

Directors, for their attention and care in the management of the show.

Mr. Bogue replied in a few pithy words and said they had endeavored to do the best in their power for the Association.

The election of officers then took place when the following were appointed:—President, A. Bogue, London; 1st Vice-President, W. H. Doel, J. P. Toronto; 2nd Vice-President, A. McClelland, Peterboro'.

At this stage Mr. McNeil spoke in favor of selecting a nominating committee to propose members for the Directorate and Messrs. Doel, Bruce, W. M. Smith, McNeil and Bonnick, were named by the President as a fit committee. After a few minutes consultation, the committee proposed the following as nominees:—Messrs. McNeil, Oke and Moore, London; Crowe, Guelph; Smart, Brockville, Butterfield, Amherstburgh; McLoud, Lucan, Rykert, St. Catharines; and Smith, Fairfield Plains, all were unanimously elected.

Squire Peter and Eli Griffiths were chosen Auditors, and Messrs. Doel and Bonnick as representatives to the Industrial Exhibition. A lengthy discussion then ensued on the project of adopting a "Canadian Standard of Excellence." Mr. Moore being the mover in the discussion and speaking strongly in its favor, the President also speaking in the same strain.

Mr. G. W. Bartlett spoke in opposition to it and also of the great expense it would necessarily entail.

Mr. Jas. Main was in favor of the American Standard. but not of scoring and would like to see the names on the coops.

Mr. Bonnick believed in Canada for the Canadians and had no faith in so much Americanism, nor in American judges, and should stand by the Canadian judges, if two were not enough to judge the show then get six, and bring out new men.

Mr. Moore's motion to appoint a

committee to consider the advisability of framing a Canadian Standard and to report at next meeting was then put and carried.

Mr. Bartlett moved that a committee be appointed to consider the defects in the American Standard, and report to committee appointed to revise said Standard, as coming from the Ontario Poultry Association and that the committee receive suggestions from all Canadian fanciers. Carried.

The committee of revision, was, on motion left in the hands of the President. Votes of thanks were then tendered the Mayor and City Council and the Western Fair Board for courtesies extended, and to Mr. Doel for his work as a Director, he being the only Director outside of London who attended the preliminary meeting.

At a subsequent meeting of the Directors, Mr. Garner was again elected to fill the post of Secretary.

#### PRESENTATION TO MR. JARVIS.

During the meeting of the Ontario Poultry Association at London, Mr. L. G. Jarvis was presented with a gold watch, chain and locket, by the members of the Association there present as a token of favor in recognition of his capacity as judge. The presentation was made by Mr. Doel on behalf of the Association who referred in a very complimentary style to Mr. Jarvis' record as a member. Mr. Jarvis replied in a suitable and feeling manner, thanking the Association for their mark of confidence and predicting increased prosperity in the future.

#### MORE JUDGES NEEDED.

This is a subject which has been exercising our mind for some time. We want more than one judge to adjudicate at shows of 300 to 400 birds, and from three to six at shows of from 600 to 1,200 birds, less than this number cannot score them in the given time, at

least this is our experience.

Our Canadian fanciers have had a good deal of experience in the system of scoring as practiced by American judges, especially this season. Why should we not bring forward new judges, we have plenty of them, men who have made a specialty of one or two varieties for years. These are the men to educate as judges *in their own particular specialty*.

It is unfair to any man to ask him to score a show from Bantam to Asiatic and give perfect satisfaction to all, he can't do it. Every man is bound to have some favorite ideal bird and is almost sure to judge all others, more or less, by this standard. Our idea of judging is that all birds should be scored and the cards up by the night of the second day of the show, anything short of this is unfair to both exhibitors and visitors, perhaps intending purchasers. The question arises, how is this to be brought about? the answer simply is to *employ more judges*. Give one man the Asiatics, another the Leghorns, another Rocks, &c., &c., taking care to give each judge his particular specialty.

Some will say, "look at the extra expense, how is this to be met," will the expense be such a large amount extra? we think not. For instance, suppose in one case you employ a judge and pay him for three days and in another you employ three men and pay them for one day each, the actual expense for the time employed is the same, the only extra expense is the railway fares to and from the show; hotel bill would be the same.

Now look at the advantage you would have, first, specialist judges, and second the judging done in one-third the time, for surely three judges can do as much, if not more, in one day than one can do in three days. These ideas may be crude, but we think they may lead in a right direction. We shall be most happy to have the ideas of any, or all,