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THE PERMANENT SECRETARY OF THE POULTRY ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO.

We have pleasure in presenting to our readers, in connection with our special poultry number, a portrait of MR. THOMAS A. BROWNE, the permanent secretary of the Poultry Association of Ontario. Mr. Browne was appointed to this position in 1892. The appointment was made practically without his knowledge, and was brought about as follows: The Minister of Agriculture felt that the association was not doing as much for the benefit of the community generally, and especially for farmers, as it ought to do. It was receiving a large annual grant from the Legislature, but was not making any adequate return for the same. He saw, however, that a part of this inefficiency of the association was due to the fact that its secretary was changed at the end of every year, and that, therefore, before any incumbent of the office got really acquainted with the duties of his position his term of office

would expire, and he would be succeeded by a new man who would have to go through all the learning process again. He thought that if a competent man were appointed to the position as a permanency there would be a

great gain in efficiency; and, having made a proposition to this effect to the association, the members immediately acquiesced in it, and determined to act accordingly. Mr. Browne's marked success in the administration of the

business of the Western Fair Association, of which he had been manager since 1890, and his popularity with the leading poultrymen of the province, led the Association to fix upon him as the man of their choice, and he therefore received the appointment, and, as was said above, practically so without his knowledge. —Since Mr. Browne's appointment to the position the association has greatly prospered, especially in its annual exhibitions, which are acknowledged to be among the finest on the continent. Mr. Browne's practical experience as an accountant led him to devise a set of books and sheets for keeping the records and making the entries for the

annual shows, which have been found exceedingly efficient, so much so that they have served as models for similar associations in many other parts of the continent.

Mr. Browne's career as manager of the Western Fair



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