



F. W. HODSON,
Secretary, 1896-1899.



MAJOR G. B. HOOD,
Associate Secretary, 1896.



D. G. HANMER,
Superintendent, 1897-1916.



J. H. SAUNDERS,
Assistant Superintendent,
1899-1916,
Superintendent, 1917-1919.

The Show of 1893 was held in the Victoria Rink, Guelph, on December 6th and 7th. The entries for this year more than doubled those of 1892, and the prize money paid was over \$2,000.00.

In 1895 the Dairymen's Association of Western Ontario joined the organization. This example was followed in 1896 by the Dominion Cattle Breeders' Association and the Dairymen's Association of Eastern Ontario, with the result that a new record of entries, 611, and prize money paid of \$3,491.00 was established.

The Dairy Department started in 1895 with an entry: 1 Shorthorn, 2 Ayrshire, 2 Holstein, 3 Grade cows. This was under the control of the Dairymen's Association of Western Ontario.

In 1896 the contributions to the prize list were as follows:—

The Dominion Cattle Breeders' Association, \$1,145; The Dominion Sheep Breeders' Association, \$1,149; The Dominion Swine Breeders' Association, \$977; The Dairymen's Association of Eastern and Western Ontario, \$50.00 each. This was supplemented by a number of special prizes obtained by the Secretary, Mr. F. W. Hodson. The Guelph Fat Stock Club provided accommodation. The Live Stock Associations were represented by: Cattle Breeders' Associations, Messrs. John I. Hobson, David McCrae and G. E. Day; Sheep Breeders' Association, Messrs. James Tolton, R. Gibson, D. G. Hanmer and F. W. Hodson; Swine Breeders' Association, Messrs. J. E. Brethour, G. B. Hood, J. C. Snell; the Dairymen's Association of Western Ontario, Messrs. A. F. McLaren, M.P., and J. W. Wheaton; the Dairymen's Association of Eastern Ontario, Messrs. R. G. Murphy and Henry Wade. These gentlemen formed the Board of Management, and met at the Ontario Agricultural College on June 25th. Deputations from Brantford and Guelph were present. After hearing these deputations, it was decided by a vote of six to four that the Show for 1896 be held in Guelph on December 8th, 9th and 10th.

In 1897 the Provincial Winter Show was held in Brantford, one week earlier than usual, the dates being November 30th, December 1st and 2nd. There was a marked increase in the Dairy Department, there being 58 entries. The Holstein, "Calamity Jane," owned by A. & G. Rice, Curries, carried off the Sweepstakes for the best cow exhibited.

The experiences gained by having the Show held in various cities proved clearly that if ample accommodation were to be provided, arrangements had to be made to have a permanent home for the event. This was acquired in 1900 when the present Winter Fair buildings were built.

Previous to the 1900 Show, arrangements for the amalgamation of the Provincial Fat Stock and Dairy Show and the Ontario Poultry Show were completed, and the new name, Ontario Provincial Winter Fair was adopted.

In 1904 a Seed Department was opened in the Fair.

In 1909, Ontario Horse Breeders joined in the management, and the exhibit of horses has now come to be a phenomenal success.

Although over \$50,000 was spent on an addition to the buildings in 1908, providing for expansion of the various departments and the addition of the horse stable, the space now available does not nearly meet the requirements of the Show.

The present agreement between the City of Guelph and the Ontario Provincial Winter Fair expires on November 1st, 1920. Let us hope that the city which has done so much for the live stock interests, and which has justified the hanging of the sign, "The Smithfield of Canada," away back in the eighties, still continues to hold the Show which has helped make Ontario's live stock famous, and which is now the greatest live stock show in Canada. This can only be done by providing suitable buildings and accommodation.



WILLIAM JOHNSON, Guelph.
Who has been in charge of the Winter Fair Buildings
since 1900.