

on a hot shovel, on an iron spoon over the fire or a lamp, and let the chicken inhale the fumes, but the greatest care must be exercised, for a few seconds too much will kill the chicken.

The next is to place the chicks in a box or barrel, tie a piece of coarse muslin over it on which place some fine air-slacked lime, whip the cloth with a switch; the dust filling the barrel causes the chicks to sneeze and expel the worms. This remedy is not always certain, but by renewed applications, might be the cause of saving the largest portion of the affected chickens.

The third remedy is the removal of the worms by means of a feather or twisted horse hair. In some hands this remedy is fairly successful; in others about three-fourths die under the treatment. It rarely happens that one operation is successful, some of the worms remaining and necessitating another.

Last season I saw camphor mentioned as a cure placing it in the drinking water, the odor from it dislodged the worms and gave relief. It may be successful and is worth a trial.—*A. M. Habsted, in Poultry Bulletin.*

#### COMMUNICATIONS.

*Editor of Canadian Poultry Review,*

SIR.—Before the season for holding poultry shows again comes round, I would like through the columns of your paper to suggest to the poultry breeders, and officers of the different societies, the desirability of petitioning the Local Legislature to acknowledge and support our organization, with the view of having a thoroughly Provincial Society established, "instead of so many that put forward a claim to that designation." My impression is that the Legislature would be glad to adapt some such measure, and I feel sure it would be to the interest of all concerned in the poultry business to have the whole Government grant given to one society. This would enable the officers to offer sufficient premiums as would induce the breeders to make a much larger display than heretofore, and would always enable the Society to pay all demands in full at the proper time; this alone would be a great inducement to breeders to bring out their stock for competition, for with few exceptions, I am sorry to say, the exhibitors have not been able to get the prize money to which they were entitled, owing to miscalculations on the part of the Executive Committees and other unforeseen occurrences. These frequent disappointments in not receiving the amounts awarded have caused a feeling of distrust among exhibitors, which would be effectually withdrawn if a society such as I have suggested were formed, and

a good reliable board of officers appointed to manage the affairs. And let the society be on the same footing as the Agriculture, Arts and other Associations receiving aid from the Government. Annual reports would then have to be sent to the department, showing the cost of management, &c; this would be a check against any extravagant expenditure, or misappropriation of the funds. And let the show be held either in one place, or alternately wherever sufficient accommodation could be found for it, and it should be distinctly understood that the Society should not be charged with any expense of coops or building to hold the show in. By adapting these suggestions I feel confident that in future a better feeling will manifest itself throughout the Province, and that the breeders will one and all co-operate in carrying it out successfully. Trusting some one may enlarge upon these few remarks, I remain

Your truly

A FRIEND.

#### The Montreal Poultry, Dog, and Pet Stock Society.

It gives us pleasure to chronicle the formation of this society, which took place on May 17th. We are indebted to the Treasurer, Mr. Joseph Tees, for the list of officers:—Mr. Thomas Costen, President; Dr. Andrea's, 1st Vice do.; E. Alloway, 2nd do.; J. Scriver, 3rd do.; Robert K. Lovel, Secretary; Joseph Tees, Treasurer, with the following Executive Committee: Thomas Irwin, Jas. Price, Charles Boon, James M. Farlane, S. Argents Nelson and Wilson.

The officers elect are mostly thorough business men, having the entire confidence of the fraternity, and many of them old and enthusiastic fanciers. We predict for the Montreal Poultry, Dog and Pet Stock Society a prosperous career.

MAMMOTH RUSSIAN SUNFLOWER SEEDS are extensively advertised in poultry papers as food for fowls. The *Poultry Journal* says:—"Beware of the Mammoth Russian Sunflower; it is a mammoth fraud in the general emptiness of the seed husks and this extraneous oiliness." We have no doubt but that, from the great amount of oil the sunflower seeds contain, they will assist in giving gloss to the plumage, but the old kind, so common as to be often treated as weeds, will be found the most suitable for the purpose. Comparison with the Mammoth Russian will convince any one of this.

Permit all your hens, so inclined, sit, and hatch one brood in the year if possible. It is better for the fowls, and you will get just as many eggs from them in twelve months, as if you bothered your brains "to break them up."