

Aside from prize money there is practically no expenditure. I think that no one will argue that too much money is expended for prize money, although we may contend that the list should be rearranged; as a matter of fact that is the intention of the association.

There are, then, no disbursements that can be reduced. Therefore, under present conditions, mere amalgamation cannot effect us financially either for better or worse.

I am of opinion that it is not sufficient to simply reply to the bare interrogation of Professor Mills. His intention probably is to inquire if the carrying out of his suggestion will benefit the poultry industry, and, if not, what will accomplish it.

The dairymen occupy a more advanced position than the poultrymen. The farmers are already interested deeply in the production of cheese and butter. So long as there have been farms and farmers, there have been, upon those farms, cows, producing milk to be manufactured into butter and cheese.

The farmers are willing to pay for information leading to an increase in their receipts from a source in which they have faith. So they pay (perhaps indirectly), the instructors and inspectors employed by the dairymen's associations. There is money in cows, and they know it. There is money in poultry and they don't know it. The dairymen's associations had a business made. The poultrymen's associations have a business to make. When that business is made, the farmers will be willing to pay for information on poultry raising, as they do now on dairying. It will take years to reach the advanced position of the dairymen. It will be years before we can command an equal amount of money with which to forward the work. Under the present system which governs our associations we can never hope to improve our standing, and it evident that something must be done whereby we will, at least, be able to see an improvement in the future.

After perusing the report of the dairymen's associations, and acquainting myself with the importance and extent of their endeavors, I feel that the contrast is very unfavourable to the poultry associations. Yet I am satisfied that the poultrymen are willing to do all in their power to assist in the good work. It is simply the old story of "What is everybody's business, is nobody's business!"

The fact that amalgamation will not benefit us under present conditions is no proof that such action should not eventually be taken. Conditions may be changed, and I believe all members will agree with me that a change is necessary.

Toronto, 18th June, 1897.

Yours, etc.,
ROBERT H. ESSEX.

TORONTO, POULTRY, PIGEON AND PET STOCK ASSOCIATION.

AT a special meeting held by the above Association on the evening of 17th inst. (the President in the Chair) it was decided to hold a show during the coming winter. Mr. Dewey acted as Secretary in the unavoidable absence of Mr. Durston.

The fraternity will be sorry to hear that Mrs. Durston has been seriously ill, but this feeling will be mitigated by the knowledge that she is now speedily recovering her health.

The Secretary made a record for himself, this being the only occasion that he has not attended since he became a member of the Toronto Poultry Association.

The general impression of the Association has been that Toronto should take her place in the poultry kingdom and have an annual show. Since January last the matter has been discussed by regular meeting, by executive, and by special committee; it culminated in the special meeting referred to.

After studying facts and figures for a couple of hours, it was resolved that the President should appoint a show committee, and that the committee should at once take action in the matter.

The Toronto Association will be glad to receive any pointers which may be tendered them by associations which have recently been in the show business. Toronto has had successful shows, but many years have passed since the last one, and everybody will be glad to know that the coming event will be but a prelude to a series.

E. DEWEY,
Acting Secretary.

STRAY FEATHERS.

PLEASE insert the enclosed advertisement in some column of June REVIEW. I have received first-class results, both in the sale of Games and eggs, through advertising in the REVIEW. My Game eggs have hatched remarkably well this season and chicks are hearty. Expect to raise about 100 chicks this season.

Clinton, May 19th, 1897.

A. J. GRIGG.

THE BEST FOWL IS—THE ONE YOU LIKE BEST.

I am just a beginner in the poultry business, and would like to secure a good poultry paper. I have kept common hens for some few months now, but I intend doing away