

the directors of the Industrial Exhibition Association invited, amongst others, several prominent Poultry exhibitors and delegates to dinner. During the dinner the President, Mr. J. J. Withrow said they had a prominent visitor amongst them, the Earl of Meath, whom he would call on to address those present. His Lordship, on rising, spoke nicely of Canada, and especially of the Exhibition, saying it was a fair in which the oldest countries might, as regards manufactures, take pride, and as regards agricultural wealth, few countries could touch. It is unnecessary to say that these sentiments met with warm applause.

MR. BOGUE SPEAKS.

Later on the chairman said they had several guests from a section of the Exhibition which had always proved of great interest, he referred to the Poultry department, and in this connection he would call on Mr. Allan Bogue to speak, which Mr. Bogue very fittingly and feelingly did, saying amongst other things that a year ago London had the best Poultry building in Canada, but now it must take second place to Toronto, the building and arrangements there being without doubt ahead of anything in America.

THE INDUSTRIAL FOR 1890.

At a meeting of the Directors held on 19th ulto., it was resolved that the Toronto Industrial Exhibition for 1890 be held from the 8th to the 20th of September. That it be made a full Exhibition in every department, including live stock, poultry, roots, grain, vegetables and fruits, for the full term of the ten days. That every department be open during that time. The prizes in the live stock department to be appropriately increased.

We are not at present prepared to admit that this is the wisest course to pursue, with regard to the Poultry Exhibit it will depend somewhat on the dates fixed by other exhibitions.

If it had occurred this year, some exhibitors would have had to forego either London or Ottawa, or Toronto.

NO SHOW IN TORONTO.

At a special meeting of the Toronto Poultry P. & P. S. Association, held in the Poultry building at the Industrial Exhibition, during the show it was decided to hold no show, this winter.

THE REVIEW CONGRATULATES YOU.

At the same meeting a unanimous vote of thanks was tendered to Chairman Dilworth and his committee for their efforts in the erection of the new poultry building at the Industrial.

NO REVIEW SERIES.

Owing to the pressure on our space, we are obliged to hold over the second of our "REVIEW series of questions" till next issue.

MR. GEO. G. MCCORMICK,

London has purchased from Mr. G. R. Bruce, Guelph, his entire stock of black Minorcas.

NEW YORK.

The New York Poultry and Pigeon Association has just been organized as an incorporated Society, with a paid up capital of \$1,500.00, and will hold a show in the American Institute New York, from Feb. 19th to 25th. Mr. J. Farrer Rackham, of East Orange, N. J., is the Secretary. Further particulars in our next.

DETROIT SHOW.

Just as we go to press a London correspondent writes us: Detroit Poultry Show is poor compared to ours, very little if any competition in most of the varieties.

SHOW REPORTS

Compare the show reports published in REVIEW with those of any other poultry journal in America and let us know what you think of them.

POULTRY

CAPONS.

Through the courtesy of *The American Stock-Keeper* we are enabled to give this illustrated article from the pen of Mr. Wm. H. Wigmore, to our readers.

Much has been written on this subject and many are reaping the practical reward which always awaits the enterprising student. Farmers and fanciers who heretofore quailed when handling anything that resembled a surgical instrument now perform the simple operation of caponizing with wonderful skill and success.

Chinese, French and English experts made caponizing a success long ago, and to-day if one would judge by the word capon on swell bills of fare, operators in America must be coining money. A capon is sweeter, finer, larger and better in every way than the ordinary bird. The operation can be performed in about two minutes. Among the numerous instruments used for this purpose may be mentioned the Patent Farmer's Set. See figure 22. Various other instruments are used by experts, some of which we name:

Figure 17—Beveled knife and forceps.
 Figure 15—Horse hair canula.
 Figure 18—Plain forceps.
 Figure 14—Horse hair tube for sawing off testicle,
 Figure 19—Sharp hook.
 Figure 8—Straight spoon forceps.
 Figure 9—Curved spoon forceps.
 Figure 10—Farmer Miles forceps.
 Figure 11—Farmer Miles spreader.
 Figure 12—Plain spreader.
 Figure 13—Nickel-plated spreader.
 Figure 20—Four hooks and cords.
 Figure 21—Shows how a good caponizing board can be made.

OPERATION.

First have a narrow table, box or barrel, so you can move it around and get