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So far as British Columbia is concerned Nanaimo has certainly won for herself the first place as a poultry center and a show town. Last month the Nanaimo Poultry Society held their second annual show and brought together the finest collection of thoroughbred fowls ever seen on the North Pacific coast. All the arrangements were carried out in a careful manner and but little improvement could have been made. The prize list was most attractive and included many valuable trophies. From the very inception of the Society the citizens and the press of Nanaimo have accorded it a most hearty support. In fact the names of quite a number of the most prominent citizens appear as officials and members. They have given liberally of their time and money to make the event a success. Mr. S. M. Robins superintendent of the New Vancouver Coal Co., has taken a special interest in the Society and to him they are indebted for many favors personal and otherwise. Thus by a system of hearty co-operation backed by hard work very much has been accomplished in a short time, and British Columbia is assured at least one good poultry exhibition each year.

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As will be seen in another column the British Columbia Poultry, Dog and Pet Stock Association has, after seven years of life, ceased to exist. No particular reason has been given to the public for this course of action. The officials seemed to think the best thing to do was, disband, and probably they were right. As a rule their decision has been heartily approved by Victoria fanciers.

The Society was the pioneer one in the Province and had, in its day, done good work and in some ways its end is to be regretted. Victoria has a good number of energetic poultry fanciers who we are sure will immediately take steps to provide for an organization which shall devote all its attention to their particular interests. They will never consent to be behind their sister cities in the Province in matters that have to do with thoroughbred poultry and pet stock. We are not inconsistent when we say with all reverence, "Vale British Columbia Poultry, Dog and Pet Stock Association," and then at once look forward for the new organization which is to represent Victoria poultrymen, and their interests alone. May it soon come.

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A RESPONSIBLE OFFICE.

What the Secretary of the Treasury is to the finances of the United States, and to the prosperity of the land, the Secretary of the A. P. A. is, or should be, to the success, growth, and prosperity of the poultry interests of the country. It is an important office. It requires not only a broad and solid man, but an irrepressibly energetic man. To do as well as other Secretaries have done, is not sufficient. Greater fields are now open, greater possibilities now attainable, with the immense growth and spread of the poultry business. We had not thought of Mr. Hewes in connection with the Secretaryship, but now that he has been elected, we see no reason why he will not fill the bill. We had thought of Mr. Sternberg in this connection, for his aggressive energy, and irrepressible ubiquitous-