

poultry business, showing by official figures that the hen products of the United States far exceeded in value any other agricultural product, and more than doubled the returns from the dairy. He spoke of the home market as well, which, in the winter at least, was never half supplied with choice stock, and as far as he could see, would not be for many years to come. He had to refuse large orders for winter eggs at 50 cents a dozen from leading city grocers. To obtain winter eggs there were necessary warm quarters, judicious feeding and management. Mr. Ulley's practice in feeding is about the same as that of Mr. Gilbert, already published in these columns though he may feed a trifle heavier. He keeps lean meat, principally raw liver, before his laying stock all the time, and vegetables as well, gives a mash—a quart to 15 hens—every morning, and a pound of grain to 10 hens in the evening, uses oyster shells only for grit and shell-making, keeps a foot or 18 inches of hay chaff on the floor of the house and by means of stoves maintains a uniform temperature of 40. His pullets are early hatched in incubators, male birds are kept separate except in the breeding season. For general farmers' use he recommends the Wyandottes, Rocks or Javas, which are about on a par as winter layers, the Wyandottes being preferred on account of the rose combs. Mr. Ulley appears to be a thorough master of the subject, and answered a running fire of questions which went to show that no little interest has been awakened in the poultry business by means of the institute meetings. On Wednesday he attended a meeting of the Cornwall Farmers' Institute held at the Patrons' Hall, South Branch, which was largely attended.

#### GALT CHIRPINGS.

NEVER in the history of the town was there so much genuine enthusiasm among poultry men as there is to day, hundreds of chicks out early in March and thousands on the way. Several fanciers are importing eggs from England and many others getting eggs and birds from the best producers in the United States, and already some are calculating and counting red tickets at our fall show. The Galt Poultry Association has had a great deal to do with this although they did not hold a show this winter they hold regular meetings and gave a monster descriptive lecture with Prof. Jarvis as master of ceremonies, which caused many old fanciers to wake up and many new ones to join. By the aid of a small ad. in REVIEW nearly every surplus bird has been sold showing that it pays to advertise. One fancier received thirty answers to his ad. of February and sold 22 birds at good prices. FITZ.

#### TORONTO, POULTRY, PIGEON AND PET STOCK ASSOCIATION.

THE regular monthly meeting of the above association was held in Temperance Hall, Thursday evening, March 11th. The President, Mr. R. H. Essex, in the chair.

Mr. and Mrs. Shales and C. Flanigan were proposed for membership and accepted.

Moved by Mr. Spry, seconded by Mr. W. Fox, that a vote of thanks be tendered to Mr. Dilworth for the essay he so ably prepared. The subject was "Borrowing and lending birds for exhibition." Carried.

Among other things the delegates to Industrial Exhibition were instructed to try and secure the following additions and alterations in the prize list. That in the prize list, pens of birds be described as exhibition pens instead of breeding pens. That a third prize of \$1 be awarded in all classes where the entries number six, and that a fourth prize of 50c. be awarded where the entries number twelve or more. That a medal be awarded in each variety where the entries number 30 or more. Such awards to be governed by the principle adopted in awarding medals for largest collections.

That the judges be instructed to judge the several breeding pens immediately upon completing the judging of the corresponding single entries. That the electric lights be arranged in every aisle so that the interior of the coops may not be cast into shadow.

That Mr. Jarvis be instructed to judge all varieties of Plymouth Rocks.

The President mentioned the fact that the American Poultry Association has appointed a committee to revise the American Standard of Perfection and suggested that members of our association should give their consideration to this so far as relates to their respective varieties so that a recommendation may be sent to said committee.

There being sixty members present and a dozen visitors the meeting was a very interesting and enthusiastic one.

It will be noticed that the association admitted the first lady member at this meeting. This advance will probably be followed by the addition of many of the gentler sex. Mrs. Shales is known as a successful breeder.

The following varieties were on exhibition:—Langshans, Cochins and pigeons, all prizes on Langshans going to Benson & Dewey; all Cochins to A. W. Bell, and all pigeons to Wm. Fox.

The meeting adjourned at 10.30. Receipts for the evening \$7.55.

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