will be even more prosperous.

Meetings for 1898.

Great care has been exercised in planning the details in connection with each meeting and in choosing suitable speakers. There are advertised in this bulletin 532 meetings. Last year 450 were similarly announced. Each of these meetings has been asked for by the executive officers and directors of a local institute, in fact a number of additional meetings were desired, but could not be granted, as the expense of holding those now advertised, and others which must be held if the season, will consume all the funds which are at the disposal of the superintendent.

Speakers.

The Farmers' Institute system is non-political in the strictest sense. (See clauses 24 and 25 of the Act and Rules governing Farmers' Institutes.) Persons sent as delegates, and officers and directors of institutes, are instructed to enforce these rules to the very letter. Delegates are expected not to discuss, either directly or indirectly, political or sectarian questions while engaged as delegates, either before, after, or during the meetings. It is not necessary for them when acting as delegates even to make public their political allegiance.

The rules and regulations governing delegates are published in the "Institute Report" for 1895. Delegates are requested to make themselves familiar with these rules, and with the Act and Rules governing Farmers' Institutes. Above each division is placed the name and address of each speaker who will deliver addresses in said division. When a speaker will not attend all the meetings in a division the dates when he will commence and end are given.

The speakers' subjects are to be found on pages 63 and 64 of this bulletin. The time required to deliver each address will vary from fifteen to thirty minutes, according to the requirements of the programme. In some cases the delegates may not be prepared to discuss the subjects the local officers deem of greatest interest. In such cases the officers should employ additional persons to deliver addresses of the character

they desire. These additional speakers may, if desired, be chosen from the reserve list published in this bulletin. This list has been very carefully prepared, and the attention of institute officers is respectfully called to it.

Many farmers look upon each delegate as a professor of the Ontario Agricultural College, or a representative of the government. This is a mistake, and one that should be corrected. Only those who are teachers in the Ontario Agricultural College, and who go out on institute work, are in any sense representatives of the Department and of the college. The others are practical and successful farmers, as above stated, and although they are capable, prudent and worthy men, the Department or the college is in no way responsible for their statements, nor are they responsible in any sense for the acts of either the college or the Department.

When not otherwise stated, at a one-day meeting the delegates will assist local talent during the afternoon and evening; at a two-day meeting they will assist at an afternoon and an evening meeting the first day, and at a morning and an afternoon meeting the second day. Morning meetings should open promptly at 10.30, afternoon meetings at 1.30, evening meetings at 7.30. All meetings should be opened at the time advertised, whether the house is well filled or not. Delegates and officers are expected to carry out this provision.

Delegates are not expected to deliver more than two addresses each day, and in no case to occupy more time than is allotted to them in the programme issued by the local officers. The officers of local institutes are expected to employ other speakers or essayists, particularly local residents who have been successful. When a popular evening programme is desirable (which is the case in many places), it should be entirely supplied by local talent. In every county in Ontario there are many young persons who could be employed to assist in such meetings, and if so engaged, would, in all probability, thereafter take a keener interest in the work of Farmers' Institutes. Business and professional men and their families should not only be cordially invited to take part in these meetings and help to make them a success, but they should be urged to do so. It is reasonable to expect their assistance, for the success of all classes depends on the farmer; when he is prosperous all other classes flourish.

If, from sickness or any other cause, a delegate who is advertised in this bulletin cannot fulfil his engagements, another person competent to discuss similar subjects will be sent in his place. But every precaution will be taken to prevent the necessity of changes. When changes are necessary, substitutes will be chosen from among the list of reserve speakers published in this bulletin. Regular and supplementary speakers are sent to institutes only on the terms set forth in clauses 26, 27 and 28 of the Act and Rules governing Farmers' Institutes. Institute officers are urged to advertise and conduct these meetings as required by the Act and Rules. See clauses 24 to 28, inclusive, page 4 of the secretary's minute book, also pages 2, 13, 14, 15 and 16 of the Annual Report of the Superintendent of Farmers' Institutes for 1895-6, a copy of which should be in the hands of each officer and director. It is a noticeable fact that the institutes which have closely followed the rules and regulations are the most successful. In ninety-nine cases out of a hundred the success or lack of success of each local institute depends on its officers. All institutes are treated precisely alike by the superintendent. The membership, the number of meetings held, and the total attendance usually proclaim the efficiency or lack of efficiency of the officers. The record of each local institute is printed in the annual report. It is to be hoped local officers will carefully scrutinize this department.

Reserve List.

Experience has proved it necessary that there be a reserved list of speakers. This year this list contains the names of some of Ontario's best known institute workers, viz., G. C. Caston, V. Ficht, P. C. Harrison, B.S.A., E. Lick, Miss Beattie Livingstone, J. E. Meyer, Mungo McNabb, A. J. Reynolds, Mrs. M. J. Rogers, Mrs. J. L. Smith, Jos. Vuill. Mr. P. C. Harrison has been removed from a place on a regular deputation in order that he may deliver special lectures on Tuberculosis, or test birds which cannot be attended to by Lieut.-Col. McCrae. Mr. Harrison's services are available during December, January and February. Arrangements have been made with Mr. Isaac Usher and Mr. Hudson Usher to visit institute districts where special addresses are desired on the use of concrete in building basements, laying stable floors, or making feeding troughs.

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List of Meetings to be Held, and the Delegates Therefor.

I. REGULAR MEETINGS.

DIVISION I.

Delegates.—C. A. Zavitz, B.S.A., Experimentalist, O.A.C., Guelph; Robert Thompson, St. Catharines.

1. Durham (Town Hall) S. Grey.....	Jan. 4
2. Ayton (Township Hall) S. Grey.....	" 5
3. Chesley (Town Hall) C. Bruce.....	" 6
4. Tara (Vandusen's Hall) W. Bruce.....	" 7
5. Lion's Head (Orange Hall) N. Bruce.....	" 8
6. Stokes' Bay (Schoolhouse) N. Bruce.....	" 10
7. Port Elgin (Town Hall) W. Bruce.....	" 12
8. Eden Grove (Graham's Hall) S. Bruce.....	" 13
9. Walkerton (Town Hall) S. Bruce.....	" 14
10. Clifford (Town Hall) Union.....	" 15
11. Harriston Union.....	" 17
12. Gorrie E. Huron.....	" 18
13. Kincardine C. Bruce.....	" 19
14. Duganond (Agricultural Hall) W. Huron.....	" 20, 21
15. Brussels (Town Hall) E. Huron.....	" 22

DIVISION II.

Delegates.—D. Z. Gibson, B.S.A., Willow Grove, W. C. Shearer, Bright, January 4th to 14th, inclusive; T. H. Mason, Stratfordville, January 14th to 22nd, inclusive.

1. Listowel N. Perth.....	Jan. 4
2. Milverton (Groesch) N. Perth.....	" 5
3. St. Mary's (Town Hall) S. Perth.....	" 6
4. Thordale (Harding Hall) E. Middlesex.....	" 7
5. Kintore (County Hall) N. Oxford.....	" 8
6. Eubank (Town Hall) N. Oxford.....	" 10
7. Harrietsville (Oddfellows' Hall) E. Middlesex.....	" 11
8. Coldstream (Town Hall) N. Middlesex.....	" 12
9. Alisa Craig (Town Hall) N. Middlesex.....	" 13
10. Parkhill (Town Hall) N. Middlesex.....	" 14
11. Forest (Town Hall) E. Lambton.....	" 15
12. Bridgen (Hayes's Hall) W. Lambton.....	" 17
13. Petrolia (Town Hall) W. Lambton.....	" 18
14. Alvington (Town Hall) E. Lambton.....	" 19
15. Exeter (Town Hall) S. Huron.....	" 20
16. Brucefield (Dixon's Hall) S. Huron.....	" 21
17. Mitchell (Town Hall) S. Perth.....	" 22

DIVISION III.

Delegates.—Major James Shoppard, Q. constable; Duncan Anderson, Rugby.

1. Mt. Brydges (Township Hall) W. Middlesex.....	Jan. 4
2. Appleton (Township Hall) W. Middlesex.....	" 5
3. Eberts (Township Hall) W. Kent.....	" 6
4. Hells River (Town Hall) N. Essex.....	" 7
5. Tecumseh (St. Jean Baptist Hall) N. Essex.....	" 8
6. Leamington (Town Hall) S. Essex.....	" 10, 11
7. Romney (Township Hall) W. Kent.....	" 12
8. Blenheim (Township Hall) E. Kent.....	" 13
9. Highgate (Township Hall) E. Kent.....	" 14
10. Rodney (Township Hall) W. Elgin.....	" 15
11. Dutton (Town Hall) W. Elgin.....	" 17
12. Sheddow (Town Hall) W. Elgin.....	" 18
13. Aylmer (Town Hall) E. Elgin.....	" 19, 20
14. Mount Elgin (Foresters' Hall) S. Oxford.....	" 21
15. Norwich (Town Hall) S. Oxford.....	" 22

DIVISION IV.

Delegates.—H. L. Hutt, B.S.A., Horticulturist, O.A.C., Guelph, January 4th to 15th, inclusive; D. E. Smith, Hamilton; Thos. A. Duff, Toronto; J. E. Orr, Fruitland, January 17th to 22nd, inclusive.

1. Jerseyville S. Wentworth.....	Jan. 4
2. Stony Creek S. Wentworth.....	" 5
3. Smithville (Agricultural Hall) Monck.....	" 6
4. Campden (Fry's Hall) Lincoln.....	" 7
5. St. David's (Schoolhouse) Lincoln.....	" 8
6. Stevensville (Public Hall) Welland.....	" 10
7. Welland (Court House) Welland.....	" 11
8. Marshville (Town Hall) Monck.....	" 12
9. Rainham Centre (Town Hall) Haldimand.....	" 13
10. Nanticoke (Town Hall) Haldimand.....	" 14
11. Victoria (Town Hall) S. Norfolk.....	" 15
12. Langton (Town Hall) S. Norfolk.....	" 17
13. Courtland (Town Hall) N. Norfolk.....	" 18
14. Delhi (Opera House) N. Norfolk.....	" 19
15. Waterford (Opera House) N. Norfolk.....	" 20
16. Mt. Pleasant (Marquis Hall) S. Brant.....	" 21
17. Burford S. Brant.....	" 22

DIVISION V.

Delegates.—G. E. Day, B.S.A., Agriculturist, O.A.C., Guelph, January 4th to 15th, inclusive; L. Patton, Oxford Mills; Nelson Monteith, B.S.A., Stratford, January 15th to 24th, inclusive.

1. Elora (Armoury) C. Wellington.....	Jan. 4
2. Glen Allen (Bruce Hall) W. Wellington.....	" 5
3. Drayton (Whyte's Hall) W. Wellington.....	" 6
4. Kenilworth (Township Hall) E. Wellington.....	" 7
5. Grand Valley (Tough's Hall) E. Wellington.....	" 8
6. Hillsburg (Town Hall) C. Wellington.....	" 10
7. Hornby (Town Hall) Halton.....	" 11
8. Postville (Township Hall) Halton.....	" 12
9. St. George (Public Library) N. Brant.....	" 13, 14
10. Rockton (Township Hall) N. Wentworth.....	" 15
11. Freelon (Town Hall) N. Wentworth.....	" 17
12. Galt (Fraser's Hall) S. Waterloo.....	" 18
13. Guelph (City Hall) S. Wellington.....	" 19, 20
14. Berlin (Town Hall) N. Waterloo.....	" 21
15. Baden (White's Hall) S. Waterloo.....	" 22
16. Wellesley (Moyer's Hall) N. Waterloo.....	" 24

DIVISION VI.

Delegates.—Wm. Rennie, Farm Superintendent, O.A.C., Guelph, January 4th to 15th, inclusive; Lieut.-Col. D. McCrae, Guelph; A. C. Hallman, New Dundee, January 17th to 21st, inclusive.

1. Owen Sound (Y.M.C.A. Hall) N. Grey.....	Jan. 4
2. Flesherton (Town Hall) C. Grey.....	" 5
3. Blueburne (Town Hall) Dufferin.....	" 6
4. Horning's Mills (Melancthon Hall) Dufferin.....	" 7
5. Beeton (Town Hall) S. Simcoe.....	" 8
6. Avening (Schoolhouse) W. Simcoe.....	" 10
7. Duntroon (S. of S. Hall) W. Simcoe.....	" 11
8. Meaford (Town Hall) N. Grey.....	" 12
9. Thornbury (Town Hall) C. Grey.....	" 13
10. Minehead (Workman's Hall) C. Simcoe.....	" 14
11. Penetang (Town Hall) O. Simcoe.....	" 15

12. Coldwater (Shepherd's Hall) E. Simcoe.....	Jan. 17
13. Orillia (Opera House) E. Simcoe.....	" 18
14. Bradford (Town Hall) S. Simcoe.....	" 19
15. Kettleby (Temperance Hall) N. York.....	" 20
16. Aurora (Town Hall) N. York.....	" 21

DIVISION VII.

Delegates.—Lieut.-Col. D. McCrae, Guelph, November 30th to December 4th, and December 12th to 21st, inclusive; Major James Sheppard, Queenston, Wm. Smith, Columbus, December 8th to 11th, inclusive; Miss Laura Ross, Assistant Instructor, Dairy Department, O.A.C., Guelph.

1. Cheltenham (Beaver Hall) Peel.....	Nov. 30
2. Caledon East (Hanton's Hall) Peel Dec. 1	
3. Woodbridge (Orange Hall) W. York.....	" 9
4. Weston (Eagle's Hall) W. York.....	" 13
5. Agincourt (Temperance Hall) E. York.....	" 4
6. Unionville (Victoria Hall) E. York.....	" 6
7. Uxbridge (Market Hall) N. Ontario.....	" 7
8. Beaverton (Alexandra Hall) N. Ontario.....	" 8
9. Lindsay (Town Hall) W. Victoria.....	" 9
10. Bobcaygeon (Town Hall) E. Victoria.....	" 10
11. Fenelon Falls (Dickson's Hall) E. Victoria.....	" 11
12. Oakwood (Township Hall) W. Victoria.....	" 13
13. Whitby (Council Chamber) S. Ontario.....	" 14
14. Bowmanville (Council Chamber) W. Durham.....	" 15
15. Orono (Town Hall) W. Durham.....	" 16
16. Millbrook (Town Hall) E. Durham.....	" 17
17. Bethany (Town Hall) E. Durham.....	" 18
18. Blackstock (Township Hall) (Evening) W. Durham.....	" 20
19. Clarendon (Workman's Hall) S. Ontario.....	" 21

DIVISION VIII.

Delegates.—H. H. Dean, B.S.A., Professor of Dairy Husbandry, O.A.C., Guelph; John McMillan, M.P., Bonarville.

1. Harwood W. Northumberland.....	Nov. 30
2. Grafton W. Northumberland.....	Dec. 1
3. Wooler (Town Hall) E. Northumberland.....	" 2
4. Frankford (Sweetman's Hall) W. Hastings.....	" 3
5. Wallbridge (Town Hall) W. Hastings.....	" 4
6. Bloomfield (Town Hall) Prince Edward.....	" 6
7. Denoresville (Town Hall) Prince Edward.....	" 7
8. Plainfield (A.O.U.W. Hall) E. Hastings.....	" 8
9. Shannonville (A.O.U.W. Hall) E. Hastings.....	" 9
10. Napanee (Town Hall) Lennox.....	" 10
11. Centerville (Town Hall) Addington.....	" 11
12. Teanworth (Town Hall) Addington.....	" 13
13. Madoc (Town Hall) N. Hastings.....	" 14
14. Stirling (Whitby Hall) N. Hastings.....	" 15
15. Warkworth (Town Hall) E. Northumberland.....	" 16
16. Norwood (Town Hall) E. Peterborough.....	" 17
17. Keene (Town Hall) E. Peterborough.....	" 18
18. Lakefield (Council Chamber) W. Peterborough.....	" 20
19. Peterborough (County Council Chamber) W. Peterborough.....	" 21

DIVISION IX.

Delegates.—Andrew Elliott, Galt; John Robertson, Ingersoll.

1. Harrowsmith (Town Hall) Frontenac.....	Dec. 1
2. Lansdowne (Town Hall) S. Leeds.....	" 2
3. Westport (Town Hall) S. Leeds.....	" 4
4. Athens (Town Hall) Brockville.....	" 6
5. Lyn (School Hall) Brockville.....	" 7
6. Algonquin (Temperance Hall) S. Grenville.....	" 8
7. Cardinal (Town Hall) S. Grenville.....	" 9
8. Martintown (McIntosh Hall) Glen Garry.....	" 10
9. St. Andrews (Old Church) Cornwall.....	" 11
10. Moulinette (Stark's Hall) Cornwall.....	" 13
11. Osnabrock Centre (Paupers' Hall) Stormont.....	" 14
12. Morrisburg (Music Hall) Dundas.....	" 15
13. Iroquois (Town Hall) Dundas.....	" 16
14. Westbrook Frontenac.....	" 17
15. Odessa (Town Hall) Lennox.....	" 18
16. Emerald (Cheese Factory) Amherst Island.....	" 20
17. Stella (Town Hall) Amherst Island.....	" 21

DIVISION X.

Delegates.—T. G. Raynor, B.S.A., Rosehall; W. J. Palmer, B.S.A., Toronto.

1. Perth (Town Hall) S. Lanark.....	Nov. 30
2. Smith's Falls (Town Hall) S. Lanark.....	Dec. 1
3. Merrickville (Town Hall) N. Leeds and N. Grenville.....	" 2
4. Oxford Mills (Town Hall) N. Leeds and N. Grenville.....	" 3
5. South Finch (Gormley's Hall) Stormont.....	" 4
6. Monkland (Truxal Hall) Stormont.....	" 5
7. Glen Robertson (Johnson Hall) Glen Garry.....	" 7
8. Vankleek Hill (Town Hall) Prescott.....	" 8, 9
9. Russell (Town Hall) Russell.....	" 10, 11
10. Bell's Corners (Orange Hall) Carleton.....	" 13
11. Galt (Whyte's Hall) Carleton.....	" 14
12. Renfrew (Temperance Hall) S. Renfrew.....	" 15, 16
13. Bromley (Oscola Hall) N. Renfrew.....	" 17