

PORT ARTHUR ASSOCIATION.

A meeting was held at the Algoma hotel, Port Arthur, on August 14th, for the purpose of organizing a Poultry Association. There was a fair representation present and considerable enthusiasm prevailed. By-laws and constitution were adopted, being modelled after those of the Toronto Association. The Association will be known as the West Algoma Poultry, Pigeon and Pet Stock Association and the meetings will be held once a month, and the annual meeting in November. The object of the Association is as the name implies for the purpose of breeding fancy poultry and pet stock and to disseminate knowledge appertaining to the best methods of reaching the desired ends. The officers will be elected at a subsequent meeting. It is the intention of some to make a show of birds at the Agricultural Exhibition in October. Of course the show this year will not be much in point of numbers, but in future it is predicted that excellent exhibits of fancy fowl will be made.

A COMPLIMENT TO CANADIANS.

Mr. Franklane L. Sewell the well-known American artist in writing of the World's Fair Show to the *English Feathered World* says: "American fanciers are looking forward with much pleasant anticipation to the promise of seeing representatives from the progressive strains of England, and we are sure many here would rather be beaten by English birds than not to have them come. We hear that our Canadian friends are preparing some strong teams. They come well prepared from up there when they make a start. Canada has made a liberal appropriation to pay the expenses of birds sent from the Dominion. They evidently intend to demonstrate to the States that the industry amounts to something. They have proved it twice before at New York and Detroit Shows. We did not see such Polish in any of the English Shows we visited last season, as those that a Canadian brought to New York in 1892." Now Mr. McNeill take off your hat and make your best bow.

WESTERN FAIR, LONDON.

A correspondent sends us the following information regarding this popular fixture. "The Poultry Department of this great fair has in the past been very large and exceedingly attractive. The attention given to the appearance of the building deserves a word of praise and is something it would be well for other exhibitions to follow. The exhibit this year promises to eclipse anything ever seen at any of the former shows owing in a great measure to the enormous

entry, considering the distance and the limit placed on each exhibitor, made for the World's Fair by the Ontario breeders. Of the 2300 specimens in fowls, London and the West contribute far more than their proportion and the chairman of the department is making preparations to have additional coops in readiness to accommodate the extra entries at the Western Fair on this account. In view of the fact that extra accommodation will be required, intending exhibitors should not fail to make their entries just as soon as they are in a position to do so, and not wait until the very last moment and then be the loudest with their complaints that sufficient or suitable space has not been reserved for them. Sept. 14th is the last date entries will be received. London has been definitely settled on as the collecting and selecting point for the Western Ontario Exhibit for the Columbian Exposition, Chicago. The facility with which arrangements have been made in every department and the gratifying success accorded the Western Fair management to date and the encouragement shown in every class, especially that of poultry, they can without doubt promise their patrons the finest show ever yet held in London.

POULTRY ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO.

From Mr. Browne's annual report which appears, together with the essays read at the annual meeting, in the printed report issued by order of the Legislative Assembly, we clip the following items of general and particular interest:—

"The principal feature of this exhibition was the marked success which attended it. In respect to the number of the exhibits, they were ahead of any former show held by the Association, and the quality of the birds was, I am informed, decidedly equal to, if not slightly in advance of last year. In many of the varieties there was a large increase, and in others a slight decrease, leaving the total number of specimens on exhibition 1,298, besides at least 40 others which we could have had but were refused by me on account of the lateness of making entries. This action caused some feeling at first on the part of the delinquents and by a few others who thought it to be very arbitrary. Yet after carefully considering the facts in connection with the practice of receiving entries at all times, and the utter impossibility of having a well-regulated show if continued; and having explained to them the great possibilities of an unlimited amount of fraud being perpetrated by doing so, all the members present decided the new course to be the proper one, and a resolution instructing the Secretary to continue it for the future received unanimous support. The number of