

amson, W. W. Ware, Wm. Amor, H. Waddell, F. Waddell, C. Newell, J. Mitchell and others.

The chair was occupied by Mr. R. Evans, and Mr. Sanderson was appointed Secretary.

The chairman stated the object of the meeting, which proceeded to discuss the necessary details.

It was decided that the coops in the possession of the Southern Ontario Association be placed at the disposal of the Canadian Association, of Hamilton, the former to be reimbursed for their use.

On motion it was resolved to hold the show in the last week of January.

A committee, consisting of Messrs. Evans, Ware, and MacKay, was appointed to procure a suitable building in which to hold the show.

The following are the officers: President, Mr. R. Evans; 1st Vice-President, Dr. Case; 2nd Vice-President, Mr. F. M. Carpenter, Saltfleet; 3rd Vice-President, Mr. C. Edmondson, Brantford; Secretary, Mr. Wm. Sanderson, Brantford; Assistant Secretary, Mr. J. G. Buchannan, Hamilton; Treasurer, Mr. E. W. Ware, Hamilton.

Finance Committee, Messrs. Simpson, MacKay, and Charlesworth.

Executive Committee, James Main, Jas. Williamson, R. C. Holbrook, F. Waddell, H. Waddell, Wm. Amor, Wm. M. Smith and J. Mitchell.

Honorary Members.—Messrs. Geo. Roach, Wm. Hendrie and John Eastwood were unanimously appointed honorary members of the Association.

Messrs. W. Sanderson, E. W. Ware, J. G. Buchannan, J. Williamson, and R. MacKay were appointed a Committee on Printing, and authorized to prepare the prize list for the show.

A motion that the Birds be shown in pairs was passed unanimously, and the prizes fixed at \$4, \$2, and \$1 for all kinds of poultry, including bantams. Pigeons, small birds, and rabbits at \$2 first, and \$1 second prize.

It was decided that the entrance fee be 60c. per pair on all fowls under the \$4, \$2 and \$1 tariff.

On motion of Mr. Mackay, seconded by Mr. Amor, it was resolved that ten per cent. of the amount awarded be exacted on special prizes, for entrance fee.

The entrance fee on pigeons, small birds and rabbits, was fixed at 30c. each coop.

It was arranged that the Society should claim ten per cent. on sales made during the show.

The membership fee was fixed at \$1, and admission fee 25c. for adults, and 10c. for children.

The following gentlemen were appointed judges: Messrs. S. Butterfield, Sandwich; D. Goldie, Guelph; J. W. Buck, Brantford, and L. G. Jarvis, London.

(Since reconsidered, and W. H. Todd, of Ohio, appointed.)

It was arranged that the show should open on

Tuesday at 2 p. m., and close on Saturday night at 10.30.

The arrangements for music, etc., was left in the hands of the Executive Committee.

The meeting then adjourned until Thursday evening, 27th inst.

Hamilton, Tuesday Dec, 27.

A meeting of the Executive Committee was held to-day. Mr. Evans, the President, in the chair.

The business related principally to the contemplated show. Of the \$1,250 required for the purposes of the exhibition, nearly the whole amount has been secured, and the financial aspect is therefore promising.

### Mating.

In this month the breeding pens should be made up, especially Asiatics, if early chickens are desired. Particular care should be taken that the fowls are not allowed to become too fat. If they are also intended for exhibition at the winter shows, it is much better that they should lose something in size and weight, than have their usefulness as breeders destroyed by over feeding.

In making up your pens, don't put in inferior specimens because you have few of the variety, thinking they *may* breed some good stock. Use only those your judgment tells you *will* produce good stock; and if short, fill up with hens that lay eggs of a different color to those that you wish to use for hatching. It is necessary that there should be at least six hens with every cock, to ensure fertility in the eggs, as too few are as likely to cause sterility as too many. In mating always have some improvement in view, carefully noting the result. Thus experience is gained that will be useful afterwards.

It seems to be a generally admitted fact that the hen controls, to a great extent, the size, shape, and constitution of the offspring, and the cock the color and "fancy points." Thus, for breeding purposes, you should have the cock as near perfect as possible, and strong and lively. The hens should be full grown, of good size, shape and constitution, and the nearer to the standard the better, although more latitude is allowed in choosing hens than the cock, with a reasonable certainty of good stock from them being the result.

A large consignment of poultry arrived from Canada in the Allan steamer *Moravian*, at Liverpool on Dec. 15, shipped by Mr. Charles Dawson, of Brampton, Ont. The shipment included 3,500 turkeys, 1,410 geese, 950 couples of ducks, and 1,321 couples of fowls. The poultry was packed in 81 barrels and arrived in splendid condition.