

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', \$2.

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.

A directors' meeting of each of the following associations will be held on the dates given below at the Belmont House, Brantford:

Dominion Swine Breeders' Association.—Monday, May 23rd, at 1 p.m. An evening session will be held if necessary.

Dominion Cattle Breeders' Association.—Tuesday, May 24th, at 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Dominion Sheep Breeders' Association.—Tuesday, May 24th, at 3 p.m. to 10.30 p.m.

The directors of the Provincial Winter Show for 1898 will meet at 8.30 a.m., May 25th. An afternoon and evening session will be held if necessary.

The business to be transacted is the election of standing committees for 1898; the revision of the rules and prize list of the "Winter Show"; the presentation of the report of the secretary-treasurer, etc., etc.

Each officer and director of the respective associations is urged to be present at the meeting of the board of directors to which he belongs.

Each director is respectfully requested in the meantime to go carefully over the prize list, including the rules governing each department of the winter show, and be prepared to make such suggestions as he considers to be in the public interest.

Members and exhibitors are invited to suggest improvements in the mode of conducting this show. Communications may be addressed to the secretary or to any officer or director of any of the above-named associations.

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

To the Officers and Directors of Each District Farmers' Institute in the Province of Ontario:

The annual meeting of each District Farmers' Institute in the Province of Ontario will be held this year on Tuesday, June 7th, commencing at 1 p.m., in each of the respective districts.

Please do all in your power to make this meeting in your district a success.

Carefully read the

RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE ANNUAL MEETING.

13. The institute year shall begin July 1st and end June 30th. The annual meeting shall be held on the first Tuesday in June, at one o'clock p.m., of each and every year. At this meeting the directors and auditors shall be elected for the ensuing year.

[The Treasurer's books should be closed this year on June 1st, and the financial statement made up to that date. Although new officers are elected this year on June 7th, the old officers should continue in office until June 30th. After this date those elected on the 7th of June should take charge of the affairs of the institute].

14. The method of election shall be by ballot or otherwise, as decided by the members present. No person shall be eligible for office, or be entitled to vote at the annual or any other meeting, who has not paid his fees in full for the current membership year.

15. At the annual meeting, members may suggest points in the district where institute meetings may be held during the succeeding institute year, first as to regular, and second as to supplementary meetings.

16. At the annual meeting, the executive officers for the current institute year shall, through the secretary, present to the meeting in writing a carefully prepared report of the proceedings of the year, in which shall be stated the number of institute meetings held since last annual report, the attendance at each session, the total number of papers read and addresses delivered.

The treasurer shall present his report for the current year. Said report shall first be audited and certified to by the auditors.

17. The annual meeting shall be devoted to the business of the institute, as specified in Clauses 13, 14, 15 and 16, and in carrying out the "Programme of the Annual Meeting," and in considering ways and means whereby the institute can be improved.

18. The annual meeting shall be advertised by mailing to each member, at least ten days before the first Tuesday in June, an announcement calling the members together. Said announcement shall specify the date, place, and hour of meeting, and shall contain a programme of the said meeting. If the executive deem it in the interest of the institute, posters and newspaper advertising may also be employed to make this meeting public.

PROGRAMME FOR ANNUAL MEETING HELD FIRST TUESDAY OF JUNE OF EACH YEAR.

- (1) President's report.
- (2) Discussion thereon.
- (3) Report of the executive presented in writing by the secretary.
- (4) Treasurer's report presented in writing.
- (5) Auditors' report presented in writing.
- (6) Suggestion of points at which to hold regular meetings.
- (7) Suggestion of points at which to hold supplementary meetings.
- (8) Election of directors, election of auditors.

(9) Suggestions as to how the institute can be improved or made more useful, if this has not already been considered by the president in his opening address and the discussion following.

(10) Addresses, etc.

20. At the close of the annual meeting, the new board of directors shall meet and elect from among themselves a president and a vice-president, and shall finally decide at what points in the district regular and supplementary meetings shall be held during the succeeding institute year. The points selected shall be entered on page C of the secretary's minute book, and a copy of this page shall be sent to the Superintendent, and shall be considered as part of the report of the annual meeting.

21. The officers and directors shall, at the close of the annual meeting, and when afterwards necessary, appoint from among themselves or otherwise a secretary-treasurer, who shall remain in office during pleasure.

22. In case any institute shall, through any cause, fail to hold its annual meeting at the time appointed, the Superintendent may appoint a time for holding the same, the meeting to be called as for the regular annual meeting, and this meeting shall, in all particulars, be taken as the annual meeting of the institute.

Before 1896 the Government grant to each Institute was dependent on the report sent to the Department of Agriculture at the close of the year. It now depends on the report given at the Annual Meeting, a copy of which must reach the superintendent not later than June 20th, 1898, as set forth in Clause 47 of the Act and Rules governing Farmers' Institutes. The grant will be paid on recommendation of the Superintendent to the Minister of Agriculture as soon as convenient after July 1st.

The 20th of June is the latest date on which the reports of the Annual Meeting may be sent to the Superintendent by Institutes wishing to receive grants from the Department in 1898. Secretaries are respectfully requested to send this report at an earlier date if possible.

Hereafter, the Annual Report of each Institute will be published, therefore executive officers are urged to make said report as complete as possible. (See Forms B, C and D of Secretary's Minute Book.) Each Institute is also invited to fully report any special features developed by their officers or any special line of work undertaken by them, or any plan which has been adopted and proved to be an advantage.

Most of the data required in these returns can be prepared between now and June 1st, and on June 7th it should be submitted to the members for approval.

On December 31st, 1895, the total Institute membership in the Province was 11,020; June 30th, 1896, the membership had increased to 12,384; May 1st, 1897, to 14,228; and on May 10th, 1898, to 15,507. The general election held March 1st, 1898, greatly interfered with the Institute meetings to be held during February, and it was found necessary to cancel a number. But for this interruption the present membership would probably have been 2,000 greater than it is.

I wish again to repeat what I said before, viz.: that experience has taught me that the success of an Institute depends on the officers, especially the secretary. Where an Institute has a good secretary it is always found in a flourishing condition. Many of the secretaries are first-class men. The most suitable available man should in each case be chosen as secretary, and he should be as liberally treated as the circumstances of the Institute will allow. His position should be permanent as long as he does the work satisfactorily; frequent changes are a great disadvantage.

I desire to impress on each officer the necessity of using every effort to induce the members to attend the Annual Meeting. The success of next season's meetings depends, in a large measure, on the result of the meeting held on June 7th, 1898.

Membership of the various Institutes up to May 10th, 1898:

Addington	68
Algoma, C.	213
Amherst Island	47
Brant, N.	146
Brant, S.	109
Brockville	152
Bruce, C.	116
Bruce, N.	88
Bruce, S.	80
Bruce, W.	232
Carleton	113
Cornwall	80
Dufferin	117
Dundas	215
Durham, E.	124
Durham, W.	183
Elgin, E.	115
Elgin, W.	172
Essex, N.	66
Essex, S.	156
Frontenac	93
Glengarry	194
Grenville, S.	106
Grey, C.	189
Grey, N.	279
Grey, S.	182
Haldimand	221
Halton	323
Hastings, E.	136
Hastings, N.	476
Hastings, W.	140
Huron, E.	192
Huron, S.	138
Huron, W.	393
Kent, E.	215
Kent, W.	116
Lambton, E.	177
Lambton, W.	78
Lanark, N.	259
Lanark, S.	188
Leeds, N. and Grenville, N.	125
Leeds, S.	196
Lennox	96
Lincoln	160
Manitoulin, E.	85
Manitoulin, W.	78
Middlesex, E.	201
Middlesex, N.	340
Middlesex, W.	200
Monck	147
Muskoka, C.	53
Port Carling	26
Muskoka, N.	163
Muskoka, S.	58
Norfolk, N.	248
Norfolk, S.	83
Northumberland, E.	191
Northumberland, W.	124
Ontario, N.	367
Ontario, S.	229
Oxford, N.	122
Oxford, S.	173
Perry Sound, E.	102
Perry Sound, W.	123
Peel	421
Perth, N.	186