

I will have a tabulated statement ready and inserted in the annual report.

On motion the Secretary's report was adopted,

On motion of Mr. D. C. Trew, seconded by Mr. W. McNeil, the Treasurer's report was accepted as read.

Letters from the following were read regretting their inability to accept the invitation of the Association to attend the Exhibition:—T. S. Hobbs, M. P.P.; Hon. G. W. Ross, Hon. J. Dryden; Hon. Sidney Fisher, and Prof. J. W. Robertson.

A letter was read from the Secretary of the Toronto Poultry Show, asking that the show for 1899 be held in Toronto.

F. W. Hodson, Superintendent of the Farmers' Institutes of Ontario, wrote asking that the Association make a grant for prizes to be offered at the Ontario Provincial Fat Stock and Dairy Show of 1898, and also that two of the officers of the Ontario Poultry Association be appointed representatives to the Board of the Provincial Winter Show.

The President said he thought the matter referred to in Mr. Hodson's letter should be left in the hands of the Board. It could be brought up at their first meeting, and in the meantime they should endeavor to get all the information possible in reference to the question which would enable them to come to a correct decision.

Mr. Donovan said he thought the use to which the money if donated would be put to, was for prizes for dressed poultry. He moved that it be referred to the Board. This was seconded by Mr. Dilworth and carried.

With reference to the question of devoting a separate day for the reading and discussing of essays, the President said he favored the idea of having these taken up on the day of the annual meeting.

Mr. Bonnicks also thought the above the best plan. The second day of the show the members are not all present, and as the judging is not completed the exhibitors who are in the building are loth to leave it. He therefore moved that the essays be read and the Annual meeting held on the same day. Business matters to be taken up first. Mr. Corcoran seconded the motion.

Mr. Oldrieve moved in amendment that no change

be made, that the second day of the show be devoted to the reading and the discussing of the essays, but that the building where the birds are, be closed to all but the judges during the day. Mr. Crowe seconded this.

One member said he feared if the building was closed a great many people would not come until the third day. Mr. Trew said it would be impossible to close the doors of the show to the public on the second day.

Dr. Bell said, from a financial standpoint, it would not do to close the doors, as the local associations would lose a certain amount of income, and it was hard enough now for some of them to come out with a balance on the right side.

Mr. Donovan:—"We have got to have these essays, and the Minister of Agriculture expects them to be discussed, and I move that an evening be taken for the purpose, and a literary and musical programme be arranged and the essays read and discussed at such meeting. Others besides the members will thus be induced to attend, and much good will be accomplished." Mr. Essex seconded this amendment.

The President said the doors must be open to the public as soon as possible in order to get funds to pay expenses. He thought the original motion covered the ground.

Mr. Bonnicks said Mr. Donovan's amendment was simply an extension of the original motion, and he thought it a good idea.

Mr. A. G. Gilbert said the Farmer's Institutes had had the same difficulty to contend with. They have been reading papers at their meetings for a great many years, but latterly they found that the farmers would not come out, and they are now having an afternoon session for business, and at this meeting notice is given that there will be a literary and musical meeting in the evening to which all were invited, and as a result all the members and their wives and daughters attend and have a pleasant time and also receive a certain amount of good instruction from the papers which are read as part of the programme.

On the matter being put to the meeting the original motion carried.

Mr. Trew moved, seconded by Mr. McNeil, that the question of the Association paying the judges' clerks be left in the hands of the Board. Carried.