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On motion of Mr. Crawford, seconded by Mr. Jackson, it was resolved, That in the opinion of this Association, it is desirable that the fair boards should adopt the one-judge system for sheep, and that the Secretary be instructed to communicate this resolution to the proper officials.

Dominion Swine Breeders' Association.

The third annual meeting of the Dominion Swine Breeders' Association was held in Shaftesbury Hall, Toronto, Feb. 5th, 1892, J. C. Snell in the chair.

After the minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted, the Secretary presented the following report for the year ending Feb. 5th, 1892:—

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

As many of the members present were not united with us when this Association was founded, I think it wise to give a short sketch of the work from the commencement. On Sept. 19th, 1889, I was asked to call the Swine Breeders together and assist in forming an Association. After some hesitation, I consented to do so. The first meeting was held on the evening of the above date, in the office of the Agriculture and Arts Association, corner Yonge and Queen streets, Toronto. All the prominent swine breeders then in the city were present. The constitution now governing the Association was adopted. Each year since then we have held two meetings, one in the spring and one in September. Each of these several meetings has been well attended, and much valuable information has been scattered all over the Dominion by our efforts. Until the year 1891 we received no aid from the Government; but at the annual meeting, held March 19th, 1891, your Secretary and two others were appointed a deputation to wait on the Hon. John Dryden, Minister of Agriculture for Ontario, and lay before him the claims of this Association, and respectfully request that we be given a grant of at least \$300 to assist us in carrying on our work. Your committee met the hon. gentleman, who, after hearing us and carefully enquiring as to the work accomplished by our Association and its future aims, graciously promised to do what he could in the matter. The result was that in August last our Treasurer received a cheque from the Provincial Treasurer for \$300, the amount asked for by us. At our first meeting, in 1889, our membership was sixteen. We have now sixty-nine, who were considered paid-up members for 1891, twenty-nine of whom had paid their fees before the end of the previous year, but by a resolution I was instructed to mark them as paid members for 1891.

I have carefully watched the workings of other associations which receive Government grants, and I believe that we are doing as good, if not a better work than any of them, considering the smallness of our grant. Thinking that it would be interesting for you to know the amounts received in 1891 by other kindred associations, I have obtained from the Department of Agriculture the following list:—

The Dominion Sheep Breeders' Association—Membership, 94; grant . . .	\$ 300 00
Ontario Poultry Association—Membership, 133; grant . . .	900 00
Eastern Poultry and Pet Stock Association—Membership, —; grant . . .	400 00
Bee-Keepers' Association—Membership, 180; grant . . .	500 00
Eastern Dairymen's Association—Membership, 100; grant . . .	2,000 00
Creameries' Association—Membership, 85; grant . . .	1,500 00
Agriculture and Arts Association . . .	2,500 00
Experimental Union . . .	400 00
Fruit Growers' Association—Membership, 1,407; grant . . .	1,800 00
Entomological Society—Membership, 210; grant . . .	1,000 00
Western Dairymen's Association—Membership, 129; grant . . .	2,000 00
Inspection of Milk and Dairy School in connection with the above . . .	500 00

What our Association requires is more members; and what we must and will have is more members. We want every one of our members to act as a missionary and send to the Secretary the name and fee of at least one new member each year. Everyone of us should try to induce four or five others to join. Our officers especially should be active and energetic in forwarding the interests of the Association in every possible way, but especially by adding new members. No one should allow himself to be elected to office if he cannot or will not work whole-heartedly and earnestly for the general good.

Heretofore, on account of the shortness of funds, we have not been able to publish an Annual Report, but one will be issued at an early date in which will be reported all our previous meetings as fully as possible. Each year hereafter one will be issued, and a verbatim report will be given of our last meeting and this one. On the first pages will be published the names and addresses of all the members, and in each case it will be specified what sorts each member breeds. This will be found a cheap and valuable advertising medium.

I had a conference with the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture on Monday last, when he consented to publish our Annual Report. This will effect a considerable saving to the Association and will allow us to use our grant to forward the swine interests in other directions. I would suggest that a deputation be sent to the honorable gentleman to request him to send a copy of our report to each member of the Farmers' Institutes in Ontario. This would be of great benefit to the farmers, and be the means of largely increasing our membership and our field of usefulness.

At our last annual meeting it was decided to commence records for the different breeds. Mr. Henry Wade was appointed Recording Secretary, and our Executive the Editing Committee. Up to the present date there have been received for registration, 4,074 Berkshires, 938 Yorkshires, 292 Suffolks, 435 Chester Whites and 868 Poland Chinas. Members of our Association are charged 50c. per animal to register and 25c. to transfer. Non-members are charged \$1.00 per animal to register and 50c. to transfer.

As previously stated, we have since 1889 held two meetings each year. I would suggest that hereafter we hold but one, and that it be an all-day session, and, if necessary longer, so that we may be enabled to get up a good annual report; that the time of holding such meeting be in December and that we join with the Agricultural and Arts Association or some other body, in order to assist in holding a good fat stock show. Of course our efforts will be entirely given to the swine department. Without any increase in our grant for 1892, with our present surplus, we could offer at least \$400 in premiums in December next. From such an exhibition, if properly conducted, much valuable information could be gleaned. Each exhibitor in our department would be required to furnish such written statements as our Executive may require. Matter thus obtained would be very suitable for publication in our Annual Report. By this means we may lay or assist in

laying the foundation of what will in the future become Canada's Great Winter Exhibition, the veritable Smithfield of America, of which the Canadian breeder and farmer will have full control.

Another matter to which I would like to draw your attention, is the appointment of gentlemen to address the Farmers' Institutes. The Department of Agriculture, in connection with Prof. Mills, and the Executive of the Central Farmers' Institute, appoint lecturers to address institutes in various sections each year. Other associations have had the privilege of nominating speakers. I think it would be wise for this body to select, say three gentlemen, and to respectfully request that they be placed on the staff of lecturers, and that their duty as lecturers be confined to addresses on Swine husbandry.

After fully discussing each of the propositions suggested by the Secretary's Report, they were adopted by the Association. But one meeting will be held each year hereafter. The Association will assist in holding a winter show. A number of gentlemen were suggested as suitable parties to address farmers' institutes in various parts of Canada.

THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS

were elected for the ensuing year:—President, J. C. Snell, Edmonton; Vice-President, D. DeCoursey, Bornholm; Sec. Treas., F. W. Hodson, London. Directors—Yorkshires, J. E. Brethour, Burford; Berkshires, S. Coxworth, Claremont; Suffolks, R. Dorsey, Burnhamthorpe; Essex, James Main Milton; Chester Whites, R. H. Harding, Thorndale; Poland Chinas, J. J. Payne, Chatham; Victorias, William Butler, Durham Centre; Jersey Reds and Tamworths, John Bell, L'Amaroux. Auditors—F. Green, jr., Toronto, and F. R. Shore, London.

EXPERT JUDGES.

The following gentlemen were recommended to the various Fair Boards as suitable to act as Expert Judges in the respective classes:—Chester Whites—J. Featherstone, Streetsville; John Jackson, Glenallan; George Pierce, Mitchell; S. H. Todd, Wakeman, Ohio; John Taylor, Thorndale; James Anderson, Guelph. Poland Chinas—Sharpe Butterfield, Sandwich; C. H. McNish, Lyn; W. B. Baldwin, Colchester; James Anderson, Guelph; Joseph Yuill, Carleton Place; James Main, Milton. Suffolks—Sharpe Butterfield, Sandwich; Samuel Mason, Hornby; Malcolm McArthur, Lobo; William Elliott, Milton; John Fothergill, Burlington. Berkshires—W. H. McNish, Lyn; J. G. Snell, Edmonton; George Green, Fairview; H. J. Davis, Woodstock; S. Coxworth, Claremont; S. J. Lyons, Norval; Alex. Cameron, Ashburn; R. Vance, Ide; J. C. Snell, Edmonton; C. M. Simmons, Ivan. Essex—Sharpe Butterfield, Sandwich; James Anderson, Guelph; James Main, Milton; Thomas McCrae, Guelph; Bilton Snarey, Croton. Tamworths—Joseph McGavin, Chatham; P. W. Boynton, Dollar; D. G. Holmes, Willowdale; B. Rolph, Orono; William Davies, Toronto. Yorkshires—Alfred Brown, Bethel; Levi Pike, Locust Hill; W. H. McNish, Lyn; Wm. Davies, Toronto; J. E. Brethour, Burford; Sharpe Butterfield, Sandwich; G. S. Chapman, Springfield-on-the-Credit.

DELEGATES TO THE RESPECTIVE FAIR BOARDS FOR 1892.

The following gentlemen were appointed delegates to the respective Fair Boards for 1892. [Their especial duty is to look after the swine interests at the various associations, and especially to urge the fair managers to select the judges of swine from among the gentlemen named as expert judges. The Association has pronounced emphatically in favor of one expert judge for each class:]—Toronto Industrial—J. C. Snell, Edmonton, and R. Dorsey, Burnhamthorpe. Western Fair—C. M. Simmons, Ivan, and D. DeCoursey, Bornholm. Ottawa—Joseph Yuill, Montreal, and W. H. McNish, Lyn. Kingston—Alfred Brown, Bethel. Hamilton—W. Cowan, V.S., Galt and J. E. Brethour, Burford. J. C. Snell, Edmonton, and F. W. Hodson, London, were re-elected to represent the Association on the committee for the World's Fair.