



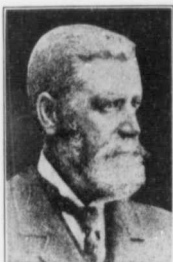
J. C. SNELL,
President, 1887 and 1890.
Chairman, 1892-94.



HERBERT WRIGHT,
President, 1890, 1891
and 1895.



J. McCORKINDALE,
Treasurer, 1891.
Superintendent, 1896.



JOHN I. HOBSON,
President, 1896-1900.

"During the evenings the buildings were partially lighted by electric light. It is much to be regretted that the working of this was not carried on satisfactorily, as considerable inconvenience was felt by its going out several times, at inopportune moments."

Among the sheep exhibitors we notice such familiar names as J. Kelly, Jr., Shakespeare; Geo. Hood, Guelph; J. Ruthford, Roseville; J. Dryden, M.P.P., Brooklyn; Jas. G. Wright, Guelph.

The principal hog exhibitors were Joshua Sisley, Richmond Hill; Geo. Savage, Burnhamthorpe; Joseph Featherston and R. Dorsey & Son, Symmesville; and Wm. Harris, Toronto.

The finances of the 1883 Show were obtained from a grant of \$500 from each of the Agriculture and Arts Association and the Toronto Electoral Division Agricultural Society, with the understanding that each was to share alike in the profits or losses.

Following this, the Shows of successive years were held at Guelph, Woodstock, Guelph and Toronto.

In Guelph the event was held in the drill shed, and among the prominent men at the opening we notice these names among those on the platform:—

Mr. Wm. Whitelaw, President of the Guelph Fat Stock Club; Messrs. McKinnon, Snell, Moore, Shipley and Wade of the Agricultural and Arts Association; Hon. A. M. Ross, Commissioner of Agriculture; James Inn's, M.P.; James Laidlaw, M.P.P., and G. F. Frankland, of Toronto.

A very commendable feature of these early exhibits was a card showing the weight of the animals, age in days, and daily rate of increase. Messrs. H. & I. Groff, Elmira, had eleven head of cattle in 1884 on exhibit, among which was "Jumbo," a four-year-old weighing 3,200 pounds.

In 1887 the total amount paid in prizes amounted to only \$500.00, and the entries dropped to 81. As a result of this, the event was discontinued during 1888 and 1889, although in the latter year the Guelph Fat Stock Club held a show of their own, to which the Agricultural and Arts Association gave a grant of \$60.00.

In 1890 and 1891 the Show was again held in Guelph. The advancement may be said to date from 1892 when the Dominion Sheep and Swine Breeders joined their forces with those previously operating the Show. From the minutes of a Joint Stock Show Committee meeting held on April 7th, 1892, with the following present:—

From the Council—President, N. Awrey, M.P.P., Binbrook; J. Sissen, Crown Hill; J. C. Snell, Edmonton; J. M. Simmons, Ivan; A. Rawlings, Forest; W. J. Westington, Plainville; Secretary, Henry Wade, Toronto.

From the Fat Stock Club—Prof. Shaw, Guelph; John I. Hobson, Mosborough; Jas. Anderson, Guelph.

From the Sheep Breeders' Association—F. W. Hodson, London; J. Jackson, Abingdon.

From the Swine Breeders' Association—President, J. C. Snell, Edmonton; S. Coxworth, Claremont, the following is an extract:—

"After a short discussion as regards the Fat Stock Show, it was moved by Mr. Simmons, seconded by Mr. Rawlings, that the Agriculture and Arts Association agree to hold a Fat Stock Show in the City of Guelph in December next, in connection with the Local Fat Stock Club, the Sheep Breeders' Association and the Swine Breeders' Association, upon this basis: The Local Fat Stock Club and the City of Guelph to provide all the accommodation necessary to hold a creditable show; the Sheep Breeders' Association to provide \$300 or more towards the prizes, the Swine Breeders' Association \$300 or more, and the Agriculture and Arts Association \$1,000; that the Fat Stock Show Committee of the Agriculture and Arts Association, three representatives from the Fat Stock Club, and two from each of the Sheep and Swine Breeders' Associations, be the Committee of Management; the Agriculture and Arts Association to pay all expenses and to collect all receipts; in case all the prizes in the sheep and swine departments are not paid out, the proper proportion of such unpaid prizes be paid back to the two different Associations. Carried."

The entries rose from 81 the previous year to 171, and the prize money paid from \$325.00 to \$1,453.00.

It may be of interest to compare the prices obtained for fat cattle at this time with the prices that obtain to-day. The following is an extract from the report of the 1892 "Sales of Fat Cattle During the Show":—

"Francis Murdoch, a Shorthorn grade, which took the first prize, weighing close on 1,400, and 21 months old to Jas. Millar at 6c live weight. Stewart Bros. Eramosa two heifers at 5½c to A. Tait, London. They weighed 2,750 lbs. W. R. Elliott, Everton, sold his prize steer to S. Purdy, Toronto, at 6c, and his third prize cow at 5c to go to Toronto.