

of the Industrial Exhibition Association of Toronto. But this association and numerous other excellent associations, such as that of the Western Fair of London, the Central Fair of Ottawa, and so on, fall outside of the scope of this paper.

There is one show, however, that must be specially noticed, inasmuch as it is wholly devoted to the interests of agriculture, and is managed by a number of the voluntary associations we have previously mentioned—the Provincial Fat Stock Show at Guelph, hereafter to be known as the "Ontario Provincial Winter Show."

HISTORY.

The history of the origin of this show is as follows: A number of years ago a show was started at Guelph by the Fat Stock Club of that



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city, and from the first it was conducted so well that it was soon recognized as being the leading fat stock show of the province. After a few years the Agriculture and Arts Association united with the Guelph club to hold a show under their joint auspices, to be called the Provincial Fat Stock Show. Owing, however, to a regulation which required that all animals shown should be sold for slaughter, the show thus instituted was not so successful as was to be desired. In 1892 the Dominion Sheep and Swine Breeders' Association united with the two associations above mentioned to hold the show, and contributed

\$600 as prize money to be used in the sheep and swine classes, and by arrangement assumed the entire control of the awarding of the prizes in these classes. The regulation referred to was then done away with so far as sheep and swine were concerned; and as the money contributed by the Sheep and Swine Breeders' Associations was increased each year, the sheep and swine entries annually increased in number and importance—so much so that the exhibits of sheep and swine during the last four years have not only greatly outnumbered all the other exhibits of the show, but have been in themselves the best exhibits of fat sheep and swine ever seen on the continent.

ORGANIZATION.

As the Agriculture and Arts Association was disestablished at the end of last year, new arrangements had to be made for the carrying on of the show. By an arrangement made in June last the parties to the management of the show this year, together with the amounts of prize money contributed by each, are as follows: (1) The Dominion Cattle Breeders' Association, \$1,145; (2) The Dominion Sheep Breeders' Association, \$1,148; (3) The Dominion Swine Breeders' Association, \$1,977; (4) The Dairymen's Association of Western Ontario, \$50; (5) The Dairymen's Association of Eastern Ontario, \$50; also the Fat Stock Club of Guelph, which is to provide suitable and ample accommodation, and suitable and sufficient conveniences for the holding of the show. The conjoining associations have also promised to secure a large number of additional special prizes.

As the "block test" regulation referred to above is now done away with for all breeds of stock, and as the prize money offered is greater than ever before, there is every probability that the show in December, 1896, will surpass all previous fat stock shows ever held in Canada.

OBJECTS AND FUTURE POSSIBILITIES.

The objects of the winter show are very definite and practical; namely, to develop and foster profitable methods of farm production—that is the production of live stock food products that are both suited to the market demands and producible at a profit to the producer.

Last year (1895) the winter show of the Ontario Poultry Association was held in conjunction with the Provincial Fat Stock Show, and the result was so successful that a great desire was expressed to have the plan repeated.

The present organization of the "Provincial Winter Show Association," as outlined above, is likely to be permanent in its general outlines;