

POULTRY ASSOCIATION ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

Annual Meeting of Association Held in Connection With Exhibition—Second Day of Show Attracts Large and Interested Attendance—Prize Winners.

(From Thursday's Daily) The Exhibition grounds proved the Mecca yesterday for chicken fanciers and many others more or less interested in this popular industry.

The exhibition was given added impetus last night when the annual meeting of the association was held in Exhibition hall, on second street.

For next year prize lists the association decided that when ten or more entries are received in any one section that an additional prize should be awarded for every five over ten.

Another matter decided was that in the future a pen shall consist of one male and four females, instead of the females and one male, as at present.

Considerable discussion developed over the question of where to place the Rutherford Challenge cup next year. It was finally decided to offer the cup for the best pen of brown leghorns, rose or single comb.

The following officers were chosen for the ensuing year: President—Hon. A. C. Sloan; Vice-president—Geo. Harcourt; Secretary—H. V. Shaw.

Executive committee—J. B. Nixon, H. Southworth, A. W. Phillips, H. C. Christman, W. Sporrman, Francis T. Garbutt.

The office of secretary-treasurer was left open. Incumbent, declining re-election, with the exception of those and prizes, the judges completed their work of judging the poultry. The following were awarded prizes this morning:

Single Comb Rhode Island Reds: E. C. Christian—1st, cock; 2nd, hen; 3rd, cockerel; 4th, hen; 5th, cock; 6th, hen; 7th, cock; 8th, hen; 9th, cock; 10th, hen.

Red Fife Game: J. E. White—1st, cock; 2nd, hen; 3rd, cockerel; 4th, hen; 5th, cock; 6th, hen; 7th, cock; 8th, hen; 9th, cock; 10th, hen.

Single Comb Black Minorcas: W. J. Dyson—1st, cock; 2nd, hen; 3rd, cockerel; 4th, hen; 5th, cock; 6th, hen; 7th, cock; 8th, hen; 9th, cock; 10th, hen.

Partridge Wyandottes: F. B. Palmer—1st, cockerel; 2nd, pullet; 3rd, hen; 4th, cockerel; 5th, pullet; 6th, hen; 7th, cockerel; 8th, pullet; 9th, hen; 10th, cockerel.

Rose Comb Rhode Island Reds: J. E. White—1st, cock; 2nd, hen; 3rd, cockerel; 4th, hen; 5th, cock; 6th, hen; 7th, cock; 8th, hen; 9th, cock; 10th, hen.

Buff Cochin Bantams: P. Turner—1st, cock; 2nd, hen; 3rd, cockerel; 4th, hen; 5th, cock; 6th, hen; 7th, cock; 8th, hen; 9th, cock; 10th, hen.

White Cochin Bantams: H. L. Higgs—1st, cock; 2nd, hen; 3rd, cockerel; 4th, hen; 5th, cock; 6th, hen; 7th, cock; 8th, hen; 9th, cock; 10th, hen.

Partridge Game Bantams: Mrs. R. T. Telford—1st, male; 2nd, female; 3rd, male; 4th, female; 5th, male; 6th, female; 7th, male; 8th, female; 9th, male; 10th, female.

Black Hamburgs: Mrs. R. T. Telford—1st, cock; 2nd, hen; 3rd, cockerel; 4th, hen; 5th, cock; 6th, hen; 7th, cockerel; 8th, hen; 9th, cock; 10th, hen.

Game Bantams: W. R. West—1st, cock; 2nd, hen; 3rd, cockerel; 4th, hen; 5th, cock; 6th, hen; 7th, cockerel; 8th, hen; 9th, cock; 10th, hen.

Crested Black Polands: Mrs. R. T. Telford—1st, cock; 2nd, hen; 3rd, cockerel; 4th, hen; 5th, cock; 6th, hen; 7th, cockerel; 8th, hen; 9th, cock; 10th, hen.

Silver Pouter: John Kelly—1st, cock; 2nd, hen; 3rd, cockerel; 4th, hen; 5th, cock; 6th, hen; 7th, cockerel; 8th, hen; 9th, cock; 10th, hen.

Gold Pencilled Hamburgs: James Blair—1st, cock; 2nd, hen; 3rd, cockerel; 4th, hen; 5th, cock; 6th, hen; 7th, cockerel; 8th, hen; 9th, cock; 10th, hen.

Rose Comb White Leghorns: J. A. Jackson—1st, cock; 2nd, hen; 3rd, cockerel; 4th, hen; 5th, cock; 6th, hen; 7th, cockerel; 8th, hen; 9th, cock; 10th, hen.

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POULTRY EXHIBITION IS MOST SUCCESSFUL

Was Formally Opened by Mayor Armstrong—Necessary Partial List of Prize-winners Given Out by Judges—No Less Than 1500 Entries.

(From Thursday's Daily) The ninth annual exhibition of the Edmonton Poultry and Pet Stock Association was formally opened yesterday afternoon by Mayor G. S. Armstrong, who spoke briefly in fitting terms. What the attendance lacked in numbers was more than offset in the interest and enthusiasm of those present, indicating that the splendid work undertaken by the association is gradually gaining ground.

The mayor's remarks, mingled with the din of crowing roosters, were hardly audible at times, but he held the close attention of the audience while he urged the importance of the poultry industry to Central Alberta. With the best agricultural land in the world and conditions favorable for the raising of fowl, Mayor Armstrong said that every encouragement should be given members of the association in their efforts to place the industry on a better footing. He declared there was no valid reason why the supply of poultry should not exceed the demand for home consumption, instead of depending on outside sources. A market can be found anywhere, for all the fowl and eggs possible to be raised in this district and at good, profitable prices.

Mayor Armstrong complimented members of the association on their perseverance in keeping the subject alive and getting results. The following is a partial list of the prize winners so far as the judges have been able to cover the fifteen hundred entries.

Barred Rock: Cook—1 and 2; J. B. Nixon; 3, J. E. White; 4, Clute and Walker; 5, R. W. Caswell; 6, R. W. Caswell; 7, R. W. Caswell; 8, R. W. Caswell; 9, R. W. Caswell; 10, R. W. Caswell.

White Rocks: Cook—1, J. E. White; 2, Mrs. R. T. Telford; 3, T. S. Mattison; 4, J. E. White; 5, J. E. White; 6, J. E. White; 7, J. E. White; 8, J. E. White; 9, J. E. White; 10, J. E. White.

Buff Cochins: Cook—1, Thos. Garbutt; 2, Hon. W. C. Sutherland; 3, F. Cullimore; 4, F. Cullimore; 5, F. Cullimore; 6, F. Cullimore; 7, F. Cullimore; 8, F. Cullimore; 9, F. Cullimore; 10, F. Cullimore.

Blue Andalusians: Hon—1 and 2, Capital Poultry Yards; 3, J. A. Jackson; 4, J. A. Jackson; 5, J. A. Jackson; 6, J. A. Jackson; 7, J. A. Jackson; 8, J. A. Jackson; 9, J. A. Jackson; 10, J. A. Jackson.

White Wyandottes: Cook—1, H. L. Higgs; 2, Clute and Walker; 3, J. E. White; 4, J. E. White; 5, J. E. White; 6, J. E. White; 7, J. E. White; 8, J. E. White; 9, J. E. White; 10, J. E. White.

Black Orpingtons: Cook—1, E. W. Duffus; 2, J. E. White; 3, J. E. White; 4, J. E. White; 5, J. E. White; 6, J. E. White; 7, J. E. White; 8, J. E. White; 9, J. E. White; 10, J. E. White.

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AN UNPRECEDENTED VOLUME OF MAILS LEAVING THE CITY

Twelve Extra Men and Ten Boys Added to Post Office Staff For Rush.

(From Thursday's Daily) Thousands of dollars in cash and presents are being mailed in Edmonton each day for all parts of the world. Certainly, it has never had a precedent in the history of the local post office. Nothing like it has ever been seen here before, indicating that the year has been a most prosperous one for the citizens of this thriving city and surrounding country.

The interior of the post office presented a lively scene this morning, although there will be no cessation of activity for another week. Outside mail is keeping the office force busy most of the time. The greater bulk of incoming mail will not begin to arrive until tomorrow, and then for four or five days the clerks and carriers will have their hands full.

Huge stacks of letters, papers and packages of every description are to be seen on all sides, and as fast as they can be dispatched are replaced by just as much more mail.

Postmaster May has twelve extra clerks and ten boys assisting the carriers outside, besides two rigs for the delivery of large parcels. These are on the jump from early in the morning until late at night. Every employee in the post office, both regular and extra, is working overtime, and so far the force has been able to cope with the immense task confronting them.

No estimate can yet be made in figures of the holiday business of the post office. That the figures will reach large proportions is certain.

VEGREVILLE-PAKAN RAILWAY DELEGATION Waives President and Secretary of Edmonton Board of Trade Urging Construction of Line of Railway From Edmonton Northeast.

(From Thursday's Daily) Twenty-five representative citizens from Vegreville and Pakan, constituting the same delegation that met in Edmonton last week, called at the board of directors last night and discussed with President F. J. Morgan and Secretary F. J. Morgan the proposed construction of a railway from Edmonton for a distance of about 150 miles east, through one of the richest districts in Alberta.

The delegation, headed by its president, J. D. Green, of Vegreville, pointed out that while Pakan has a population of approximately 3,000 and is constantly growing, it was isolated from the world, both in a commercial and social way, because of a lack of railway facilities. He stated that fully \$8,000 more people reside in the country tributary to Pakan, and their progress was retarded under existing conditions.

With a railroad line extending through this district Mr. Lessard declared that everything would take on a new aspect. The results would be highly satisfactory to Edmonton as well as those who were anxious to get in closer touch with the outside world.

Mr. Lessard's talk was aptly supplemented by remarks of J. D. Green, of Lake St. Vincent, and Frank Wilson, secretary of the Vegreville board of trade, all of whom urged that the business men of this city co-operate with them in the effort to have a railroad constructed to tap the Vegreville and Pakan districts. President Morgan promised to bring the matter to the attention of the board of trade at its next meeting.

It was stated that the projected line from North Battleford would, in the event it was constructed, serve the needs of the Vegreville and Pakan districts to Saskatoon and other cities in Saskatchewan. If this was done, it was asserted, it would be a great boon to the district, and back in the Edmonton district, where it naturally belonged.

Big Real Estate Deal in Toronto. Toronto, Dec. 18.—One of the largest real estate deals in Toronto's history was completed this afternoon when the Manufacturers' Life building at the northwest corner of King and Yonge streets, the busiest point in Toronto, was purchased for \$850,000 by the Dominion Bond company, of Toronto and Montreal. The sale was confirmed tonight by Garnet F. Grant, president of the bond company. It is understood that company will occupy a portion of the building as Toronto offices, while the remainder will be used by various divisions of the trade and with the bond company. Less than two years ago the Manufacturers' Life bought the building from the Lawler estate for \$1,600,000, and the price paid today constitutes an advance of nearly 50 per cent per annum.

GERMANY EVIDENCES FRIENDSHIP FOR TURKEY. London, Dec. 20.—A Sofia despatch to the Times says that a special train conveying war material from Germany has passed Zibetina, on the Turco-Serbian frontier, on its way to Salonika. Another similar train is reported to be following. The greatest success in aiding the Turkish cause is being achieved by the correspondent adds that the Turkish government has conveyed its thanks to the German Emperor through the ambassador for this convincing proof of German friendship.

RESUME WORK ON HUDSON BAY BRIDGE. Winnipeg, Dec. 20.—Orders today were sent to MacKenzie and Mann's workmen at the site to resume construction on the Hudson Bay railway bridge there.

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This Financial Institution Now Has 242 Branches, 175 of Which Are in the West—Headquarters Changed From Quebec to Winnipeg by Vote of Shareholders.

Quebec, Dec. 19.—The forty-seventh annual general meeting of the Union Bank of Canada was held at the banking house of Quebec on Monday, December 18, 1911. The statement showed net profits for the year of \$662,437.04. During the past year twenty-four branches and agencies of the bank have opened. In the province of New Brunswick 1, of Quebec 2, Ontario 9, of Saskatchewan 4, of Alberta 2, of British Columbia 4, in Manitoba 1.

The bank has now 242 branches, as follows: New Brunswick 1, Nova Scotia 1, Quebec 2, Ontario 9, Manitoba 1, Saskatchewan 4, Alberta 2, British Columbia 4, in England, Ireland, 1.

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The removal of the head office of the bank to Winnipeg was spoken of by the president with approval. Experienced shareholders has increased by 415, making a total of 2,875. An increase of over \$7,800,000 is noted in the deposits this year.

The general manager succeeded the president in his remarks, giving the status of the operations of the bank. Large numbers of employees west of the city have been employed.

The Winnipeg clearing house returns for 1911 to December 7th total \$2,447,421, an increase of \$84,662 over 1910.

The bank's charter will be amended by the House of Commons to remove the head office to Winnipeg. This was adopted unanimously.

Directors for the ensuing year: Hon. John Sharples, Wm. Price, E. J. Hale, Wm. Shaw, Geo. H. Thompson, R. T. Riley, E. L. Drewry, E. Kenyon, W. R. Allen, M. Bull, Samuel Barker, M.P., E. E. A. Du Verne, Geo. P. Reid and Stephen Hax.

At a subsequent meeting of the newly elected board the Hon. John Sharples was elected president and Wm. Price, vice-president.

ACTION AGAINST WATCH TRUST. United States Files Suit Under Sherman Anti-Trust Act. Philadelphia, Dec. 20.—The federal government late today filed suit in the United States Circuit court against the Keystone Watch Case Co., declaring it an unlawful combination in violation of the Sherman anti-trust act and asking that it be restrained from carrying on an alleged monopoly in the manufacture and sale of watch cases.

The government declares that the company now "manufactures and sells" watches and that it is the intent and purpose of the defendant that the company shall monopolize the remainder of the trade and commerce.

In addition to the Keystone Watch Case company the Pennsylvania corporation, individual defendants named in the bill are: T. Zubrus, of Philadelphia, N.J., until recently president of the company; C. Fox, Philadelphia, acting president; F. T. Stetson, vice-president; J. F. Mueller, secretary; Charles M. Fogg, treasurer; P. H. Kain, assistant treasurer, of Philadelphia, and Irving Smith, of New York, a director.

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The deceased was about twenty-five years old and was always in the best of health. He was a graduate of McGill university. The Mounted Police have gone to investigate and bring in the body upon which an inquest will be held. There are no details as to the cause of the death yet to hand. He had been subdividing timber lands.

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REV. FR. DONNELLY EXPLAINS FAMOUS NE TEMERE DECREE

Declares It Is Not Attempt by Church to Interfere with Civil Law—Marriage Held to Be a Sacrament—Compares Decree to Decastated Wife-Sister's Bill in England.

(From Friday's Daily) That the "Ne Temere" Decree" in no way an attempt on the part of the Roman Catholic church to interfere with the civil law, was the statement made in St. Joachim's on Wednesday evening by the Rev. Fr. Donnelly, in the course of an eloquent exposition of the attitude of the church towards marriages solemnized by ministers other than those of the Catholic church.

By way of introduction to an explanation of the much-discussed decree, pronounced by His Holiness in 1908, the reverend father drew upon the sacredness of marriage as the basis of civil society.

"What God hath joined together let no man put asunder," and "Unto death do us part," were the texts of his discourse.

In the eye of the church, he declared, that marriage was a sacrament, and it was essential to the nature of the sacrament that the ceremony should be performed by a priest of the Catholic church.

The church insisted, however, he continued, that in the case of a marriage of a Catholic to a Protestant the Catholic part to the contract must obey the discipline of the church and also expected that the Protestant part to the contract should in no way interfere with the Catholic part in the observance of the requirements of the church.

The Hebert case, he declared, had nothing whatever to do with the decree, as the matters in dispute arose from the civil law in Quebec.

To show that it was not the Catholic church alone which came into conflict with the civil law the speaker instanced the dispute which arose in England over the marriage of a man with his deceased wife's sister, allowed by the law of the land, but prohibited by the Anglican church.

In answer to the accusation made that the refusal of the church to recognize marriages not solemnized according to its requirements constituted a desecration of the sacrament of marriage, he recalled from history a number of instances in which the church had stood for the sacredness of marriage. Among these he mentioned the marriage of Philip and Mary of Hesse, to Christina of Sweden, sanctioned by Luther and Melancthon, despite the fact that Philip had already contracted a marriage. Kept secret for some time, the double alliance at last became known, and was defended by Luther with a lie. "What harm," he said, "would there be if a man, to accomplish better things for the Catholic church, did tell a good thing lying?" This, the Rev. Father contrasted with the church's refusal to allow Henry VIII. to put away his lawful wife for another, in consequence losing an empire.

The criticism of the decree had been applied for the most part either by blind prejudice or by a most unaccountable ignorance of its meaning and purpose. In the Ontario synod of the Anglican church it had been stated that Rome wished to destroy matrimony, and this, despite the fact that it was clearly pointed out in the address delivered by Mr. Mills, K.C. (a non-Catholic), that these statements were entirely erroneous and grossly exaggerated. This eminent legal opinion was brushed aside and the report, embodying this gross misrepresentation, was adopted, and had since been circulated throughout Protestant Ontario, arousing bitter prejudice among neighbors where harmony and friendship had reigned before.

Finally, he said, in answer to the man on the street, who asks what does the decree mean? "It means that Catholics, to receive the sacrament validly, must be married before their parish priest."

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Quebec, Dec. 19.—The forty-seventh annual general meeting of the Union Bank of Canada was held at the banking house of Quebec on Monday, December 18, 1911. The statement showed net profits for the year of \$662,437.04. During the past year twenty-four branches and agencies of the bank have opened. In the province of New Brunswick 1, of Quebec 2, Ontario 9, of Saskatchewan 4, of Alberta 2, of British Columbia 4, in Manitoba 1.

The bank has now 242 branches, as follows: New Brunswick 1, Nova Scotia 1, Quebec 2, Ontario 9, Manitoba 1, Saskatchewan 4, Alberta 2, British Columbia 4, in England, Ireland, 1.