

REGISTRATION.

When first established, the Sheep Breeders' Association was designedly not a record association; but in 1892 it was decided to open records, practically in connection with the association (though under the name of the Canadian Sheep Record Association) for the registration of Lincolns, Cotswolds, Leicesters, South Downs, Oxfords, and Hampshires. (Canadian Shropshires have always been registered in the United States.) The above registrations were made by the secretary of the association until this year, when, by reason of the appointment of the provincial registrar of live stock, they are to be made by him. Practically, however, the Canadian registration of sheep is being discontinued, registration in the United States records being found to be more advantageous to the breeders.

ORGANIZATION.

In 1895 the constitution of the Sheep Breeders' Association was revised and brought into close



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harmony with the constitutions of the Cattle Breeders' Association and Swine Breeders' Association. According to its present organization its board of officers consists of a president, a vice-president, a secretary-treasurer, and one director to represent each of the established breeds, and one representing the Ontario Agricultural College. The officers for 1896 are: President, James Tolton, Walkerton; Vice-President, D. G. Hanmer, Burford; Secretary-Treasurer, F. W. Hodson, Guelph; Directors: *Cotswolds*, J. C. Snel, Snelgrove; *Leicesters*, Alex. Smith, Maple Lodge; *South Downs*, T. C. Douglas, Galt; *Shropshires*, R. Gibson, Delaware; *Oxfords*, Henry Arkell, Arkell; *Hampshires*, John Kelly, Shakespeare; *Lincolns*, John T. Gibson, Denfield; *Dorsets*, R. H. Harding, Thorndale; *Merinos*, W. M. Smith, Fairfield Plains; *Grades*, John I. Hobson, Mosboro'; *O.A.C. Director*, G. E. Day, B.S.A.

The membership of the Dominion Sheep Breed-

ers' Association is a large and active one. It comprises almost all the prominent breeders of each of the various breeds of sheep in Ontario. Some of those who have taken a deep interest in the association, besides the officers above mentioned, are: Hon. John Dryden, Brooklin; John Jackson, Abingdon; John Campbell, Woodville; R. Miller, Brougham; John A. McGillivray, M.P., Uxbridge; D. McCrae, Guelph; William Walker, Ilderton; Smith Evans, Gourrock; William Oliver, Avonbank; Joseph Ward, Marsh Hill; W. H. Beattie, Wilton Grove; James Phin, Hespeler; John Geary, London; William Thompson, Uxbridge; Peter Arkell, Teeswater; John Cousins, Harriston; James Cooper, Kippen; E. Turner, Burford; J. H. Jull, Mt. Vernon; W. S. Hawkshaw, Glanworth; T. C. Patteson, Toronto; A. Telfer, Paris; Joseph Stratford, Brantford; A. Terrill, Wooller; Hardy Shore, Glanworth; T. M. Whitesides, Innerkip.

THE DOMINION SWINE BREEDERS ASSOCIATION.

The Dominion Swine Breeders' Association was organized in September, 1889. As in the case of the Sheep Breeders' Association, the credit of the first organization and also of the subsequent success of the association is due to Mr. F. W. Hodson, who has been its most energetic and painstaking secretary from the beginning. In 1891 it received its first grant from the Government, and its efforts in behalf of the swine-breeding industry have been so productive of good that the grant now given is quadruple the original grant. The membership has also grown year by year, until now it embraces practically every important breeder of purebred swine in the province, and many of those in other provinces.

OBJECTS AND MODE OF WORKING.

As in the case of its twin association—the Sheep Breeders'—the efforts of the Swine Breeders' Association have been largely directed to the procuring and dissemination of practical information regarding the breeding of swine, by means of meetings, discussions, papers, addresses, reports, and the like. The annual reports of the Sheep Breeders' Association and Swine Breeders' Association are issued bound together in one volume, and taken together they constitute the largest, most complete, and most practically useful reports issued by any live-stock association on the continent.

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Unlike the Sheep Breeders' Association, the Swine Breeders' Association has from the first concerned itself with registrations. Prior to the formation of the association registrations of swine