

at seeing the East taking such an interest in it. He advised the members to drop the feeling of East and West, and all join in making it one grand success.

Upon a vote being taken Bowmanville was chosen by an almost unanimous vote.

The President expressed thanks for the confidence shown in Bowmanville and the officers of the Association. The election of officers was then proceeded with and resulted as follows:—President, Mr. J. W. Dutton, Bowmanville; 1st Vice-President, Mr. A. Bogue, London; 2nd Vice-President, Mr. W. Barber, Toronto; Directors, Messrs. J. B. Archibald, Jno. S. Moorecroft, Bowmanville, W. McNeil, London, G. S. Oldreive, Kingston, Jno. Cole, Hamilton, Jas. Main, Boyne, D. C. Trew, Lindsay and C. F. Wagner, Toronto.

Messrs. Dilworth and Wagner, Toronto, were chosen delegates to the Industrial Exhibition; Messrs. McCormick and Saunders to the Western Fair, and Messrs. Cole and Hamilton to the Great Central Fair. Auditors: Messrs. Donovan and Duff, Toronto. Mr. Wagner spoke of the duty on pigeons, and a petition is to be gotten up by the Association praying the Government that the duty be removed.

Mr. Joseph Dilworth stated "It has occurred to me that there ought to be a deputation wait upon the Minister of Agriculture with the view of obtaining an increased grant. I think we ought to have two grants—one for the East and one for the West—and let us hold the show two years East and two years West and then have a joint show in Toronto. If \$600 were granted to each we could, every five years, have a prize list of \$1,200, and as we can get good buildings, coops, &c., there is no reason why we should not have the Crystal Palace Show of Canada. Ottawa already receives a

grant of \$300 and upon getting a further grant of \$300 they surely would permit the show to go elsewhere. I spoke some time ago to the late Minister of Agriculture with reference to this matter, and he said that if Ottawa would turn in with us he thought there would be little doubt of our getting a grant of a thousand or twelve hundred dollars."

Mr. Thomas A. Duff Moved, seconded by Mr. George G. McCormick, that a Committee be appointed to wait upon the Minister of Agriculture and impress upon him the necessity of giving an increased grant, and that Messrs. Bogue, Dilworth, Mason and Doel, constitute such committee. Carried.

DIRECTORS MEETING.

At a meeting of the Directors, immediately after the annual meeting, Mr. J. M. Hern was again chosen Secretary, and Mr. J. J. Mason, Treasurer.

After some little discussion in regard to the slight deficiency in the accounts of the St. Catharines Show the meeting adjourned.

THE SUPPER.

The Bowmanville Poultry Association afterwards entertained the visiting exhibitors, fanciers and judges at a banquet in the Bennett House, where over 100 sat down to a sumptuous repast, to which full justice was done. President Mason presided, having on his right Hon. John Dryden, Minister of Agriculture, and Dr. J. W. McLaughlin, Registrar of West Durham, and on his left W. F. Allen, Mayor of Bowmanville, and W. H. Doel, J. P., of Eglinton. An orchestra furnished abundance of music.

Mr. Dryden, in response to the toast of "The Local Legislature," said the Poultry Association had not a representative in the Assembly, but if the Association can show the Legislature that more money can be judiciously used in promoting the poultry industry

in this Province he would have no objection whatever to their receiving it. He spoke at considerable length on the agricultural interests of Ontario, and paid a high compliment to the fanciers on their intelligence and success in this exhibition.

Dr. McLaughlin also delivered a very timely address on the extent and worth of the poultry industry in Canada, stating that the amount of money brought into this country last year for eggs was \$2,500,000, which, with the home consumption of fowl and their products, would reach fully \$7,500,000.

Mayor Allen, W. H. Doel, A. Bogue, Corporal Hobbs, W. McNeil and others made brief speeches; songs were rendered by Messrs. McKnight, Barber, and others.

Too much praise cannot be given to the Bowmanville fanciers for the hospitable way in which the visitors were entertained. The Bennet House deserves the very highest compliments for the able manner in which they catered to the wants of all present.

TORONTO POULTRY, PIGEON AND PET STOCK ASSOCIATION.

REGULAR Meeting of the Toronto Poultry, Pigeon and Pet Stock Association was held in Richmond Hall, on Thursday, the 15th inst. The President, Mr. Barber, in the chair. The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and adopted. Mr. Chas. Bonnick wrote the Secretary that his name should have been placed on the list as a delegate to the Western Fair, he having been elected at the annual meeting. Through some mistake the name of Mr. Dilworth was placed on the list instead of that of Mr. Bonnick. The mistake was rectified. The late Secretary Mr. E. F. Doty presented his annual report, which was