

sult. In the cases referred to, I found that although the Department of Agriculture had sent out instructions as to packing for this market, the birds were shipped in dry goods cases, barrels, etc., and put up altogether in a most slovenly way. The birds were sold by advertised auction, and men came from all points of England to secure "snaps," and after the sale the Canadian turkeys could be bought retail for 3d a pound less than the English and Irish birds were sold at, notwithstanding the fact that they were first-class in every particular, but the manner in which they were shipped, and this made it impossible to get any other result.

Mr. A. G. Gilbert spoke very briefly. The farmer, he said, should do as every successful merchant does, take stock each year and find out which branch is paying the highest percentage. If he would do this, he would soon see how important and profitable a feature the keeping of chickens is, and would thus be led to take a greater interest in it. If each farmer would make his hens pay even a small amount, it would, taking the 650,000 farmers into account, represent an enormous sum.

Messrs. A. Bogue, Charles Bonnick and Dr. Bell replied to "Ontario's Great Poultry Show." The latter expressed the hope that next year at Toronto they would have an even more successful exhibition, if it were possible, than the present one. He promised as large a list of specials as they could possibly get.

Messrs. W. Moore and D. McKenzie replied to "The Western Fair."

"Sister Institutions" was replied to by Mr. Dundas and Mr. J. Dilworth, of Toronto. The latter said he had learned from a shipper that a large consignment of poultry had been sent to the old country lately, and it had arrived in first-class condition, and had netted two cents a pound clear. Mr. Donovan replied briefly to "The Press."

The meeting was brought to a close with the National Anthem

THE BIRDS.

Mr. Jarvis kindly supplies us with the following notes on his classes:

The Ontario poultry show is over and no doubt ended satisfactorily to all concerned. It was admitted by all present that it was the most successful, both in

quantity and quality of stock, of any yet held under the auspices of the Ontario Poultry Association. The building in which the show was held proved to be rather small for such an immense show, and the middle aisle was a little gloomy on account of having to place an extra tier of coops on the top of the outside tiers on account of extra entries. Several varieties in this aisle had to be carried to the light when judging, making it very tedious and awkward, especially when judging by comparison. The birds on exhibition were in fine condition, clean and free from frosted combs and wattles, as is often seen at shows held at this season of the year.

The superintendent, Mr. Saunders, and his assistants, kept the coops clean and the birds regularly fed, and watered, and in either case not overdone. From this fact the fowls left the exhibition in as good a condition as when they arrived, no sickness being noticeable during the entire week.

A great mistake was made in the classifying or cooping of the birds in not having them placed on the same level instead of being placed one above the other, and in several cases the young and old birds were mixed up, with the result that a few birds were overlooked when awarding the prizes. In two or three varieties I had to rejudge on this account, which makes it very unpleasant after the prize tickets are placed on the coops. I will explain why the allotting of the coops to the different varieties in the manner mentioned came about. The worthy secretary, Mr. Browne, whose motto has always been "Fair play and no favor," thought the fanciers whose birds were placed in the top tier of coops would feel that they were not properly treated, and partiality had been shown. So the birds were cooped one above the other, so that every exhibitor's stock would be treated alike, so far as light and position were concerned.

I must say I am still an advocate of the scoring system of judging if time will permit. Those who have advocated the comparison system at the Ontario show no doubt did it from the fact that it occupied too much time, and the judging was not completed as soon as desired. I never believed it necessary to score all of the birds on exhibition. We find at all shows in every class birds that are, as the saying is, not in it, so far as the prizes are concerned. Now my idea is for the judges, as they do when judging by com-