

Amalgamation.

THE subject is one which should receive the attention of all those interested in the well-being of a poultry association, that shall be a credit to the province. As matters stand at the present time, neither of the associations receiving government aid, are in many respects what they ought to be. There is an apparent lack of interest, especially in the Ontario, which means its certain decrease in the near future unless some radical changes are affected—perhaps the greatest being one of from apathy to interest. We have never been able to see just why a grant was given by the government to an association in the eastern part of the province, when there already existed an association covering the entire province, and which should be, if it carried out the original intentions at the time of its incorporation, thoroughly provincial in its nature, giving equal rights to all parts of the province in their turn. Because it did not do so, is, we believe the reason why our Eastern friends, applied for and received the grant they are now enjoying.

It is certainly desirable that there should be but one association, but this cannot be brought about unless the Eastern fanciers can have some guarantee that they will have the representation they are entitled to, both on the board of directors, and in the matter of shows. We do not fall in with Mr. Dilworth's ideas respecting the naming of the places where the shows shall be held, as there are other places besides those mentioned, with equally as good right to the exhibition in their turn. We should leave the matter in the hands of the directorate but we should elect a board of directors in conformity with the statutes, and if this be done there can be no chance of partiality, as has, we are sorry to say, been charged against the Ontario association in the past.

It does not seem to us that the amalgamation can be brought around before the next annual meeting of the

O. P. A., as matters of such a nature as this are not within the province of the boards of directors of the associations interested. It is not, however, any too early to discuss the matter, and have the boards pass upon it and bring in reports advising the change. Immediately the amalgamation is effected, the association can apply to the legislature for the increased grant and for any changes in the statute which are desirable, and there are one or two.

Owen Sound Show.

AN IMMENSE SUCCESS.

THE late poultry show at Owen Sound has proved an unqualified success in every detail. The managing committee deserve the highest praise for their effective handling of every department of the show. The receiving and despatching of the stock to those exhibitors who could not attend, but sent their birds to grace the show, is worthy of commendation. This was attended to entirely by members of the Association; and they were very faithful in the performance of the duty they had taken upon themselves. No exhibitor need fear to send birds to Owen Sound, no matter how highly valued. They could not receive better attention from their owners than that given to them by the members at Owen Sound. There were a few regrets expressed on our arrival that Mr. Felch could not be secured to judge the show, he had certainly "mashed" the boys by his two years visit, but Mr. Bicknell, who was to act in that capacity, had hardly shaken hands before we could see our prediction verified, that they would feel "just as much at home with him" as with their respected former judge. And then we knew that a "glorious time was before the boys."

The hall is an excellent place for such an exhibition. The coops were simply perfect and exceptionally large, the plans for watering were excellent, but we would suggest a similar arrangement for feed, instead of throwing it in on floor of coop. We may say that is the only improvement we could suggest, so good are all other arrangements. The prize tickets deserve special notice, they