

TORONTO POULTRY, PIGEON, AND PET STOCK ASSOCIATION.

A regular meeting of the above association, was held on April 8th, 1886, about a dozen members being present, the president in the chair. Among other important matters a letter was read from the Bowmanville Association, asking for the co-operation of the Toronto fanciers in petitioning the Government to divide the annual grant into two giving each section of Ontario, eastern and western, half. After some discussion it was passed that the secretary be instructed to write that the Toronto Association would sustain the Bowmanville fanciers in their request, and to suggest that the Government be petitioned to increase the amount of the grant.

Some discussion was caused, by the action of the Industrial committee, in continuing to have the names placed on the coops before the judging was done, some of the members present being of the opinion that steps should be taken to request the Association to try the plan of having duplicate sets of tickets same as used at the Toronto Associations show last Dec., one or two even going so far as to volunteer their services for part of the necessary labor.

After the formal business of the meeting was finished, the chairman spoke at some length on the almost universal practice of fanciers shipping their birds to exhibitions, in any old box or basket, that comes nearest to hand at the moment, causing shipping committees and often the fanciers themselves no end of trouble and annoyance.

MEETING OF THE POULTRY COMMITTEE OF THE INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION.

A meeting of the above committee was held on April 7th, in the Board room of the Industrial Exhibition Association, the following members being present:—Alex. McGregor, Esq., chairman; Messrs. Bogue and McNeil,

London; Charlesworth and Aetzel, Seaforth; Smelt and Hern, Bowmanville; Kaulbfleish, Stratford; Bonnick and Dilworth, Toronto Poultry Association; Donovan and Barber, Ontario Poultry Association.

The first subject discussed was the disparity in the prize list between the old and young sections, the prizes for old fowls being, 1st \$3.00, 2nd \$2.00, and those for chicks being only 1st \$2.00, 2nd \$1.00. Several members spoke of the injustice done the chicks, as most of the old fowls at this time of the year are in pretty bad shape. It was decided to change the list, giving to each class the same amount of money, viz:—For 1st \$2.50 and for 2nd \$1.50.

"The Judges" was next discussed, when some six or seven names were proposed, the following being elected by ballot:—Mr. W. H. Doel, Doncaster, to take the Turkeys, Geese, Ducks and Ornamental classes. Mr. John Aldous, Georgetown, the Games, Hamburgs, Javas, Leghorns, French, Spanish and Andalusians. Mr. S. Butterfield Sandwich, to take the remaining sections. Mr. Ham Cooper, Hamilton, was elected to fill the position of Pigeon Judge. Messrs Bogue, London, and Barber, Toronto, to take the "Poultry Appliances."

The prize list was then brought up when the following alterations and additions were made:—Javas, black, was changed to Javas, any variety, French any variety was cut out and Houdans substituted, Seabright Bantams was changed to read Seabright Bantams Colden, ditto Silver, thus opening separate classes for the two varieties.

The following sections were added, Black Leghorns, White Crested White Polands bearded, ditto, plain. Any other variety large, ditto, Bantams. Any other variety Ducks. These changes apply to both old and young sections alike.

In the breeding pens, Black Javas was changed to read Javas any variety,

and Houdans were added. In the Ornamental class Rabbit, Angora buck ditto doe were changed to any other variety buck, ditto doe, and the prizes raised to 1st \$2.00, 2nd \$1.00. The pigeon list remains the same as last year.

The question of having the names placed on the coops before judging brought forth a good deal of discussion most of the delegates present being in favor of not having them on. However, the chairman being strongly inclined to think that the Industrial board would make no distinction in this matter, from the other departments of the exhibition, one reason being the large amount of extra labor given the secretary, the matter was finally let drop without being put to the vote.

This ended the business to be discussed, when, after a few words of thanks from the chairman to the various delegates, for their presence, and the assistance they had given, the meeting closed.

TURKEYS.

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The rearing of turkeys is one of the most profitable pursuits in which any one can engage. For breeders, selected broad backed, full breasted and short legged ones of any variety you decide to raise. Twelve hens to one Tom is about the correct number and we prefer young hens to adult ones, as they will lay more eggs and if they are heavy weight varieties, when incubating will not break so many eggs or mash so many of the young chicks as the old ones would do. It will not be long before the young "turks" make their appearance and our method of rearing them might probably interest your readers. We have our turkeys to lay and set in large rooms of coops 2½ feet long by 2 feet wide, 2 feet high in front with a slope of 6 inches to the rear. When the turkeys get through with them we turn them over to our young