

Secondly, the financial position of the two Associations is such, that a uniting of them would not benefit the Eastern Association, but would materially assist the Ontario Association. The Eastern Association is free from debt or liabilities of any kind. The Ontario has a standing debt of \$900. so that when the government grant of that amount is received it is used to redeem the note or loan that was negotiated to help pay the prizes awarded at the exhibition held some months previous. In the treasurer's statement, for some reason best known to that official, no mention is made of the payment of the note if my memory is correct. The statement reads as follows: "Government grant discounted." I contend that is not a correct entry. It should read—note discounted, and then in addition, he should charge himself with the government grant when received, and when the note is paid credit himself with the amount of the note. Other reasons can be adduced if necessary, but I think this is quite sufficient to prove why they cannot unite.

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E. H. B.

Editor Review:

In reply to Professor Mills' question, my answer to the first is, that largest prizes should not be given to any particular variety; for this reason: all breeds are well represented, and one breeder has just as much right to the claim of the so called golden egg as any other. It costs him just as much to raise his fowls and just as much to show them, and they are just as profitable to him as other breeds would be to others.

No. 2. No, because no one ever found a mongrel hen lay as well nor as large eggs as a pure bred one. Nor do the cross breeds make better table fowls than the thoroughbred ones. We have plenty of culls already among the pure breeds. Then again there would be a difficulty in drawing the line as to which are utility fowls. I breed the Leghorns, the greatest layers on earth. The other day a farmer looked at them, and he exclaimed "Oh! these are not utility fowls." Well, if they are not, I would like to know what they are. They are large birds fit for any table, as well as for laying.

No. 3. Yes. It would encourage breeders to improve their laying hens and better prices could be obtained for stock and eggs.

No. 4. No. Because the distance would be too great for birds to be shipped to exhibitions, which is very trying and sometimes proves fatal.

Now, I want to say a few words about the so-called golden egg. I would like to ask how many Leghorn breeders

cleared expenses at the last Ontario Poultry show held at Guelph. I don't think there was one man. Well then the golden egg does not appear to be as large as it looks. I will admit it helps to defray the expenses of the Association, but as the cry goes out "help the farmer, help the farmer," I would like to know how much the farmer has ever done for the Association. This grant should be to encourage the poultry breeder, and him only, whether he be lawyer, doctor or any man who breeds fowls.

The professional breeders take the most time and trouble in preparing essays and so forth, and the so-called farmer benefits by them, and those who write the articles get no pay nor encouragement for their trouble; yet some people think these men should not have any claim over the small golden egg. I think it would be a good scheme if the members of our association would feed more meat to the hen that lays the golden egg, the result might be that she would lay a larger one.

Yours truly,

Toronto.

CHAS. F. WAGNER.

I submit answers to questions propounded by Professor Mills at Guelph, as follows:

No 1. Yes. Although it will be a difficult task to draw the line between utility and fancy breeds.

No. 2. No, as well expect a judge to decide the "practical utility" of an Ayrshire or Jersey cow by inspection.

No. 3. Yes.

No. 4. Yes.

Yours truly,

Angus.

W. J. BELL.

I will give my answer to Professor Mill's questions only on 1 and 3. The 2nd, I will say nothing on, and 4th, I am in Quebec Province.

For 1, I think it would be right to give the prize to birds for egg production and table use.

3. All eggs should be sold by weight.

A. THOMPSON.

Allan's Corners, Quebec.

The annual meeting of the Guelph Poultry Association was held recently, when there was a very full attendance of members, who elected their officers for the ensuing year as follows:—Hon. Pres. Thos. Gowdy, Esq.; Pres. C. F. Cotton; Vice-Pres. F. R. Webber; Sec'y, J. B. Collins; Treas. G. J. Thorp; Hon. Directors, L. G. Jarvis, Chas. E. Howitt; Directors, Geo. Chamberlain, A. W. Tyson, John Crowe, Jno. Colson, J. E. Norris, W. E. Readwin; Delegates to Industrial Fair, Chas. R. Crowe, Jno. Colson; Delegates to Central Fair, W. McMaster, J. S. Moffatt; Auditors, John Crowe, W. McMaster.