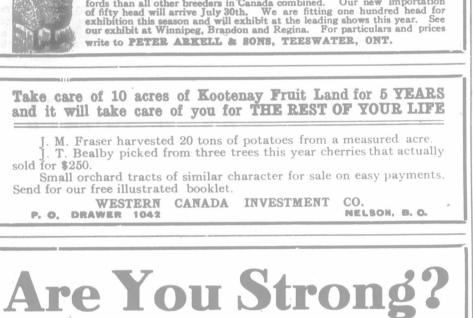
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We also suggest that a conference be held at least once a year, to which the provincial poultry experts be invited. This would obviate overlapping and ensure national provincial co-operation.

2. Knowing that one of the greatest hindrances to poultry development is the inability to successfully renew the flock, due to diseases of which poultrymen know very little, also that this loss amounts to probably millions of dollars annually, we ask that there be established in this department and under the direction of the poultry commissioner, a department of scientific research along the lines of poultry diseases, etc., and that scientifically trained men be appointed to take charge of the work. For the advancement of this work, a poultry plant will be necessary, which should be sufficiently large to encounter commercial difficulties.

3. Since the standardization of poultry products and co-operation in marketing—work which is of a national character—have already been introduced by the Poultry Producers' Association, it is asked that the department agriculture assume the expense of this work, the association to remain, as at present, an independent organization with its own elected officers, as is the case with the Seed Growers' Association. It is further recommended that the commissioner publish a bulletin dealing with the care and handling of eggs and poultry, and the marketing of the same. This bulletin should include the classification and standards of poultry produce as recommended by the Poultry Producers' Association.

4. Since many of the provinces are now operating poultry departments of whereas the present poultry plant at provement unt the experimental farm, Ottawa, is and complete. inadequate and out of date, it is the opinion of this meeting that the interests of the poultry industry would be best served if this plant were discontinued as a local experiment station, and the equipment, with what alterations may be necessary be given to the use of the poultry commissioner in the investigation of poultry diseases, etc. In consideration of the noble

work done for this Dominion by Prof. A. G. Gilbert during the past twentyfive years, we suggest that he be relieved of the personal supervision and management of the poultry plant at the experimental farm, and his services be recognized and retained by appointing him chief lecturer in poultry for the Dominion, attached to the poultry commissioner's staff.

THE MINISTER'S REPLY In reply to recommendation No. 1 Mr. Fisher said that this matter would require some consideration. He was not sure that the poultry industry would be better served by a separate branch. It was pointed out to him however, that poultry always stood by itself-live-stock and poultry shows as an example. The professor of live stock at colleges had not charge of poultry; in all existing positions poultry was separated from other live stock It was also suggested that just at this time when there is such an interest being taken in poultry, it was highly import ant that the commissioner have considerable freedom in the shaping of the policy. The markets, diseases and standardization of poultry products were questions that required immediate attention. To recommendation No. 2 the minister was very favorably disposed He thought that work of this kind should be carried on, and had already discussed the matter. The members of the delegation pointed out that the man in charge of this department should be specially trained in poultry diseases and that in order to make a proper investigation a poultry plant would be essential where not only diseased fowls and chickens could be dissected, but the investigation could be carried on to determine the cause and To recommendation No. 3 Mr. Fisher intimated that he had already been assisting the Poultry Producers' Association, and though no definite promise was given he intimated that he would be pleased to make a cash dominion to further the work of this association To Nos. 4 and 5, the nameter wa not prepared to make acc

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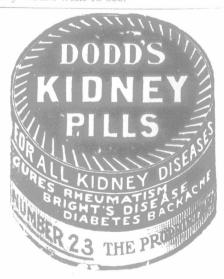
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but would be glad to do whatever was necessary for the best interests of the

The members of the delegation, though pleased with the minister's reception, felt that if the minister did not see fit to form a poultry division with a poultry commissioner in charge but preferred to put it under the livestock branch, there would not be the encouragement for the industry that they would wish to see.





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