

TORONTO POULTRY, PIGEON AND PET STOCK ASSOCIATION.

THE first annual dinner of the above Association was held in the New St. James' Hotel, on the evening of Thursday, November 9th. Over fifty sat down to a well laid out repast as the following bill of fare will show:—Oysters, blue points, celery, chicken salad, a la Mayonnaise. Soup, Virginia oysters. Fish, Lake Superior trout, parsley sauce. Roast, ribs of beef and Yorkshire pudding, domestic goose, apple sauce. Entrees, epigramme of lamb, aux petit pois, fricassee of chicken, a la St. James. Vegetables, mashed potatoes, sweet corn, stewed tomatoes. Pastry, apple and lemon pies. Pudding, English plum, brandy sauce. Dessert, apples, oranges, grapes, tea or coffee.

Mr. Charles Bonnick, as President of the Association assumed his place at the head of the table supported on his right by Mr. J. J. Withrow, President of the Industrial Exhibition Association, and on the left by Mr. Dilworth, who was in this instance, present in his official capacity as First Vice-President of the Poultry Association of Ontario. Mr. T. A. Duff, occupied the other end with Messrs. W. Barber and J. Bennet, as his supporters. Several letters of regret were read from gentlemen who had been invited to be present but were unable to attend. After the toast of "The Queen" had been most enthusiastically received, Mr. Withrow rose to reply to that of the "Industrial Exhibition Association." Mr. Withrow is ever ready and willing to speak on his favorite theme the Association with which he has been so long and favorably identified, and his warm reception could have left no doubt in his mind as to the feelings of those whom he proposed to address. He spoke at some length, the burthen of his remarks being the desire of the Association to do all possible to further the interests of exhibitors, without whom, of course, there could be no exhibition. Mr. Withrow in concluding congratulated the breeders in having a chairman of Mr. Dilworth's energy and value. Several other toasts replied to by several members, brought a pleasant evening to a close. Music was supplied by Richardson's orchestra.

CORRECTIONS

We are asked to make the following corrections:

WORLD'S FAIR SHOW.

For W. A Gage read W. A. Gaze, London, Ont. L. Sage, London, won 1st on dark Brahma cock and 2nd on Cockerel.

It was Mr. John Hord, Parkhill, and not Mr. Hurd, who sold the Toulouse geese to go to Salvador.

KINGSTON.

For G. C. Hawison and G. B. Harrison read G. C. Howison. His wins are, 1st white Wyandott cockerel, 2nd pullet, 1st white Leghorn cock, 2nd A.O.V. cockerel and 2nd pullet.

WESTERN FAIR.

S. Stapleford won 2nd on black Leghorn fowls.

James Arthurs, East London, won 2nd on silver Wyandott fowls and 3rd on light Brahmas, and not as REVIEW had it.

NOTE.

We are always willing to make corrections where errors occur, as we have no desire but to have awards correct.

TURKEYS.

MATING AND HATCHING.

IN selecting stock, if they have to be bought, I would advise a cock two years old and a young hen, or a young cock and two year old hen. I would not buy a bird over two years old, except it was an exceptionally good one. By the time these lines are in print I hope to have the first prize cock and hen at the World's Fair, Chicago, on their way to my yards. High as the price is for a cock that will win there—I expect he is over two years—I would not grudge double for as good a bird a year younger. As a rule, one should never buy an old bird if a young one can be obtained. If a 45-lb. or a 50-lb. bird is offered in his third year, by all means secure him. He is an exception and should be treated exceptionally, but if no extra size or merit is present I would avoid either cock or hen over two years old. Stock such as I have named will breed well two seasons, when new blood must be procured.

There is another very important point in mating which should not be overlooked—the cock and hen should be unrelated, or not very nearly related. Half brother and sister is too near. It will do, but I would rather not mate in that way. In the hands of an experienced breeder such mating will work well. Father and daughter, mother and son, will breed pretty well, but it is only a skilled breeder who should attempt such mating. He will mate in that way to get some points fixed, and when fixed he will use a cock not very much related. He will often refuse an entirely unrelated bird, as he might undo the work of his previous years. Turkeys will not stand very much in-breeding, and it is very much better not to in-breed at all. We can always