

ternity, being the recipients of government money, and to their advantage, both individually and collectively, to secure the location of the show at that place, if it be for one year only as a test.

At this point we may reasonably enquire: What constitutes success in a poultry exhibition?

As the primary object of these exhibitions is to educate, and being to a certain extent self-supporting, it follows that number of exhibitors, quality of exhibits, and number of visitors are the chief elements of success.

The educative feature is probably not the least important one, and its standard of success would seem to me to be the number of exhibitors and quality of exhibits, important in the order named. No man would pronounce any educative institution prosperous which simply possessed a high standard of scholarship among its professors, and whose chief efforts were directed to the further improvement of its teaching staff. Now, while this would be desirable and necessary, it would never accomplish the work intended. To an in-

structor prosperity would consist not only in the quality of the work done, but in the number of names on the roll; and would he conclude that the institution was not doing its work well because the productions of the pupils were not equal to those of their teachers? Surely not. Therefore I conclude that the last show at Brantford was not so successful as the one at Guelph, notwithstanding the superior quality of the exhibits. Regarded either from an educative or financial point, the association is failing to accomplish its work. What if a beginner does show an indifferent pair of birds, as he is likely to do, does he not contribute to the funds, and will he not be likely to gain that knowledge which it is the peculiar office of the association to afford him? I am aware that if our shows are to be kept as much as possible for the old successful fanciers, who are always sure of making enough to pay expenses, the more secluded and indirect their situation the better.

It is not straight distance that makes expense but changes. \$3.10 was the price of exhibiting one pair of birds at Guelph from here, (Simcoe Co.)

Again, is it not advisable that the fee should be made as low as possible? The advisability of this is a recognized fact in connection with all educative systems in Christendom; and what hope have we that this can be secured without increased number of exhibitors and visitors—and in my opinion that is just what Toronto will afford.

Now, the visitors to a poultry exhibition, with the exception of the exhibitors themselves, are nearly all confined to the city in which the show is held and its immediate vicinity. Therefore we can safely assume that Toronto will furnish eight times as many visitors as either Brantford or

Guelph. Let any one interested in this matter first take a look at a map of Ontario and note the number of railroad lines running direct to Toronto. Here again Toronto has at least six times the advantage over Brantford or Guelph, for it is when we have to deal with two different express companies that the charges get high. Again on nearly every road in Ontario, or every road, there is a through freight train every day, and birds can be just as safely sent to our show by freight, where no changes have to be made, as by express. Crispin & Bros. of this place, sent their birds to the Industrial by freight this fall, and they arrived in Toronto in as satisfactory condition as by express, and at far less cost. Now if this can be done it means a large increase in the number of entries.

Again, Toronto being the centre of the railroad system of Ontario—the natural capital—by holding our show there we secure the more direct influence of its powerful press. How can people become interested in a thing they never hear a word about, and how shall they hear without a newspaper?

I need not mention the better accommodation for man and bird afforded by Toronto. I do not doubt that Brantford and Guelph have in the past supplied adequate accommodations, but doubt very much if they could for such a show as Toronto would produce.

Again, I think I have seen it objected that to send the show permanently to Toronto would be injustice to other cities. A manufacturer who moves his plant to Toronto is just as open to the same accusation; and who would expect him to be influenced at all in the location of his factory by such a consideration. And in the name of wonder what claim has any city in Ontario to this show, or what right has the association to take their interest into consideration in the location of their show? Was this one of the claims upon which they based their right to incorporation and a share of government money? The very fact that they received from the government what they asked, says no! The very nature of the association answers just as emphatically in the negative. Therefore, drumming for boarding-house keepers and hotels is no part of their duty.

As a direct proof compare the success of the Provincial at Toronto with the success of the Provincial any where else.

Now I must conclude, hoping that the fanciers will consider this subject which I have brought directly before their notice in my humble way.

I am Yours Fraternaly,

GALLINÆ.

Lefroy, Oct. 6th, 1881.

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