

the Port Hope Poultry Association, as well as President of this Association, I take the greatest pleasure in welcoming you to this town. I feel that this exhibition coming here this year will have done a great deal of good, not only to the local Association, but also to this particular section of the country, where there has been, I am sorry to say, but very few poultry exhibitions and then not very successful ones. So far as this exhibition is concerned, I am sure you will agree with me as to its successfulness, and in fact from the expressions of opinion that I have heard from the fathers of the craft (if I may use such an expression), I am satisfied it has been a great success. The old exhibitors, one and all of them without exception, have expressed their approval of the arrangements and also their great gratification at the show that has been made here. That, I feel is a matter of great congratulation to the local Association. But I would like to point out, in speaking of the success of this exhibition, that there are three factors which have gone to make it such a success outside of the work of the local Association.

The first and most important one is the new coops. I think you will agree with me that no such single improvement has ever occurred in the history of the Association as the purchase of the coops. They have added to the beauty of the show and the efficiency thereof, and have done away with the discomfort to exhibitors under the old system. Now, I would like to impress upon this meeting the obligation (because I recognize the obligation, and I am sure, speaking for the Board of Directors, they recognize it) we are under towards the Honorable Mr. Dryden and the Government, who voted a sufficient sum for the purchase of these wire coops. I think nothing they could have done in the shape of aiding this Association could have been done with a better grace than this. I do not think there has been anything which has added more to the success of the exhibition, and I believe this to be a matter worthy of the highest commendation from this Association. I trust, therefore, that before this meeting shall adjourn, that something tangible will be placed on the records showing how much this Association appreciates the kindness of the Ontario Government in this respect.

Probably the next feature which I might point out as one of the great things which led to the success of this exhibition, and you will pardon me when I say it, is the thorough work of the Secretary of this Association. (Cheers). No one knows better than one who has occupied the President's position, as I have done during the past year, how much this Association is indebted to the energetic services of its Secretary. I am sure I need not dilate upon this subject

as you all well know, but from my own personal knowledge I must say that I know of no institution, and I have never known of an institution, that had a more efficient Secretarial management than the Ontario Poultry Association of to-day. (Cheers). I would like very much to say in this connection, and it is a matter which I trust will be considered by this Association, whether, if the funds of the Association will allow of such a thing being done, it would not be advisable to increase Mr. Browne's salary. He has certainly done his work, so far as this exhibition is concerned, nobly, and I am satisfied, and I say it with all due respect to everybody here, that the remuneration which Mr. Browne is receiving from this Association is in no way commensurate with the amount of work he has done and assumed. I merely throw it out as a suggestion for you to do as you wish, but I felt that I could not let the opportunity pass without calling your attention to the efficiency of the Secretary and the discrepancy between the work done and the remuneration paid.

I wish also in this connection to mention the fact of the efficiency of the Superintendency work of this show, because I think that every exhibitor will allow, that so far as the Superintendent's work has been done it has been done willingly and lovingly by a man who has the interests of poultry at heart and who has done everything to carry out the Secretary's orders. In fact I must say that whatever instructions our Superintendent got from the Secretary they were carried out literally and strictly, and no one could come and say a word about it. The one unfailing answer was: "Mr. Browne wrote me it was to be done in this way and that settles it." (Cheers).

These, I think, are the three principal factors upon which the efficiency of this show has depended, and which has resulted as you have seen it.

So far as the business of the meeting is concerned you probably know more about that than I do, but I would like to point out one or two things in connection with the Statute Law which will affect the workings of this meeting. As you probably all know, considerable changes were made in the old Agricultural and Arts Association at the last session of the Ontario Legislature. Under that Act one change has been made in regard to the holding of the show. A clause in that Statute provided that so long as this Association receives a grant from the Government so long will it be imperative that the show shall not be held in the one place, or within forty miles of the one place, two years in succession. This is a matter to be considered just now in deciding where the show shall go in future.

The Electoral Divisions, too, have been altered, and in