prizes for dressed poultry, and there is in all about \$35 cash in this department alone.

Prof. Robertson, Commissioner of Agriculture and Dairying for the Dominion, has signified his willingness to give a lecture on the requirements, etc., of the British market, to which all our surplus poultry is now finding its way. This will, doubtless, be given Thursday afternoon during the meeting of the Ontario Poultry Association.

We say to our rural readers do not let this opportunity go by of seeing the grandest display of fowls in their hol day dress ever given in Canada. The local associations are doing all in their power to make the show a great success, and the prospects were never brighter for a large exhibition, which will give the poultry industry in Canada an impetus that we feel will be noticeable for years to come. We advise every one interested in poultry of any kind to make an effort to attend the show at least once. For prize lists and any further information write Thomas A. Browne, secretary, London, Ont.

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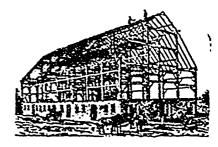
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