

sex, the winner of which could be generally located before the judging took place. I trust their successors will follow their example, only in an increased degree.

In conclusion if what I hear is true, and circumstances seem to indicate it is the majority's wish, then I can promise you that the present and all past efforts, will be as nothing when we see the Ontario Show of 1898, and I trust that we may all be spared to meet together in London, or if not there wherever the meeting may decide.

Now gentlemen I have had my say, and I know that you are all well enough acquainted with me to know that it is purely for the improvement of the Association that I submit the foregoing suggestions, it is for you to say whether they are required or not.

Thanking you for your kind attention, and wishing you a Happy New Year.

THOS. A. BROWNE, Sec'y.

The report was received and adopted.

The Treasurer's report (as in REVIEW) taken as read.

THE NEW OFFICERS.

The next business was the election of officers which resulted as follows: President, A. Bogue, London; 1st Vice-President, Dr. Mallory, Colborne; Second Vice-President, Mr. C. Bonnick, Toronto; Directors, C. Massie, Port Hope, Dr. A. W. Bell, Toronto, T. J. Senior, Hamilton, M. T. Burn, Tilsonburg, T. H. Scott, St. Thomas, D. C. Trew, Lindsay, W. McNeill, London, Rev. J. H. Scott, Ridgetown, and W. J. Bell, Angus. Auditor H. B. Donovan, Toronto. Delegates to Industrial Exhibition, Toronto, W. Barber and J. Dilworth, to Western Fair, London, G. G. McCormick and J. H. Saunders; to Hamilton, John Cole and Rev. Thomas Geohegan.

COLD STORAGE.

The committee appointed to draft a resolution to the Government, had with the addition of Mr. H. B. Donovan, met in the interim and reported as follows, through Dr. Mallory who kindly acted as secretary.

The resolution, was unanimously adopted and ordered to be forwarded to the Hon. Minister.

Guelph, Jan. 14th, 1897.

To the Honorable Sidney Fisher, M.P.,

Minister of Agriculture of the Dominion of Canada.

Sir,—We the officers and members of the Ontario Poultry Association, in annual meeting assembled, beg leave to call your attention to the importance of the poultry industry of Canada, and to point out that during the years previous to the imposition of the duty on poultry and eggs entering the United States markets, this industry without the assistance of Government or any special efforts being made to foster or encourage it, had grown to very considerable proportions. That since the imposition of the present duty the industry has, on account of that duty and the distance from the British markets, very materially fallen off.

This Association is much pleased to learn that the Government of which you are so honored a member is about to introduce a system of cold storage and cold storage shipment facilities.

We beg leave to recommend that the Government take such steps as may be necessary to at once find out the average requirements of the British markets for eggs and poultry. The conditions governing those requirements. The kind and quality of the goods needed. The proper modes of preparing and packing the goods for shipment. The seasons of the year when the demands are the greatest as well as any other information which may be obtained that would be of advantage to the poultry raisers of this country.

That having obtained this necessary information, the Government take the earliest opportunity to communicate the information to the farmers and poultry dealers by means of lectures at farmers institutes and other farmers and poultry breeders associations, as well as by printed pamphlets properly circulated.

That every effort possible should be used by the Government to show the farmers of the country the advantages of the egg and poultry trade. By so doing this Association is fully persuaded a very important and profitable branch of trade would be speedily built up, and the interests of the great farming community would be very materially advanced.