

(8) Sow, under six months.

(9) Herd, boar and three sows, any age.

(10) Herd, boar and four of his get, under six months old, produce owned and bred by exhibitor; sow and four of her produce, under six months old, produce owned and bred by exhibitor.

#### RULES FOR COUNTY AND TOWNSHIP SHOWS.

(1) The owner's name and address in full and exact age of animal shall be given when making entries.

(2) The age of pigs shall be calculated from September 1st.

(3) No animal shall be allowed to compete in any section different from its age.

(4) If so required, the exhibitor shall make a statutory declaration that his animals are of the ages stated.

(5) No animal shall be allowed to compete in more than one section, except in cases of specials or herd prizes.

(6) All purebred swine, for which there is a Canadian record, shall be registered before being allowed to compete.

(7) Sows over one year old must have raised pigs the present year or show satisfactory evidence of being with pig.

#### CLASSIFICATION OF SWINE FOR COUNTY OR TOWNSHIP SHOWS.

(1) Boar, one year old and over.

(2) Boar, over six months and under twelve.

(3) Boar, under six months.

(4) Breeding sow, one year and over.

(5) Sow, over six months and under twelve.

(6) Sow, under six months.

(7) Herd, boar and two sows any age.

Some changes were also made in the rules for the next Fat Stock Show.

Mr. J. S. Pearce, London, spoke on the question of the Western Dairyman's Association giving a grant for holding some kind of a dairy show in connection with the Fat Stock Show, and thought that the association would make a grant for that purpose. The meeting then adjourned.

#### The Ontario Provincial Fat Stock Club.

The Ontario Provincial Fat Stock Club was organized in the city of Guelph on June 18th. The Agriculture and Arts Association was represented by seven delegates—J. Sissons, Barrie; D. P. McKinnon, South Finch; J. C. Snell, Edmonton; R. McEwen, Byron; A. Rawlings, Forest; Henry Wade, Toronto; William Dawson, Vittoria; the Sheep and Swine Breeders' Associations by R. H. Harding, Thorndale; G. B. Hood, Guelph; J. Jackson, Abingdon; James Tolton, Walkerton; F. W. Hodson, Guelph; Guelph Fat Stock Club by John I. Hobson, Mosboro; James Miller, Guelph; John McCorkindale, Guelph; James Anderson, Guelph. Mr. John Sissons, Barrie, was appointed president; Mr. John I. Hobson, vice-president; and Mr. Henry Wade, Toronto, secretary.

The agreement of last year was again accepted, with the exception that the Guelph Fat Stock Club are now allowed to retain the membership fees of their association. Members of this society will this year be admitted at the gates without paying an additional fee for their admission ticket.

Rules governing the exhibition are the same as last year, with the following exceptions:

Section 4, line 2, of General Rules and Regulations is amended to read, "The age, record, name, and number," etc. Clause 8 of General Rules and Regulations is expunged. Clause 10 provides that the exhibition shall be

held December 10th, 11th, and 12th, 1895. Admission will be charged until 6 p.m. of the 12th. An additional rule was added, which reads, "Ages of all animals to be computed to the first of December, 1895."

**Animals.**—Clause No. 1 amended to read, "No animal shall be removed until the close of the exhibition." Clause No. 2 was amended to read, "Tuesday, December 10th."

**Awarding Committees.**—Clause 1 amended to read, "Awarding committee shall consist of two judges and a referee." Clause No. 2 now reads, "Awarding committee shall commence examination at 10.30 a.m., December 11th, and continue until awards are completed."

Clause 9, third line, is amended to read, "They shall report the fact at once to the secretary, who shall report same to directors, who may expel said exhibitor for fraud at least two years, and may withhold all or any prizes won by said exhibitor."

Extra special premium for best wether sired by registered Shropshire rams and out of grade ewes:

Two years old and over, first premium, \$10; second premium, \$6. One year old and under two, first premium, \$10; second, \$6. Under one year, first premium, \$10; second, \$6.

Otherwise the sheep prizes remain as last year, with the exception of the prizes previously given by the American Southdown Association, which are withdrawn. Cooper & Nephews' cup will again be offered on the same terms as last year.

Class 12, section 2, is amended to read, "Best barrow under nine months. Section 4, 'Best sow under nine months.'"

Classes 13, 14, 16, and 17, are amended in like manner.

Class 16 was divided, allowing Tamworths \$90 in prizes and Jersey Reds \$50. Classification to be arranged by Secretary Wade.



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**Admission Fees.**—Clause 1 amended to read, "Tickets admitting one person each day, 25c.; ladies, 10c.; children under ten years of age, 10c."

**Prize List.**—In the sheep division, class 8, section 7, "Best five sheep under two years old, bred by exhibitor," is amended to read, "First, \$15; second, \$10." Classes 8, 9, and 10 are similarly amended.

The following prizes are offered by the American Shropshire Association:

Grand sweepstakes, if won by a registered Shropshire sheep, \$50; and for registered Shropshire wether, two years old or over, first premium, \$10; second premium, \$6; third premium, \$3. One year old, and under two, first premium, \$10; second premium, \$6; third premium, \$3. Under one year old, first premium, \$10; second premium, \$6; third premium, \$3.

**Cattle.**—Class 1, section 2, was amended to read, "Best steer or heifer one and under two." In class 1 the special prize offered last year is cancelled and the following substituted by the Dominion Shorthorn Breeders' Association, "\$15 for best registered Shorthorn steer, and the same for best heifer."

A letter was read from the president of the Western Dairyman's Association, offering \$50 towards a dairy show to be held at the same time and place. This was accepted by the club. The Agriculture and Arts Association supplemented this amount by fifty dollars. On motion, the executive of the Western Dairyman's Association were requested to take charge of this part of the exhibit, and to prepare the prize list therefor. It was further decided that the matter of space be referred to the Guelph Fat Stock Club, the secretary of which is requested to call a special meeting of

the said club, and report whether this exhibit be one of dairy products or of dairy cattle.

The following committees were appointed:

Executive: Messrs. Wade, Hodson, Hobson, Miller, Snell, and the president

Superintendent: Mr. Herbert Wright, Guelph, Ont.

Committee on Cattle: A. Rawlings, John I. Hobson, John Miller, J. Sissons, W. McCorkindale, D. P. McKinnon, and N. Awrey.

Committee on Sheep: J. Jackson, Prof. G. E. Day, J. C. Snell, Jas. Tolton, R. McEwen, Jas. Rowand, M.P.

Committee on Swine: G. B. Hood, R. H. Harding, Wm. Dawson, Jas. Anderson, D. P. McKinnon.

Committee on Poultry: James Anderson, Prof. G. E. Day, Wm. Dawson.

Programme Committee: Messrs. Miller, McCorkindale, Sissons, Wade, John Jackson, J. C. Snell, Jos. Brethour, R. Gibson, and F. W. Hodson.

Sheep judges: Wm. Thompson, Uxbridge; Alex. Smith, Maple Lodge; with R. W. Stevens, Lambeth, as referee, for classes 8 and 11.

John Miller, Markham; Henry Arkell, Teeswater; with W. S. Hawkshaw, Guelph, as referee, for classes 9 and 10.

Swine judges: Classes 13, 15, and 16, Jos. Featherston, M.P., Streetsville, Ont.; Jos. Brethour, Burford, Ont.; with James Anderson, Guelph, as referee.

Classes 12, 14, 17, 18, and 19, Thos. Teasdale, Concord; James Mann, Milton; with Andrew Elliott, Galt, as referee.

Cattle judges: Grade cattle—John Scott, Galt; Wm. Stark, Berwick; Geo. Morris, London, referee.

Purebred: Thos. Russell, Exeter; Alderman Dunn, Toronto; with T. E. Robson, Hilderton, Ont., as referee.

Poultry judge: Geo. Murton, Guelph, Ont.

It was moved that the cattle judges award the sweepstakes prizes in the cattle department.

Prof. Geo. E. Day was elected a director to represent the Ontario Agricultural College.

Moved by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. John I. Hobson, That date of entry be limited to November 25th, and that entry fees after that date be doubled.

Secretary Wade read a letter from H. D. Smith, Compton, Que., in which the writer offered a prize of fifty dollars, provided the sweepstakes prize for best animal is taken by a registered Hereford.

#### A Popular Minister of Agriculture.

The description of the Agricultural College, Guelph, which appears in this issue, would hardly be complete without some reference to the Hon. John Dryden, Minister of Agriculture for Ontario, for it is greatly owing to his perception of the requirements of the college, and his readiness to do all in his power to assist its usefulness, that it stands in the position that it occupies to-day.

Mr. Dryden was born in the township of Whitby, Ontario county, June 5th, 1840. His father came to this country from Durham county, England, in 1820, when only fourteen years old, in company with his widowed mother. In 1835 his father purchased 200 acres, being the nucleus of the present Maple Shade Farm, now the homestead of the subject of our sketch. Mr. Dryden received his primary education at the common school in his district, and afterwards attended Whitby Grammar School. When only nineteen years old he made arrangements with his father to