

## PREFACE.

The Swine Breeders Association and Agriculture and Arts Association have great pleasure in offering to the public the first volume of the Dominion Swine Record, this we hope will fill a long felt want of the Breeders of Swine. The first record for Berkshires was started in the fall of 1876 by R. L. Dennison, then a clerk in the Agriculture and Arts Association. It was soon passed over to that Association and has been carried on by them ever since. They have at present 4621 animals on record. The Suffolk register was commenced by the same Association in 1883. The Improved Yorkshire by them in 1889, and the Chester White, Poland China and Tamworth record in 1892.

At the September meeting of the Swine Breeders Association, held in 1891, it was agreed by resolution that all the existing breeds of Swine now in Canada be published in one book to be called "The Dominion Swine Breeders Record"; that each breed be kept separate and have a complete index of animal, breeder and owner, of that particular breed, so that at any future time each breed could be found separately if required. At the 1892 meeting a Standard was arrived at, and is given under the Rules governing the Dominion Swine Records. As it was found impossible for the price allowed for the first volume to print all the pedigrees of the different names on record, 699 Boars and 699 Sows, or a total of 1398 Berkshires, 200 Boars and 294 Sows, a total of 494 Yorkshires, 700 Boars and 100 Sows, or a total of 200 Suffolks, 100 Boars and 149 Sows, or a total of 249 Chester Whites, 100 Boars and 100 Sows, or a total of 200 Poland Chinas were taken, or a grand total of all breeds of 2541. As only a few Tamworths are as yet recorded they were left for a future volume.