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Stock Breeders' Meetings.

Pursuant to notice, the directors of the Cattle, Sheep and Swine Breeders' Associations and of the Provincial Winter Show met at the Belmont House, Brantford, May 23rd, 24th and 25th. The business transacted was the reception and adoption of the reports and the financial statement of the Secretary-Treasurer, the election of the standing committee for 1898, the revision of the rules and prize list, and the appointment of judges for the Fat Stock and Dairy Show, which is to be held at Brantford, Nov. 30th and Dec. 1st and 2nd, the date being changed from Dec. 6th to 3th to avoid clashing with the Fat Stock Show at Guelph, which has been fixed for the latter dates. The Secretary's report referred to the gratifying success of the various stock breeders' associations during the past year, to the very satisfactory freight rates conceded by the railway managers for the transportation of pure-bred registered stock both east and west in response to the request of the associations, to the improved prices prevailing for pure-bred stock, and the increased demand and volume of trade, largely owing to the reduced freight rates obtained. The announcement at this meeting for the first time of a 50 per cent. reduction between points in Ontario and the East will meet with hearty appreciation by the breeders. Efforts will yet be made to secure a reduction of 50 per cent on carload rates on registered stock when shipping less than carloads—and also to secure the privilege of shipping sheep and pigs in lots of four and upwards without being crated.

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The following committees were appointed; Executive and Programme Committee—The President, Vice-President, Secretary, J. E. Brethour, James Tolton, H. Wade, G. W. Clemons, H. A. Foulds, C. W. Yapp.

Committee on Cattle—John I. Hobson, J. C. Snell, G. W. Clemons, C. W. Yapp and S. Suddaby.

Committee on Sheep—James Tolton, John Jackson, D. G. Hanmer, E. B. Eddy and H. A. Foulds.

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Committee on Swine — J. E. Brethour, T. Teasdale, G. B. Hood, S. Suddaby and F. A. Metcalfe.
Poultry Committee — E. B. Eddy, Geo. Wright and J. C. Montgomery.
Reception Committee — John I. Hobson, Mayor Raymond, Harry Cockshutt, T. H. Preston, Douglas Reville, Arthur Johnston, Frank Cockshutt, Jos. Stratford, F. W. Hodson, H. Wade.
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The age of animals in the classes for beef breeds and grades will be computed from Sept. 1st, and those in the dairy classes from August 1st.

The Prize List.—Few changes were made in the prize list for cattle and sheep. An addition of five dollars to each of the prizes for grade heifers two years old and for heifers under two years old was made. In all the classes for swine the section for barrows over nine months was struck out, and sections were added for best barrow under six months and for beet sow under six months.

Bacon Hojs.—A new class, with prizes of \$20, \$15, and \$10, was opened for the best four bacon hogs of each of the following breeds: Berkshire. Yorkshire, Tamworth, Chester White, Poland-China; also for Suffolk and Essex grouped together, and for grades and crosser. There will also be liberal prizes for the two best dressed bacon hogs, to be killed on the second day of the exhibition. Pigs in these bacon classes will be eligible to show in other classes, and should weigh from 160 to 220 pounds.

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Judges.—The following judges were appointed for the winter show: Cattle.—
Fros. Crawford, M. P. P., Toronto; Jas. Smith, Brantford. Referee.—J. T. Glbson, Denfield. Reserve—T. G. Colwell, Whitby. Dairy Cattle (for conformation)—G. E. Day, Guelph: J. C. Snell, Loudon. Sheep.—Cotswolds, Leicesters and Lincolns.—T. Hardy Shore, Glanworth; Jas. Gaunt, St. Helen's; E. Parkinson, Eramosa. Shropshires, Southdowns, Oxfords. Dorsets and Hampshires.—Geo. Allen, Allentown, Ill.; J. C. Duncan, Lewiston, N. Y.; H. Arkell, Teeswater. Grades—Geo. Allen, T. H. Shore, H. Arkell. Sweepstakes.—J ames Tolton, Walkerton. Swine.—Chester Whites, Poland-Chinas, Duroc-Jerseys and grades—J. G. Snell, Snelgrove; G. B. Hood, Guelph. Referee—C. W. Yapp. Borkshires. Yorkshires, Tamworth, Suffolks and Essex.—T. Teasdale, Concord; W. H. Jones, Mt. Elgin. Referee—G. B. Hood. Guelph. Referee—G. B. Hood. Bacon Pigs.—Mr. Leach, of W. Davies Packing Co., Toronto.

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Rebate of Freight.—It was resolved that a rebate of the freight charges on all shipments of stock coming over 100 miles to the show shall be made for the distance travelled over 100 miles from the Ontario boundary to Brantford. The Directors of the Dominion Swine Breeders' Association voted a grant of \$100 to the Sheep and Swine Breeders' Association of Manitoba, to be offered in prizes at Manitoba exhibitions on the conditions named in last year's report.

Jed Tuttle, Jr., Iroquois, Ont., writes that he has had his fine young Jersey cow, Elma of Snelgrove, three years old, on a butter test. In seven days she milked 234 pounds, over 33 pounds a day, from which was churned 15 pounds of butter, taking only 153-5 pounds of nilk for one pound of butter—over two pounds of butter a day on winter feed. Mr. Tuttle purchased Elma of Snelgrove at the Toronto Exhibition (1896) from J. H. Smith & Son. of Highfield. Mr. Smith had her on exhibition at Toronto, Montreal, and Ottawa, and she took first at the two latter exhibitions, and second at the former. Mr. Tuttle is to be congratulated on his enterprise in securing such high-class stock.

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