

constant introduction of new blood, in the shape of intermarriage with the middle classes, and the very frank answer, aristocrat though he might be, was— 'They would have rotted off the face of the earth.' This is true of human beings and animals alike, and the results would be much more apparent with a quickly reproducing race like fowls. Several examples could be cited of breeds which have risen into prominence, had their day, but now have passed into entire, or at best into semi-oblivion. Notably the black Spanish, Cochin and Brahma come to our minds in this connection. With the greater perfection of quality there is increased refinement, and to secure this in-breeding is unavoidable. The breeder may be unconscious of the fact, but it is none the less true. The fowls all over the country of one race are more or less, generally more than less, related, and that accelerates the enfeeblement.

"It is for this reason that I, personally, am always ready to welcome new races of poultry, so long as these races have qualities to recommend them from a practical point of view. They take the places of others in whom the force is largely spent, and from the fact that there is usually a considerable amount of crossing to secure them, these new breeds have an amount of vigor which the older ones do not now possess. Unless we have, therefore, these new varieties coming forward from time to time, in a few years probably the poultry interest would have to be put alongside that of lace making, almost entirely an interesting reminiscence, and nothing more."

But the above resume by no means exhausts what may be said in favor of new varieties. New varieties stimulate the general interest in poultry and so help to increase the sum total of poultry products. A nation is rich just in proportion to the amount of its productions. The wealth of the world, outside of land, consists in what is produced from year to year, for even buildings waste away and if not annually renewed, that is kept in repair, they would soon cease to be. But constant production, using the wealth that is in existence, not only preserves that wealth or supplies it as fast as worn out, but also produces additions to it. And as new varieties stimulate production, by creating new interests and satisfying new desires, they deserve encouragement.

New varieties work indirectly for the benefit of the

old. They produce new fanciers, and these new fanciers frequently turn their affections from the new varieties to the older ones, some giving up the new entirely, some keeping the new side by side with the old.

The opposition to new varieties, then, appears to arise from an exceedingly short sighted jealousy, a jealousy that does not look beyond the immediate present. But in poultry keeping, as well as in other branches of business, we need to take long views. The present passes quickly, and the future soon becomes the present. The wise policy is that which includes the future which is soon to be the present.

HOW ONTARIO'S BIG ASSOCIATION STANDS FINANCIALLY.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS, 1898, OF THE POULTRY ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year	\$ 99.97
Members fees, as per Register.....	127.00
Entry fees, "	855.65
Government grant, less discount, \$900, \$81.50.....	868.50
London Poultry and Pet Stock Specials.....	693.75
	<u>\$2,644.87</u>

PAYMENTS.

Office expenses, telegram, teaming, express \$ 3.26	
Postage	12.00
Interest over amount received.....	6.21
Advertising, printing, stationery and tickets.....	\$ 21.47
Prizes, including specials.....	57.64
Judges fees	2048.69
Local Association.....	125.00
Stenographer (Annual Meeting, etc.)	104.50
Secretary's salary	10.00
Balance in bank.....	150.00
	<u>127.57</u>
	\$2644.87

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