

annual report was not yet prepared by the late secretary, and it was proposed that he be present at the next meeting with the best report he can make. Mr. Delaporte was requested to attend the next meeting and explain or send a written statement in regard to the Homer rings. As only one auditor was appointed to audit last year's report, viz., Mr. J. H. Thompson, Mr. H. B. Donovan was elected to make up the proper number. The prizes were offered for ornamental Bantam cocks. Only one bird turned up, viz., a golden Sebright, which was disqualified for being over Standard weight, therefore no prizes were awarded. The judges were Messrs. Donovan, Thompson and Miles. There was no kicking over the awards. The meeting then adjourned. Receipts \$3.50. We want to see a big tur. out next meeting of both old members, new members and birds.

E. F. Doty,  
Secretary.

#### INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION, TORONTO.

#### MEETING OF THE POULTRY COMMITTEE.

The above Com. met on April 12th, the members present being Messrs J. Dilworth, (in the chair), Barber, Daniels and Bonnick, Toronto; Bogue and McNeil, London; Hern and Knight, Bowmanville. Mr. H. B. Donovan acted as Secretary. The following changes were made in the list: Dorkings A.O.C, made to read white French, A.O.V. cut off, and La Fleche and Creve Coeurs added, Red Caps added, In Polands, white-bearded, the word bearded cut out, and in A.O.C. unbearded, the words, except white, inserted. A diploma to be given each year to the winner of the Game cup and a silver medal given to each of the best collections of Bantams, Game and ornamental.

A 3rd prize of fifty cents was added and all classes of poultry, ducks, turkeys, geese, made \$2, \$1.50 and 50c.

The Judges appointed were Messrs, Smelt, Butterfield and Jarvis for Poultry, and Hern and McNeil for Poultry Appliances. Mr. C. J. Daniels was again appointed Superintendent. The judges for Poultry will take the same classes as last year, except that Mr. Butterfield takes the Polands and Mr. Jarvis the Turkeys and Geese.

On motion it was resolved that delegates not present at the meeting in 1890 be not recognized as members of the committee. It was also resolved that the committee on poultry impress on the Board the necessity for a new building.

*(A report of the Pigeon and Pet Stock Dept. will be found in Pigeons and Pets for April.)*

#### WHITE LANGSHANS.

#### COMMUNICATED.

California has the honor of originating and breeding, in its purity, the White Langshan fowl, of which the accompanying engraving is an excellent and life-like illustration.

The Black Langshan, from which the White variety emanates, was bred in California as early as 1882 by Mr. O. J. Albee of Lawrence, he having obtained his stock of Blacks from Eastern breeders, and in 1883 obtained a pair from John Denny of Oregon, whose brother Hon. O. N. Denny, held the office of U. S. Consul at Shanghai, and had succeeded in sending a few across the ocean to Oregon.

In the summer of 1884 three pullets and one cockerel were hatched from eggs laid by Mr. Albee's best Langshans, two of which developed into pure white fowls, with all the well-known characteristics of the Black Langshans.

When hatched they were of bluish color on their backs, with throat and

breast white and canary, like their dusky brothers. When grown, their beaks are very like horn color; shanks, slaty blue, with pink between the toes and bottom of feet, in contrast with brilliant red combs, ear lobes and wattles. These, with the snowy plumage, make a combination of colors not known in any other breed, yet very attractive and refined.

Mr. Albee's White Langshans are beyond question pure "sports," and carrying with them the well-known good qualities of the Black variety, their merits are already proven. The pair of chick's hatched in 1884 were bred together, and with their progeny, with varying success for nearly four years, without introduction of new blood.

In February 1888, Mr. H. G. Keesling of San Jose, Cal., received from China, with an importation of Black Langshans, a pure white hen. She was of good size, vigorous, and bore true Langshan characteristics in an eminent degree. Having no use for the hen Mr. Keesling sold and transferred her to her proper place, in Mr. Albee's yard of white "sports." Her influence added tone to his stock, and a good flock was raised during the season, greatly improved in vigor and size. Mr. Keesling who is constantly importing Black Langshans from China has recently received two lots of the White variety, and has forwarded orders for all the good specimen's that can be found in the Langshan District.

It is very difficult to obtain good White Langshans, as the Chinese are very suspicious, and unwilling to sell their nicest birds to foreigners but with the co-operation of a missionary in the Langshan district, who Mr. Keesling has persuaded to take an interest in his hobby, in conjunction with a friend in Shanghai, the prospect is good for the importation of some fine specimens. Thus with Mr. Albee's sports and Mr. Keesling's imported birds both of which have well authenticated records, Cali-