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THE DOMINION CATTLE, SHEEP, AND SWINE BREEDERS' ASSOCIATIONS.

Annual Membership Fees:—Cattle Breeders' \$1; Sheep Breeders' \$1; Swine Breeders' \$2.

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP.

Each member receives a free copy of each publication issued by the Association to which he belongs, during the year in which he is a member. In the case of the Swine Breeders' Association this includes a copy of the Swine Record.

A member of the Swine Breeders' Association is allowed to register pigs at 50c. per head; non-members are charged \$1.00 per head.

A member of the Sheep Breeders' Association is allowed to register sheep at 50c. per head, while non-members are charged \$1.00.

The name and address of each member, and the stock he has for sale, are published once a month. Over 6,000 copies of this directory are mailed monthly. Copies are sent to each Agricultural College and each Experiment Station in Canada and the United States, also to prominent breeders and probable buyers resident in Canada, the United States and elsewhere.

A member of an Association will only be allowed to advertise stock corresponding to the Association to which he belongs; that is, to advertise cattle he must be a member of the Dominion Cattle Breeders' Association, to advertise sheep he must be a member of the Dominion Sheep Breeders' Association, and to advertise swine he must be a member of the Dominion Swine Breeders' Association.

The list of cattle, sheep, and swine for sale will be published in the third issue of each month. Members having stock for sale, in order that they may be included in the Gazette, are required to notify the undersigned by letter on or before the 9th of each month, of the number, breed, age, and sex of the animals. Should a member fail to do this his name will not appear in that issue. The data will be published in the most condensed form.

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Institute Membership.

The following is a list of the names received since the last list published:

Bruce West.....	1
Carleton.....	1
Cornwall.....	1
Dufferin.....	2
Grey North.....	6
Grey South.....	2
Haldimand.....	2
Hastings North.....	3
Kent East.....	2
Lambton East.....	7
Lambton West.....	9
Middlesex North.....	2
Muskoka Centre.....	7
Muskoka North.....	7
Peel.....	20
York North.....	2

Secretary's Report.

(Continued from last week)

In my annual report in March, 1897, the following was a clause: "It has been the practice of each association to publish in the annual report each year the name and address of each member and specify the breed he reared. This has grown to be the largest Breeders' Directory in Canada. During the last three years I have been frequently asked for these lists by parties desiring to buy purebred stock and have mailed hundreds of copies, sending them to various parts of Canada and the United States. I believe that if these lists of breeders could be revised and distributed monthly it would be of great value." It was decided at the annual meeting to place the matter in the hands of the Executive. At a meeting of the Executive in June of the same year the matter was brought up and was strongly opposed by some on the ground that the funds belonging to the associations should not be used for this purpose. It was decided, after a fair discussion, that the associations were organized for the benefit of the live stock trade, and that the officers were fully entitled

to formulate and carry into effect any plan considered by the associations to be for the benefit of the country at large, but, in order that there be no ground whatever for taking objection, it was decided that the amount spent should not exceed the membership fees of the various associations. As there was still considerable opposition it was decided to again place the matter before the Executive Committee of the Live Stock Associations. This was done in the Association tent at Toronto Industrial Exhibition in the fall of 1897, when the decision of the former meeting was sustained, and the secretary was instructed to make the best terms possible regarding the publication. This was done and the first list of stock for sale was published in FARMING on October the 12th, 1897. Since that time the list has appeared monthly.

One direct advantage which is especially noticeable is the fact that the membership for the Cattle and Sheep Breeders' Associations is kept up to the number required by the Government without special effort being made. Previously it was necessary each year to canvass and solicit the breeders in order to obtain the required number. The membership of the Swine Breeders' Association, while always being well above the required number, has increased during the past year nearly one hundred.

In addition, notices of meetings, notices regarding the Fat Stock Show, and reports of meetings were published, and it was chiefly through the notices regarding the association cars of stock for the west that the cars were made possible. It is by means of this list of stock that I am able to locate stock when requested to do so by intending purchasers, and it is the persons who are there advertised who have the first opportunity to sell, and who will sell if their stock is suited to

the requirements of the purchasers. During the past year I have received more inquiries than ever before.

(To be continued.)

Dirt in the Dairy.

We are very scientific in these days and talk of bacteria, bacilli, micrococcus, pasteurizing, sterilizing, etc., and there is danger that we shall forget that scientific dirt is just as bad as the common variety. Dirt under a Latin name is just as dirty as it is in English, and requires just as much soap and hot water, scrubbing, brush and elbow grease as the old variety that our fathers used to wrestle with before the days of washing powders and concentrated lye. We need no special sterilizers or pasteurizers to keep the milk clean; leave all these complicated machines to the scientific fellows, and go at the cans and dairy vessels in the old-fashioned way, as if bacteria and bacilli had never been heard of, use plenty of water, soda, sunshine and fresh air. Have your milk vessels clean first, and think of bacteria afterward. If your butter or cream are off flavor, nine times out of ten the trouble is that your stable, cow or dairy is dirty, just plain dirt, that doesn't need a microscope and a chemist to find it; only a thorough cleaning and the trouble will vanish. The tenth time you may need the help of the expert, but don't ask for it till you have got rid of the common dirt; then you may look for the scientific variety.—*Hoar's Dairyman.*

An International Conference of Sheep Breeders.

We have received notice from W. W. Chapman, Secretary National Sheep-Breeders' Association, Fitzalan House, Arundel street, Strand, London W.C., England, that an international conference of representatives of the sheep-breeding industry throughout the world will be held in York, England, in June, 1900, at the time of the Royal Society's meeting in that city, for the purpose of adopting mutual arrangements for the transference of registered sheep from their record in one country to that of another, and also for devising means to prevent the substitution of unregistered sheep for registered sheep, etc. Invitations will be sent by the above association to all sheep societies whose addresses are known, and if there are any whose address is not known to him, the secretary will be glad to hear from them at the address given above. Mr. Chapman will also be pleased to hear from breeders of registered sheep who have