

The Ontario Agricultural Gazette

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THE DOMINION CATTLE, SHEEP, AND SWINE BREEDERS' ASSOCIATIONS.

Annual Membership Fees:—Cattle Breeders' \$1; Sheep Breeders', \$1; Swine Breeders', \$1.

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP.

Each member receives a free copy of each publication issued by the Association to which he belongs, during the year in which he is a member. In the case of the Swine Breeders' Association this includes a copy of the Swine Record.

A member of the Swine Breeders' Association is allowed to register pigs at 50c. per head; non-members are charged \$1.00 per head.

A member of the Sheep Breeders' Association is allowed to register sheep at 50c. per head, while non-members are charged \$1.00.

The name and address of each member, and the stock he has for sale, are published once a month. Over 9,000 copies of this directory are mailed monthly. Copies are sent to each Agricultural College and each Experiment Station in Canada and the United States, also to prominent breeders and probable buyers resident in Canada, the United States and elsewhere.

A member of an Association will only be allowed to advertise stock corresponding to the Association to which he belongs; that is, to advertise cattle he must be a member of the Dominion Cattle Breeders' Association, to advertise sheep he must be a member of the Dominion Sheep Breeders' Association, and to advertise swine he must be a member of the Dominion Swine Breeders' Association.

The list of cattle, sheep, and swine for sale will be published in the third issue of each month. Members having stock for sale, in order that they may be included in the Gazette, are required to notify the undersigned by letter on or before the 9th of each month, of the number, breed, age, and sex of the animals. Should a member fail to do this his name will not appear in that issue. The data will be published in the most condensed form.

F. W. HOPSON, Secretary.
Parliament Buildings, Toronto, Ont.

STOCK FOR THE WEST.

Another carload of purebred live stock shipped under the auspices of the Live Stock Association will leave for the West early in April. Several more animals are required to complete the carload. Intending shippers may obtain full particulars upon application to the Secretary of the Association, F. W. Hodson, Parliament Buildings, Toronto.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO SECRETARIES AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF FARMERS' INSTITUTES.

Although the institute meetings are over for the season, a number of the institutes have not complied with the requirements of rules 58 and 60, which read as follows: "Within one week after the close of each institute meeting or series of meetings, the secretary shall forward to the superintendent a detailed report of said meeting or meetings, in which shall be stated the name of the place or places where sessions were held, the number of persons present at each session, the name and address of each person who read a paper or gave an address, the title of the address or paper, and a comment upon its value, whether good, fair, or indifferent. (Use form A of the secretary's minute book for making returns required by this clause.)" "The secretary shall, when possible, retain the manuscript of all papers read at institute meetings by local talent, in order that he may, when required, furnish the superintendent with the same. Each institute is required to forward at least two such papers each year, which may be published as the superintendent decides. Secretaries or essayists are not required to rewrite papers before sending them to the superintendent; forward them as read at local meetings."

It is imperative that these rules be complied with, and no institute will

receive the usual Government grant this year whose secretary does not promptly comply with the requirements set forth in each of these clauses.

HOW TO INCREASE THE MEMBERSHIP.

A few institutes have adopted special means of increasing their membership for the year 1899. Following is a copy of a circular sent out by Mr. C. W. Young, secretary of Cornwall and Stormont Institutes:

Cornwall, Feb. 20, 1899.

DEAR SIR,—The meetings of the Stormont Farmers' Institute for 1898-9 are now over, and I find on looking over the books that it appears you have not renewed your membership. I am sure this must have been because you were absent from the meetings or through inadvertence, as the literature received by institute members is worth many times the 25c. fee to any progressive farmer.

This is why I have taken the liberty of calling your attention to the matter, as I regret exceedingly to lose any of our members.

I enclose you an envelope directed and a perforated card in which you can place the "quarter" necessary to continue the benefits of institute membership for the current year.

Should you have renewed and not been credited will you kindly notify me at once and I will make the correction.

Sincerely yours,

C. W. YOUNG,
Secretary.

On the outside of the perforated card to which Mr. Young refers in his circular is printed—"Put in 25c. and seal. Enclosed you will find 25c. to renew my membership for the current

year in the Stormont Farmers' Institute.

"Name....."

"P.O....."

This circular has been the means of adding quite a number of members to the list of these two institutes.

Peel Farmers' Institute has also adopted a similar means of increasing its membership. The circular sent out by the energetic secretary, Mr. R. McCulloch, read as follows:

Snelgrove, March 10th, 1899.

DEAR SIR,—Owing no doubt to the condition of the weather and roads you were not at the meetings of the institute held in the county, and in consequence your membership fee for the present year has not been paid. We are anxious to maintain the reputation of the institute as one of the strongest of the province.

Will you forward me at once 25c., when I will enter your name as a member for 1899.

Agricultural papers at the following rates: *Farmers' Advocate*, 55c.; *FARMING*, 40c. to institute members.

Very truly,

R. McCULLOCH,

P. Speers, President. Sec.-Treas.

We think the plan adopted by these institutes a very good one and should be the means of doing much towards increasing the membership.

INSTITUTE MEETINGS.

The following is the average attendance at meetings, reports of which have been received since the last list published:

Algoma, Centre.....	100
Carleton.....	181
Huron, West.....	126
Lanark, South.....	152
Union.....	48

The following is a list of the members received since the last list published:

Algoma, Centre.....	50
Cornwall.....	28
Frontenac.....	5
Grey, South.....	6
Hastings, East.....	13
Huron, West.....	82
Kent, East.....	2
Lanark, South.....	40
Muskoka, North.....	32
Muskoka, South.....	3
Norfolk, North.....	1
Oxford, North.....	7
Parry Sound, West.....	9
Prescott.....	2
Renfrew, North.....	3
Simcoe, South.....	2
Simcoe, West.....	1
Union.....	5
Waterloo, North.....	3
Waterloo, South.....	26
Wentworth, North.....	3