

A Canadian International Live Stock Association

The movement to organize a Canadian International Live Stock Show at Toronto Junction is taking definite shape. The following circular letter issued to the breeders of Canada by Mr. Andrew Dods, secretary (pro tem), outlines the plan for forming an association to control and manage such an exposition:

For a long time Canadian breeders have felt that their interests have suffered severely for the want of a winter show on the lines of the Great Live Stock Exposition at Chicago and other stock yard centres in the United States whereby a great amount of enthusiasm is created among farmers for improving the quality of their herds.

The Union Stock Yards Company are always ready to co-operate with breeders in any movement that would improve the exhibition of Canadian herds and add to the quality and quantity of live stock throughout the country but it could not undertake the large expense that would be involved in erecting an arena sufficiently large for show purposes without first being assured of the active support of the exhibitors themselves.

To insure success and obtain the best results for the breeders, the show must be held at a railway and stock yard centre where the best facilities for handling and stabling exhibits of all kinds, including car-load exhibits, can be had right on the premises and where exhibitors can have their animals properly covered by insurance.

After conferring with a large number of breeders, we find they are all of one opinion, namely, that immediate steps should be taken to provide a suitable arena for holding an International Winter Show at the Union Stock Yards.

As the preliminary work in respect of this scheme will involve considerable time, it is thought best that it should be taken up without delay.

It has frequently been suggested that the arena be built by the City of Toronto, in which case the show would, of course, be managed by it, but the breeders feel that their interests will be better served by a show confined exclusively to live stock and conducted under their own management.

Although our horses, cattle, sheep, and hogs hold their own in competition with the world, it is only by means of a Canadian show of International importance of our own, that our breeders can reap a well merited encouragement for their efforts, in either prizes or reputation.

Such a show would eventually make Ontario the breeding ground for our great Northwest and attract the attention of the United States and other countries as well.

It is not necessary to its success that this show should conflict with any existing institution.

As Secretary of the Union Stock Yards, I have been asked to outline a scheme on the plan adopted in Chicago as far as is practical and it is submitted herewith.

The life membership fee will be \$100, payable in four instalments of \$25 each, as requested by the association.

It was suggested that the life membership fee be reduced to \$25 but I felt that no breeder would hesitate about the subscription fee if it would be the means of securing the much needed arena. To reduce it would only be inviting subscriptions for life memberships and the privileges going with it, from men who are not in the ranks of breeders or even judges of good animals. The life membership and its privileges should as far as possible be confined to breeders of standing and reputation so that the association may exercise the proper influence in agricultural affairs.

The life membership subscription list is first submitted to the breeders

in the hope that it will be fully taken up by them.

When 100 life members have subscribed, a meeting will be called to appoint provisional directors or trustees. When 400 members are secured the association will be called together to appoint directors for the ensuing year, enact rules and regulations to govern the association and transact any general business. The provisional directors will be eligible for reelection.

It is proposed to build an Arena seating about 8,000 people with large lecture rooms, library, washrooms and every convenience and the comfort of ladies and gentlemen attending the show. This arena will cost at least \$100,000, exclusive of land, the Stock Yards supplying the funds necessary in excess of membership fees.

No money will be paid on subscriptions until the provisional directors are appointed. Over thirty breeders have already subscribed and if you wish to be included in the first hundred members, kindly sign your name at the foot of the enclosed proposal, as indicated and return it to me before April 1st next.

No person is entitled to subscribe for membership until he has signed the enclosed proposal, with the name and address of any breeder whom you would like to see a member or have him sign the enclosed proposal.

ANDREW DODS.
Sec'y. pro tem.

The Brood Sow

A. A. Colwill, Durham Co., Ont.
In handling brood sows I like to give them plenty of exercise during the winter. My sows are allowed to run out doors on fine days. They are fed plenty of mangels with some mixed grains ground. I never allowed a sow to become constipated if I can avoid it.

After farrowing I feed shorts or wheat chop with some oats and barley mixed and plenty of drink. The sow is kept warm and dry. No pig does well in dirty surroundings. Hogs enjoy a clean bed as well as their master.

Want Higher Duty on Pork

A deputation of officers of the Swine Breeders Association, accompanied by the Hon. John Dryden, and Mr. Kohler, M.P.P., and several members of the House of Commons, waited upon the Hon. William Patterson, Minister of Customs, and the Hon. Sydney Fisher, Minister of Agriculture, on March 16, and asked for an increased duty on hog products, to shut out American competition. The duty on fresh pork is three cents a pound, and on cured pork two cents a pound. The deputation asked that this be increased by one cent a lb. There is considerable American pork coming into Canada, especially in the districts adjacent to the boundary. The Minister promised to consider the matter.

Farmers Are Buying Breeding Hogs

Ed., The Dairyman and Farming World: I have read Mr. Flax's article on the future prospects of the hog trade. He has a rather gloomy view of the future. The low prices are, no doubt, depressing the hog trade. The very high prices of grains of all kinds has a tendency to keep them from feeding so liberally and this will likely cause some of the pigs to come down and hog products go up, which I believe will be before long.

The scarcity of money in the United States prevents packers there from operating as extensively as in the past, and a shortage will be the result in the near future. There will, also, be a shortage in Canada this season as compared with last year,



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caused by the high price of grain and low price of hog product. We are having a good enquiry for breeding stock, both males and females, at fair paying prices, and it is evident that farmers are getting ready for this advance.

The importation of American cured meats has a tendency to keep down prices in the wholesale trade, but has not made any notable change in the retail market as the duty imposed keeps it on a level with the Canadian product. It is an inferior

article and if imported in large quantities will be detected by the consumer and discriminated against in comparison with the Canadian product, which holds one of the foremost places in the markets of Great Britain.—Yours truly, Jos. Featherston & Sons, Peel Co., Ont.

With good management a sow should bring two litters of pigs every year. Two or three sows should supply all the pigs that the average farm will care to fatten.