

extent than ever before. The good roads policy therefore classifies the roads into three classes and provides that such roads as are used by the larger number of citizens shall be paid for to a large extent by the general treasury of the Province.

Government assistance toward both construction and maintenance has meant millions of dollars to the Province of Ontario and has therefore contributed as well to the prosperity of individual farmers.

### **LIVE STOCK.**

Recognizing that the live stock industry is the basis of progressive agriculture, the Government has endeavored to foster and develop it in every branch. Live stock men have themselves held the view that this could best be done through the encouragement of Exhibitions so that competition may bring out the highest quality. Accordingly ever increasing grants have been made to the Winter Fairs and local Fairs. These shows have, in spite of handicaps, increased in number of entries and in attendance, and have maintained a high standard of quality in all classes of Ontario stock. In addition to the big shows, assistance and encouragement has been granted to similar shows all over the Province. Of the sum of \$35,000 granted to the Agricultural Societies a very large proportion goes to the live stock prize list, so that there has been no branch of the industry and no section of the Province overlooked.

Legislation has been provided to eliminate scrub sires in the horse industry and educational campaigns carried on as to breeding and feeding of all branches of the live stock industry. Legislation has been adopted to protect sheep from the ravages of dogs and providing that the sheep owner shall receive full value for all the losses incurred.

Assistance has been rendered in the holding of Dispersion Sales of pure-bred stock, and these have increased from three or four a few years ago to approximately twenty at the present time and resulting in the more rapid dissemination of pure-bred stock throughout the Province.

Assistance has been rendered towards the shipment of some 500 cars of pure-bred stock to the Canadian West. By assembling the stock for the small breeder the man with two or three animals has the same advantages of market as a big dealer might have.