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Poultry Associations and the Time to Organize.

HERE is scarcely a town or village in Canada in which there are not one or more persons interested in the raising of and caring for poultry stock, or in egg production, and most likely one or two fanciers interested in some of the Standard varieties of fowl. Then why not organize and become a local society, or band together and amalgamate with one or other of those already existing in some neighboring town or city. In fact it is far better to do this latter than become a society too small in numbers to be interesting to the members on meeting nights. Let the smaller societies appoint a delegate from among their members to be present at every meeting of the association to which they have united themselves. The delegates might be sent one at a time, beginning with the President and Secretary, till each member in turn had attended the meetings. This would create a wider interest and add zest to the home meetings, as when the visiting member returned there would be the business of the association to recount and comment upon, and plans to propose for next meeting. Notes should be taken at all association meetings at the time of their occurrence, so that the member may not have to trust to memory for what he reports to the

home society. This plan would save much bother, and in the case of argument the member has his notes for anything that may be reported as to his account of the meetings at an after date.

But we desire to call attention to the coming months as being the most favorable for any attempt at the organization of small societies. Exhibition time brings out the fanciers and their stock. One or more of such will be present at every village fair. The judge of poultry must be a fancier even if he does not possess a bird of his own. We would advise that the few weeks intervening between now and show time be used to form these small poultry and pet stock societies in every locality. They could discuss their plans and if agreeable form a distinct poultry association among themselves, but if members are too small, or they lack a man well versed in the higher branches of poultry culture. They could agree to join any other society that is in full working order and greater interest would accrue from it. The judge would gladly give his advice on uniting as to which society would be nearest, because of the expense of travelling. And instead of standing in awe of the judge, as is mostly the case, try to get some practical information from his trip to your locality. Don't be afraid of him at all, you will find on closer acquaintance that he is very much like other mortals and not inclined to feel any bigger than his clothes. But be sure to wait till his work is done. A polite note left with the Secretary that a small band of fanciers would like to meet