

CHAPTER XXVIII

TYPES AND BREEDS OF FARM ANIMALS

The Improvement of Live Stock. Though the greater part of the common stock of the farm is not pure-bred, we have in all classes of stock a great many different well-established breeds. There are enough of different breeds in all classes of stock to make it possible for anyone to find a breed suited to his taste. It is by keeping to the same breed of animals steadily and keeping the best of them, that good animals have been produced and that all animals have been improved. The keeping of the best stock is called **selection**. When a breed becomes well established, the fanciers of the breed get together and fix a standard of excellence for it, which takes account of certain points, such as weight, height, color, conformation, and other features. Animals that come up to the standard are recorded in a register kept for the purpose, and the owners are given a certificate which is evidence of pure breeding. The recording of pure-bred animals in Canada is under the direction of the various breed societies, subject to inspection by the Dominion Department of Agri-