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

Annual Membership Fees:—Cattle Breeders' \$2; Sheep Breeders', \$1; Swine Breeders', 2.

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 10,000 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. Hobson, Secretary.
Parliament Buildings, Toronto, Ont.

Annual Reports.

Annual reports have been received from the following institutes since the last issue:

Algoma Centre
Grey North
Huron South
Middlesex East
Oxford North
Parry Sound East
Simcoe Centre

Institute Memberships.

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

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Glengarry.....	2
Grey South.....	3
Lanark South.....	16
Lennox.....	61
Middlesex East.....	5
Northumberland West.....	2
Ontario North.....	29
Parry Sound East.....	5
Simcoe Centre.....	20
Simcoe West.....	56
Wellington Centre.....	3
Wellington South.....	2

Transportation of Purebred Cattle, Sheep and Swine Throughout Canada.

A very important circular has just been issued by the Dominion Live Stock Associations. As the title indicates it treats altogether of the transportation of purebred live stock, and forms a part of the annual address of the secretary of the Live Stock Associations of Ontario. It is very conveniently arranged, and should be in the hands of every live stock man in Canada. Its contents are:

Rates on purebred cattle, sheep and swine in less than car-load lots between local points east of Fort William.

Rates on stock to and from exhibitions in Ontario and Quebec.

Rates on purebred cattle, sheep and swine in car-load lots from any point in Ontario to any point in Manitoba and the Canadian Northwest.

Mixed car-loads of purebred stock sent at reduced rates.

Association cars of purebred stock from Ontario to Manitoba and the Northwest.

Schedule of rates for stock to Manitoba and the Northwest in the Association cars.

Alphabetical list of stations between Winnipeg and Calgary, giving the number of the section in which each station is situated.

A form of application for space in the Association car.

Rates for shipment of thoroughbred stock between points west of Lake Superior.

Rates from Ontario to exhibitions in Manitoba and the West.

The agreement entered into between the Government of the Northwest Territories and the Dominion Live Stock Associations.

Rates to British Columbia.

Each of these questions is treated under a separate head.

Some years ago the secretary of the Live Stock Associations, in an annual address, said that it would prove a benefit to the live stock breeders in Ontario and the West, and also to the railway companies, if all purebred animals were carried at half rates. All the breeders present agreed with the statement, but said that such a Utopian condition of things would never be experienced by the breeders of to-day. Still, there were some present who were determined to do what they could to bring this condition about, and finally the railway companies agreed to meet the breeders, and little by little concessions were granted, until to-day all

purebred animals registered in records recognized as reliable by the Department of Agriculture are carried at half rates between all points east of Fort William, and car-loads are carried at the rate on settlers' effects between points in Ontario and points west of Fort William, thus effecting a very great saving to both buyers and sellers, and having the effect of more easily distributing better animals throughout the provinces. This has proved of great benefit to all concerned.

It is a well known and recognized fact that the rank and file of the live stock in Canada is not as good as it was twenty years ago, nor do our average export animals sell for as much as the export animals from the United States. This should not be the case. There are two means of remedying this difficulty—first, by the introduction of more and better purebred sires, and second by more thorough and careful feeding and preparation for market.

Since the cheap rates were inaugurated the demand for purebred males has rapidly increased, and the export from the Province of Ontario to both eastern and western provinces has grown rapidly. The associations have done a good work by stimulating this trade and have greatly benefited the farmers generally by collecting and assembling in car-loads individual animals which have been bought from various breeders by western buyers, and, after collecting them, forwarding them to the Northwest and distributing them along the line of the C.P.R. to the individual buyers. Thus, transportation of animals, which formerly cost from \$30 to \$90 per head, are taken from Ontario to the Northwest at from \$10 to \$18 per head. This has had a great effect on the trade. Since January no less than eight car-loads, containing 144 animals, have been thus collected and forwarded to western buyers. Also a valuable shipment has been sent to Quebec and one to Newfoundland. These shipments have all been made up of single animals bought by buyers whose residences are widely separated, and do not include any car-loads which have been bought by one individual and shipped by him at the reduced transportation allowed on cars of purebred animals.

The recent growth in trade has had the effect of stimulating the breeders of purebred live stock to renewed efforts. Before the cheap rates were inaugurated many of the breeders were becoming discouraged and were taking less care of their breeding herds and flocks than in previous years, and some were contemplating going out of the