

could clear up the early history of some of the cattle bred and raised in this immediate neighborhood.

"The reason why this stand has been made is, that the directors of this association do not wish to record any animals in the new Canadian Book that will not record in the American Book. The standard now is the same, and no doubt a much larger trade will be done in the future with our American friends, so it would be useless keeping on record animals that would not record with them. We also wish the American Government to recognize our certificates at the lines by the custom authorities, and, without the high standard we are aiming at, it would be useless to make the attempt.

"There are no better Ayrshire cattle in the world at the present day than what we have in Canada. We have, constantly, for several years back, been importing the very best from Scotland to cross with those in this country, and it is well known that Canada is one of the best breeding grounds for cattle in the world, therefore, we must look forward to increased sales to the United States and our own Northwest provinces, and must take great pains to breed the very best for dairy purposes, making selections of breeding animals from the best milking strains—with large udders and teats. Also carefully looking to conformation in the rest of the body.

MEMBERS.

"The membership last year consisted of 82 gentlemen, 11 of these being from Quebec. The income from which amounted to \$164. The members' fees to the Canada Association, previous to amalgamation, were from 57 members, and are accounted for in the statement of that association. I expect the membership for the present year will be very much increased.

REGISTRATIONS.

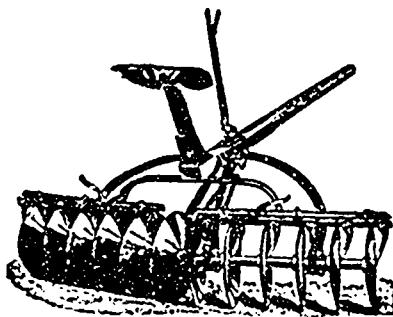
"We have been paid for 1,115 pedigrees during the past year, 418 of these coming from the Montreal office. We expect to increase this number materially this year, as we are now recording all the Ayrshires that are eligible from the Atlantic to the Pacific coast.

HERD BOOKS.

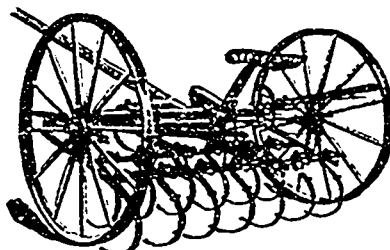
"The third volume of the Dominion book was issued late in 1897, the fifth volume of the Canada Book in 1898. This makes eight volumes from the two associations, so that the next volume will be called the ninth volume. We now have altogether 1,915 pedigrees ready to publish in volume 9, which can be made up to 2,000 if necessary. We will commence at once, if authorized by the Executive Committee.

EXHIBITIONS.

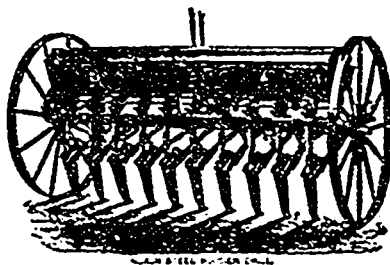
"We paid out in 1898 \$135 for prizes at some of our larger provincial exhibitions. I am afraid, in consequence of the additional expense caused by amalgamation, this will have to be discontinued for this present year. Ayrshire cattle were well brought out at



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