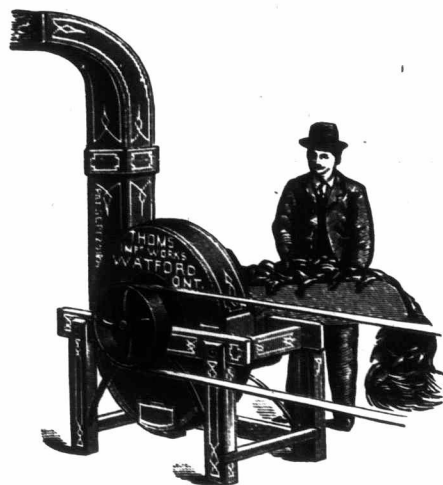


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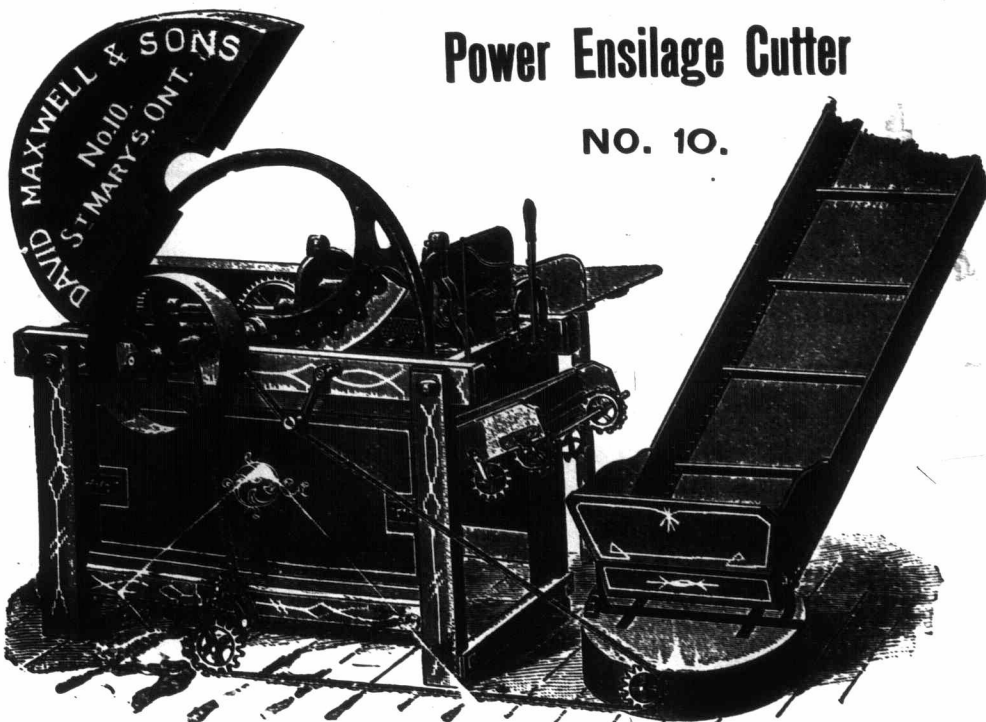
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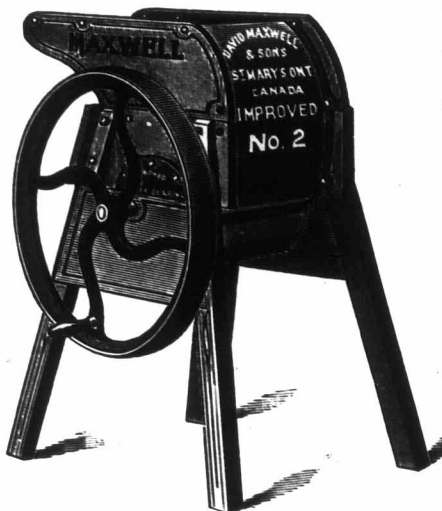
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The annual meeting of the above association was held in London, Ont., Jan. 12th. President George Green, of Fairview, Ont., presided. At the opening of the meeting gave an excellent address, in which he referred to the improvement taking place in hogs as seen in the various breeds at the exhibitions of the present day. He referred to the nomination of expert judges by the association as having great value. Reference was made to the credit packers are taking to themselves for the improved type of hogs being produced, but Mr. Green considers they could do much more effective work in that direction by paying a fair price for the right sort of pigs, but they evidently consider it cheaper to give advice free than pay more money. Mr. Green considered it would be well for the association to appoint a committee to investigate the methods by which the markets are conducted, and, if possible, to secure for the men who work hardest, and produce the best class of hogs, due remuneration. Owing to the low prices of hog products during the past season, it was pointed out, except for the favorable state of the dairy business, hog feeding would have been done at a serious loss. A continuation of low prices for hogs will drive a great many farmers out of the business. A favorable reference was made to the introduction of the block test, which Mr. Green considers will have a high educational value. Referring to the most suitable pig for the present demand, it was pointed out that it is more a matter of type than of breed. Any of the breeds may be brought to a high standard of perfection if bred from proper selections, and then properly grown and fed.

Prof. G. E. Day, of Guelph Agricultural College, with the aid of charts showing illustrations of typical bacon pigs, and of a bacon side, showing the various cuts and prices obtained for same in Britain, gave a valuable address on bacon type, which we summarize along with a scale of points recommended by him in our stock department.

During the meeting the retiring secretary, Mr. F. W. Dodson, was read an address, signed by the presidents and secretaries of the Dominion Live Stock Breeders' Associations, congratulating him upon his promotion to a wider field of action as Live Stock Commissioner, and expressing their appreciation of the magnitude and excellence of the work accomplished by him in organizing and promoting the various associations with which he has been connected. Along with the address, in illuminated form, Mr. Dodson was presented with a full cabinet of solid silver table cutlery of very handsome design, as well as a beautiful granite clock presented by a number of personal friends.

In a feeling reply Mr. Dodson expressed his appreciation of the kindly utterances and valuable presents, which he said would be long cherished. He pointed out that many of the results credited to him were due in large measure to the substantial breeders of the country that have stood by the associations since their inception. He advised that the officers and directors must be wisely aggressive, and all that they do must be done with a view of doing the greatest good to the greatest number. The value to the country of the substantial importer and breeder was dwelt upon, which he claimed was not recognized or valued as it should be by Canadian farmers or rulers. The breeders introduce blood that helps every farmer that uses it to make more money out of his operations. Too often these great benefactors are not sufficiently remunerated for their valuable work. The effort of the associations should be to advance the interests of these men, which really means to help Canadian farmers as a whole. He contended that there was need of a thorough revision and reorganization of the Agricultural Fair system of Ontario, in order to greater efficiency and economy in the use of public funds. In view of the serious fact that the quality of Ontario horses, cattle, and sheep is not as good as it was twenty years ago, Mr. Dodson pointed out the need of more persistent effort on the part of Canadian breeders, as is exemplified by the owners of the great herds and flocks of Britain. It was claimed that we can produce as good animals in Canada as they can in Britain, but in order to do so we must cease vacillating and adopt the substantial British system of breeding.

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