

The Ontario Agricultural Gazette

The Official Bulletin of the Dominion Cattle, Sheep, and Swine Breeders' Associations, and of the Farmers' Institute System of the Province of Ontario.

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

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

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 20,000 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.

F. W. HOBSON, Secretary.
Parliament Buildings Toronto, Ont.

Directors' Meetings of the Dominion Cattle, Sheep, and Swine Breeders' Associations.

The meetings of the directors of the Cattle, Sheep and Swine Breeders' Associations and of the Board of Provincial Fat Stock and Dairy Show were held in Brantford, on May 23rd, 24th and 25th. The full Board of Directors were present at each meeting and the following questions were brought before the Board for consideration:

1. Report of Secretary-Treasurer.
2. Election of Executive Committees.
3. Election of two directors to represent the Association on the Board of the Provincial Winter Fair.
4. Revision of the prize list and rules governing the Winter Fair.
5. Election of judges for the Provincial Winter Fair.
6. Date of holding annual meetings.
7. New business.

The report of the Secretary was as follows: (Published in our issue of last week, page 339.)

The Executive Committee of each Association was appointed a Transportation Committee to act on the suggestions of the Secretary regarding additional concessions to be asked from the railway companies.

Each department of the rules and regulations and prize list of the Provincial Winter Show was carefully considered and revised when thought necessary in the best interests of the public.

DATES FOR HOLDING THE SHOW.

It was unanimously decided that the show be held one week earlier than usual, and on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday instead of on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. The show will be held at Brantford on November 30th, December 1st and 2nd. There will be, as usual, a large open meeting on the first night of the show, but of the Dominion Live Stock Associations only the Swine Breeders' Association

will hold its annual meeting at this time. The Cattle and Sheep Breeders' Associations have given up their evenings to the American Oxford Breeders' Association and the American Leicester Breeders' Association, who will hold their annual meetings in Brantford on the evenings usually occupied by the Cattle and Sheep Breeders' Associations. In 1899 it is expected that the American Shropshire Record Breeders' Association will hold their annual meeting at the time and place at which the Provincial Winter Show is held.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

On motion it was decided that the dates up to which entries may be received by the secretary should be strictly adhered to. The rule governing this reads as follows: "Entries should be received on or before November 20th. Entries received between November 21st and 25th, inclusive, will be charged double fees. No entries will be received after November 25th." Owing to serious complaints by exhibitors of dairy cattle, it was thought wise to prohibit dogs entering the building.

The entry fees are as follows, but no entry fees will be charged for special prizes: Cattle, \$2 per entry; swine, 50c. per entry; sheep, 75c. per entry.

A change was also made in the date to which the ages of animals will be computed. These dates are now as follows: Fat cattle, September 1st; sheep and swine, December 1st; dairy cattle, August 1st. Last year the ages of all animals were computed to December 1st.

PRIZE LIST.

Fat Cattle.

The only change made in the prize list in the fat cattle department was in class 4, sections 5 and 6 for grade "heifer, 2 years and under 3," and "heifer, under 2 years." These prizes now are, first, \$20; second, \$15; third, \$10, instead of first, \$15; second, \$10; third, \$5.

Sheep.

In the classes for Cotswolds, Lincoln, Leicesters, Oxford, Shropshires, and Southdowns, the prizes will be as follows:

Sect.

1. Ewe, 1 year and under 2—1st, \$12; 2nd, \$9; 3rd, \$5.
2. Ewe, under 1 year—1st, \$10; 2nd, \$8; 3rd, \$5.
3. Wether, 1 year and under 2—1st, \$12; 2nd, \$9; 3rd, \$5.
4. Wether, under 1 year—1st, \$10; 2nd, \$8; 3rd, \$5.
5. 3 wethers, under 1 year—1st, \$12; 2nd, \$9; 3rd, \$5.
6. 3 ewes, under 1 year—1st, \$10; 2nd, \$8; 3rd, \$5.

In classes for Dorset Horns and Merinos, and Hampshires and Suffolks, the prizes will be as follows:

Sect.

1. Ewe, 1 year and under 2—1st, \$10; 2nd, \$8; 3rd, \$4.
2. Ewe, under 1 year—1st, \$10; 2nd, \$8; 3rd, \$4.
3. Wether, 1 year and under 2—1st, \$10; 2nd, \$8; 3rd, \$4.
4. Wether, under 1 year—1st, \$10; 2nd, \$8; 3rd, \$4.

In the class for grades and crosses, "sheep under 2 years" will read "best ewe or wether under 2 years." Otherwise the prizes in this class remain as last year.

Swine.

In all the purebred classes "barrow, 9 months and under 15" was struck out, and the section for "sow or barrow under 6 months" was divided into two classes, one for "sow under 6 months," and the other for "barrow under 6 months," the prizes to be, 1st, \$10; 2nd, \$6; 3rd, \$4.

In the class for grades and crosses "Barrow, 9 months and under 15," and "Sow, 9 months and under 15," were struck out, and sections added for "Sow, under 6 months" and "Barrow, under six months," prizes to be, 1st, \$10; 2nd, \$6; 3rd, \$4. Instead of giving a sweepstake prize it was decided to give a prize for the "Heaviest sow or barrow at the exhibition, any age."

Bacon Classes.

The following bacon prizes will be offered subject to the rules appended:

- | Sect. | 1st. | 2nd. | 3rd. |
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| 1. 4 Improved Berkshires. | \$25 | \$15 | \$10 |
| 2. 4 Improved Yorkshires. | " | " | " |
| 3. 4 Tamworths. | " | " | " |
| 4. 4 Chester Whites. | " | " | " |
| 5. 4 Poland Chinas. | " | " | " |
| 6. 4 Duroc Jerseys. | " | " | " |
| 7. 4 Suffolks or Essex. | " | " | " |
| 8. 4 Grades or crosses. | " | " | " |

H.R.H. PRINCE OF WALES' PRIZE.

9. 2 Best dressed hogs to be brought to the show alive and killed the second day of the exhibition. \$25 \$15 \$10
10. 4 Best bacon hogs, any breed. " "

Provision for killing has been completed, and arrangements have been made whereby the animals competing in section 9 can be sold in Brantford for the highest market price for dressed pork.

Rules.

(1) No animal deemed unsuitable for bacon purposes BY THE JUDGES shall be awarded a premium, but no premium shall be withheld merely because there is no competition.

(2) Hogs shown in any other class are eligible to compete in this class.

(3) Other rules governing the swine department will apply to the bacon class.

N.B. Hogs which meet the pork packers' requirements weigh between 160 and 200 pounds. They are long in the body, deep in the side, narrow in the shoulder, with small head, and hams in proportion to the body, and not too fat; the ideal weight is between 170 and 180 pounds.

Dairy Cattle.

The following committee was appointed to go carefully over the rules, regulations, and prize list of the Dairy department: G. W. Clemons, G. E. Day, Prof. H. H. Dean, W. E. Butler, and H. Wade, with power to add to their number. A meeting of this committee was held on Saturday, June 4th.

On account of the amount of work in figuring out the results of the dairy test, it was decided that the prize money in this department need not be awarded for one week after the show is held.

Dressed Poultry.

A Poultry Committee has been appointed to arrange the rules and prize list in the Dressed Poultry department. It is expected that the poultry exhibit will be exceptionally good.

Special to Exhibitors Coming a Distance of over 100 miles.

Any exhibitor requiring to bring his stock over 100 miles from any point in Ontario will be entitled to a rebate equal to the freight charges on his shipment for the distance it was carried over 100 miles. In order to avail himself of this privilege an exhibitor must write the Secretary at least three weeks before the show is held, giving full particulars as to the point of shipment, the distance from the show, and the carrying line. The exhibitor must also at the time of the show furnish a receipt showing the amount paid, the point of shipment, and the number and kind of animals included in the car. No rebate will be allowed unless the above conditions are complied with.

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES OF THE PROVINCIAL FAT STOCK AND DAIRY SHOW FOR 1898.

Officers.

President, John I. Hobson, Guelph;
Vice-President, J. C. Snell, London;