

THE DOMINION CATTLE BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION.

The Dominion Cattle Breeders' Association was organized in 1892 for the purpose of looking after the common interests of all the breeders of the different breeds of cattle in the Dominion, especially such matters as freight rates, transportation and exportation difficulties, quarantine regulations, etc. It was, however, reorganized in the autumn of 1895, and its scope enlarged so as to take in every interest pertaining to cattle-breeding not looked after by the individual cattle associations. A prominent feature in the work of the association will be, as in the cases of the Sheep and Swine Breeders' Associations, the holding of meetings for the reading and discussion of practical papers bearing upon the industry,



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and the dissemination among its members, and cattle breeders generally, of information by means of reports and other literature, etc., etc. The association is also intended to look after the cattle interests at the Provincial Winter Show, formerly looked after by the Agriculture and Arts Association. It is to receive this year its first grant from the Government—the amount being \$1,500.

ORGANIZATION.

Under its present constitution (which is similar to that of the Sheep and Swine Breeders' Associations), its board of officers consists of a president, a vice-president, and a secretary-treasurer; also, one director representing each of the established breeds of cattle bred in Canada,

and one representing the Ontario Agricultural College. The board for 1896 consists as follows: President, John I. Hobson, Mosboro'; vice-president, J. C. Snell, Snelgrove; secretary-treasurer, F. W. Hodson, Guelph. Directors: *Shorthorns*, Arthur Johnston, Greenwood; *Herefords*, Alfred Stone, Guelph; *Polled Angus*, James Bowman, Guelph; *Galloways*, D. McCrae, Guelph; *Ayrshires*, W. W. Ballantyne, Stratford; *Holsteins*, G. W. Clemons, St. George; *Jerseys and Guernseys*, Captain Wm. Rolph, Markham; *Devons*, W. J. Rudd, Eden Mills; *O. A. C. Director*, G. E. Day, B.S.A. The members of the association under its present organization are enthusiastic as to its future, and its prospects for usefulness certainly appear very bright.

THE DOMINION SHEEP BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION.

This association, technically speaking, was first organized in 1876, but its real organization began with a meeting held March 13th, 1889, as the association formed at the earlier date never convened a second time. The credit of the reorganization of the association, as well as of a large part of its subsequent success, is, without doubt, due to the public spirit and energy of Mr. F. W. Hodson, now superintendent of Farmers' Institutes, who has been the association's secretary since its reorganization. The object of the organization of the association was to advance and protect the sheep interests of the Dominion, and to do this without respect to any particular breed.

MODE OF WORKING.

In the furtherance of this object the association has devoted a good deal of attention to the holding of meetings at which papers are read, addresses made, and discussions held, all concerned with matters pertaining to the sheep industry. At these meetings not only have all the most successful Canadian sheep-breeders taken part, but the effort has successfully been made to secure practical papers and addresses from many of the most prominent sheep-breeders on the continent. Also much energy has been shown in the securing of practical information relating to sheep matters by the giving of prizes for essays to be read at these meetings. The publication of the association's annual reports, which, from the first, have been replete with useful information pertaining to the industry, has been a prominent feature in the association's work. In recent years the association has taken an active part in the management of the annual fat stock show at Guelph, and has contributed a large share of its revenue towards the prize fund of the show.