The Dominion Cattle Breeders' Association

Jno. Gardhouse, Pres., Highfield, Ont.

The Dominion Cattle Breeders' Association was organized in 1892, the first president being Hon. Thos. Ballantyne, Stratford. Reorganization of the Association was made in 1895. The Association was formed to encourage the breeding of a better class of stock, to assist in improving methods of caring for same, to assist in the extension of markets for cattle and in any way possible to improve conditions relating to the cattle industry.

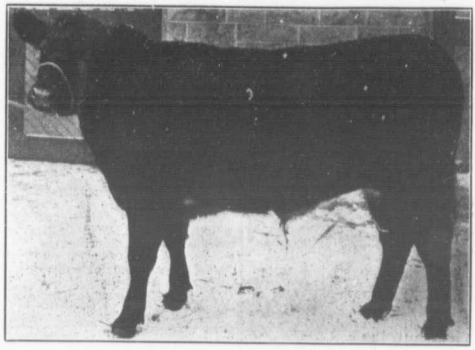
The Cattle Breeders' Association is an association which takes its membership from among the breeders of all breeds of cattle and is in that particular different from the cattle associations for each of the various breeds of cattle. As a general association representing all breeds and all breeders it is in a position to take up matters of general interest to the cattle industry and carry a weight which any association representing one particular breed could not have. In transportation matters this has been specially noticeable, the special rates which pure-bred cattle now enjoy being largely owing to the representations made by this Association. This not only applies to the half rates on less than car loads of cattle but to the association cars of stock shipped in car loads to Western Canada.

This was one of the Associations chiefly concerned in the organization of the Ontario Provincial Winter Fair at Guelph along its present lines and the success of that institution has been largely due to the efforts of the representatives sent to the Winter Fair Board by this Association. The Eastern Ontario Live Stock and Poultry Show also has four representatives on the Board appointed by this Association and other exhibition associations have on their membership one or more members who represent the Cattle Breeders' Association.

Sheep Breeders' Associations

A. P. Westervelt, Sec., Toronto, Ont

The Dominion Sheep Breeders' Association was one of the first general associations organized in the province of Ontario to promote the interests of the live stock industry. The meeting at which the Association was formed was held in March 1889, and the first president was Mr. Robert Miller. The objects of the association have been to encourage the breeding of a better class of sheep, to assist in improving the methods of caring for the same, to extend the markets for surplus stock and to look after the sheep interests generally whenever united effort would be of advantage.



Grand Champion Steer of the Guelph Winter Fair, 1908

An Angus-Shorthorn cross, showing mostly Angus characteristics, an animal of which judge Robert Miller said that a man was compelled to recognize, no matter to what breed he belonged. How will the champion this year compare with him?

Much good work has been done, especially in the extension of trade with distant places through the cheap and convenient arrangements secured with the co-operation of other live stock associations. Educational work has been carried on through the Farmers' Institutes and the Ontario Provincial Winter Fair. Representatives are on the boards of directors of the leading shows to look after the sheep interests at these exhibitions. At each annual meeting a list of expert judges is prepared and sent by the secretary to local fairs.

The National Records for sheep were arranged for by representatives of this association. Since the first pedigree was recorded in 1906 over 6,000 registration certificates have been issued. There has been a large increase in the list of members while the profits from registrations have placed the Association in a sound financial condition. At the last annual meeting a beginning was made with the distribution of these profits to the provinces in proportion to the number of registrations received from each one. This money will be used to promote the sheep interests of each province in whatever way the local associations consider most advisable.

After the annual meeting of the Dominion Association in February 1908 a number of the Ontario breeders met and decided that their interests could be best served by creating a purely Ontario Association. This resulted in the formation of the Ontario Sheep Breeders' Association. The new association relieves the Dominion Association of some of the work it carried on and will administer the share of the profits from registrations that come to the breeders of the province.

During the past year the Association has co-operated with the Ontario Department of Agriculture in the establishment of a number of demonstration sheep stations in various parts of the province. It is intended to find out at these stations exactly what an ordinary farmer under usual conditions can do with a small flock of grade ewes headed by a pure-bred sire. The work will be carried on for a period of three years during which time it is expected much valuable data will be obtained.

Renew your subscription now.

SHORT COURSE IN STOCK AND SEED JUDGING

JANUARY 11th TO JANUARY 22nd, 1910

CLASS IN SEED JUDGING, JANUARY, '09

THIS course is planned for the practical farmer, either young or old, who cannot find the time to take a college course but who desires more accurate information than can be obtained by reading.

Special Railway Rates on all railroads. Delegates should be careful to secure a STANDARD CONVENTION CERTIFICATE when purchasing their one-way ticket.

THIS COURSE IS ABSOLUTELY FREE. There are no fees and no examinations. Living expenses including railway fare (for the average student) should not exceed $12 for a period of two weeks.

SEND TO-DAY

For an illustrated calendar. It will be mailed to you free upon application to

G. C. CREELMAN, President

ONTARIO AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

GUELPH, CAN.

CLASS IN STOCK JUDGING, JANUARY, '09