

# POULTRY WEEKLY

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THE last meeting called by the Kempenfeldt Association, Barrie, did not materialize, partly owing to a misunderstanding as to the place of meeting.

In the article by J. B., Barrie, in last issue, the fourth and third lines in the latter part should change places and it will then read all correct.

## Preparing for Winter.

THE few fine days we have been enjoying of late are apt to make us forget that winter in its sternest aspect will soon be upon us. If we have neglected anything now is the time to make amends.

See that a box of dry road dust is in every pen. If it is not convenient to get road dust, use dry sand, but it is far colder in its nature than the fine

dust. If you had any way of obtaining sifted coal ashes they will make a fine mixture by putting them with the sand about equal proportions of each. They are a good disinfectant besides. The dusting box may be covered until the birds are entirely shut in, so that the earth will be clean for them when they are shut up, and at present there is plenty of opportunity for them to dust outside. This is one of the most important items in the successful management of poultry. It is a natural condition of life to them and must be considered indispensable, and if you would keep them in health and free from the vermin that are a natural adjunct of ill kept stock. If you ever had one of those pests on your own skin, you would not wonder that they rob the bird of its spirit and ambition when they are crawling over it in hundreds tormenting it and sucking its life blood. Of all the ailments that attack poultry vermin is the predisposing cause of more than half. By reducing the vigor of the bird it becomes spiritless, often not having enough 'vim' in it to eat, and thus by an impoverished condition, and consequently low state of vitality it becomes an easy prey to disease.

The dusting box is one of the most necessary articles in the poultry house, and should be thought as indispensable as a drinking vessel, when the stock is closed up in winter quarters. It costs nothing unfortunately, if it was as expensive as insect powder no doubt all would strive to procure it. It is not only free to all, but the trouble is so little in providing it, but think of the