

### Close of Volume 2.

With the present No. closes the second volume of the REVIEW. It has now reached an age as great as that to which any Canadian poultry journal has yet attained, and, unlike its predecessors, is prepared to launch out on another year, confident of receiving a greatly augmented support from old patrons, and of adding many new ones to their ranks.

We can look back on the past year with a great deal of satisfaction. We claim that we have fulfilled all our promises, and worked faithfully and impartially to advance the specialties we represent. A great improvement is perceptible in the poultry and pet stock interests. Our societies are now in a good, sound financial position, and confidence, which was greatly shaken a few years ago, is wholly restored. The REVIEW has certainly been one—and not the least—among the agencies which have accomplished these desirable objects. Nor has the increase of interest in our specialties been confined exclusively to fanciers. Through the efforts of the REVIEW, the farming community are becoming aroused to the importance of poultry on the farm, and hundreds of them who never gave the subject a passing thought, are now turning their attention to this branch of industry, convinced that it is a source of profit too long neglected.

Four additional pages have been added during the year, and in all cases where any extra stir in poultry circles seemed to require it, more were added. We have also made very valuable additions to our list of contributors, and can now justly claim to have a staff equal to that of any other poultry journal, if not in numbers, at least in the practical character of their contributions.

We have given considerable space to the delightful fancy of pigeons, and in this department we have been assisted by the valuable contributions of the most talented and experienced fanciers in America. We are delighted to be able to say that the REVIEW has also done a good work in this department, the fancy in Canada never before having reached such proportions, excellence, and pride in competition.

Our advertising patronage has been very satisfactory. We have had the best and most noted breeders with us, and most of them have assured us their advertisements in the REVIEW have been a source of great profit to them. Our circulation has largely increased, and the new subscriptions already received for the third volume promise an unparalleled success for the coming year.

We take this opportunity of returning our most hearty thanks to the many gentlemen who have either occasionally or regularly contributed to our columns during the past year. Most of them are

unknown to us personally, but we hope yet to meet them, and better thank them for thus lightening our labors, and so ably contributing to place the REVIEW in the proud position which it can indisputably lay claim to, that of being the best poultry journal ever published in Canada.

We can point with no little satisfaction to the fact that the REVIEW has been so conducted in the past that it has never been accused of partiality to sections or parties. Instead of fostering rivalries, or creating dissensions, it has aimed—and with a good measure of success—by its earnest efforts for the general good, to level national lines, and soften and finally eradicate local jealousies.

We ask our friends to accept the past as an earnest of the future. We assure them we purpose no relaxation of effort. All the benefit of experience, all the enthusiasm begotten of a love for our specialties, and a large measure of success, will be brought to bear on the prosecution of our enterprise. We enter on another year buoyant with hope. We are convinced that with the assistance of our esteemed contributors, with a large and increasing circulation, and a liberal advertising patronage, we can raise the REVIEW to a higher position of usefulness and excellence than it has yet attained. To that end our best energies will be directed, and we earnestly invite a continuance of that co-operation to which we have in the past been so largely indebted.

### Ontario Poultry Association.

At the first meeting of the provincial directors of the Ontario Poultry Association, held in accordance with the provisions of the Act, in Guelph, there were present—Messrs Geo. Murton, Thos. Gowdy, of Guelph; Jno. Aldous, of Berlin; Jno. Bogue, of London; J. W. Buck, of Brantford; Jno. McClelland, of Peterboro.

Mr. George Murton was appointed chairman.

The first business was the election of officers. The following is the result:

President—Mr. Thos. Gowdy.

First Vice-President—Mr. W. H. Doel.

Second Vice President—Mr. J. W. Buck.

Secretary-Treasurer—Mr. George Murton.

Auditors—Messrs. McClelland and Jas. Fullerton.

Messrs. Gowdy, Murton, and Aldous were appointed a committee to draft By-laws, and were instructed to present them for approval at the first annual meeting of the association.

It was determined to hold the first annual exhibition in Guelph on the first Tuesday in February, and to close on the following Friday.

All fowls and pigeons must be shown singly, and all exhibitors must become members, the fee being \$1.

Steps will be taken towards securing the appointment of a representative on the Provincial Board of Arts and Agriculture.

The meeting arranged a prize list, which will be printed at once and distributed.

An adjournment took place to meet again at the call of the President.