

THE WELLAND ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Welland Fancier's Club, was held recently, when the following officers were appointed:—President, J. F. Hill; vice-president, Dr. Howell; secretary-treasurer, H. A. Rose, Jr.; executive committee, J. E. Cochoc, W. H. Gainer, S. M. Clemo, F. Pew, and H. Dawdy. A long talk was indulged in as to the advisability of holding a winter show. It was finally decided to adjourn and in the meantime those present were to get all the information possible and see if the undertaking is practicable.

POULTRY FOR ENGLAND.

Mr. A. J. King, the Toronto produce merchant, is making enormous shipments of poultry to the English market for the Christmas trade. Five thousand geese, 1000 ducks, 1000 chickens and 15,000 turkeys, in all about \$20,000 worth of Canadian poultry, will be placed on the English market by Mr. King. For the last few days over 100 geese a day, have been killed, plucked and chilled at the warehouse of the Toronto Cold Storage Company, and an enormous number of turkeys have been treated in the same way. The preparation of the birds for shipment is interesting. Two men are kept busy killing them, an expeditious operation, and then they are passed on to a room where 30 men, standing waist deep in feathers, pluck them with astonishing quickness. Then they are hung in a room at a temperature of 45 above zero for 24 hours until the animal heat is lost; next day the temperature is reduced to 40 and the day following to 35. The day after that it is reduced to 32 and is kept there until the time of shipment. Then each bird is wrapped in a bag of parchment paper, similar to that in which dairy butter is wrapped, and they are ready to go to the uttermost ends of the earth and defy all other geese in the world. These will be sent in cold storage by the Vancouver and Gallia. They will not be frozen, but merely chilled by the dry cold air process which preserves them in perfect condition and does not impair their quality.

WHAT THE EASTERN ONTARIO IS DOING.

Mr. Francis H. Gisborne kindly supplies us with the following news of this show to be held in Cornwall:—"I have not got the lists yet but expect them every mail, they are being printed at Cornwall. There will be a public meeting during the exhibition week at which addresses will be delivered upon practical subjects connected with poultry raising. Mr. Gilbert, the Poultry Superintendent of the Central Experimental Farm, will give an address, as will also it is hoped, Professor Robertson. There will be an exhibit of dressed

poultry from the Central Experimental Farm showing how poultry should be dressed and packed for the English market and Mr. Gilbert will be there to explain the matter practically. There will also be prizes offered for the best "farmer's birds," that is owned by farmers, prizes being given for heavy birds and also for lighter birds of the egg-raising breeds. We anticipate a first class exhibition, the Cornwall fanciers being hard at work to make it success. The Governor-General has very generously offered a silver cup which will be competed for by pens consisting of a cock, cockerel, two hens and two pullets owned by a member resident in that portion of Ontario assigned to the Eastern Ontario Poultry Association. The breeds selected this year are barred Plymouth Rocks and silver and golden Wyandottes. One of the Cornwall members has offered a special prize for dressed poultry for which entries will be for all members of the Association."

THE GREATEST OF THE GREAT—THE "ONTARIO" OF ONTARIO'S—LONDON OUTDOES ITSELF—OVER SEVEN HUNDRED DOLLARS IN SPECIAL PRIZES—SOME NOVEL FEATURES—A FREE SHOW AND BIG BANQUET.

London has evidently made up its mind to set the pace for all future shows held under the auspices of the Poultry Association of Ontario, judging by the efforts put forth to draw a record entry and to provide a pleasant time for visiting fanciers. Pretty nearly the whole city has joined the association and if "Rome" doesn't "howl" it won't be the fault of the Romans. Mr. Thos. A. Browne is of course well known in his dual position as Manager of the Western Fair and permanent Secretary of the Poultry Association of Ontario, the premier poultry organization of the Dominion. He informs us the special lists are not yet ready but they may be expected soon after the first of December. In case any breeder does not receive one he has but to drop a card to Mr. Browne and get one by return. And now to digest what Mr. Browne says. Under date of November 25th he writes:

"Yesterday afternoon I received from the Secretary of the London Association a rough draft of the special prizes and a list of subscribers, and last night and to-day I am getting it into shape for the printer. The total amount of the specials has reached the handsome sum of seven hundred and twenty-one dollars. The local association members have been, as you must know from this amount, very active and untiring in their canvas, and they have been equally intent upon placing the prizes where they would do the most good and be satisfactory to all. The London Poultry and Pet Stock Association are giving from their funds twelve