

appointed to wait upon the Hon. Sydney Fisher to endeavor to get more favorable custom regulations in the interests of Canadian wool growers.

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Swine Breeders Meet.

The annual meeting of the Swine Breeders' Association held in Toronto Tuesday of last week was well attended, and was a most enthusiastic one.

The president, Mr. D. C. Platt, referred to the present bad state of the hog markets. This condition, he said, could be accounted for in several ways, the first of which was probably the general shortness in grain crops, followed by a stringency in the money market, also to the low price of the finished product, and the high price of feeds. This caused many farmers to get panicky and sell their breeding stock, thus practically going out of business, which, for the time being, has had a crippling effect on the hog business. Mr. Platt believes that this outburst will be followed by an influx equally great, which will be a stimulus to the breeders of pure-bred stock. It will be well, therefore, for breeders to be prepared to supply that demand.

In the executives' report, a suggestion was made favoring the promoting of Ontario's swine interests in the West. This proposal met with considerable disfavor from the Western breeders, who felt that it would be pushing Ontario interests at the sacrifice of those of the other provinces.

There were 6,277 hogs recorded in the herd book last year. The receipts accruing from this source were \$4,562.93. The total receipts for the year were \$8,649.82, and the expenditure \$5,012.35, leaving a balance on hand of \$3,637.47.

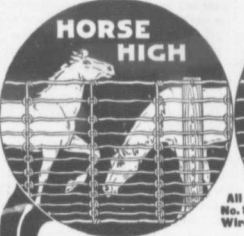
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The Berkshire Breeders Organize.

The Berkshire Breeders of Ontario met at the Palmer House, Toronto, on Feb. 4, and formed themselves into an association to be called the Ontario Berkshire Society. The object of the society is to further the interests of Berkshire swine in Ontario, and to control the profits accruing from Ontario Berkshire registrations. This society is donating \$200 towards the prize list of the different Ontario exhibitions.

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