

be hoped, in the interests of the objects of each that this state of affairs may continue.

By reference to the *Dominion Poultry Gazette* we find that at the first exhibition of the Ontario Poultry Society, in 1875, the sum of \$671.50 was paid in premiums; assistance to the amount of \$200 was received from government. A heavy snow blockade on the railroads at the time of this exhibition militated somewhat against a show that was otherwise decidedly encouraging. In the following year, with the assistance of a grant of \$400 from government, the society paid premiums to the amount of \$977.83.—A handsome increase.

At the annual meeting, held during the show, application was made by the fanciers of Galt to have the next show held in their town. The application was backed by a list of special prizes, representing nearly \$800, to be given on condition that Galt was made the choice of the society.—This liberality could not but be appreciated, and the show for 1877 was held in Galt. Instead of the show being held at the end of February or beginning of March as heretofore, and as arranged at annual meeting, the time was changed to January. This change was severely commented on at the time. However, the premium list was the largest ever offered by the society and called out the finest display ever seen in Canada, and much greater than the officials expected, as the necessity which arose for additional accommodation plainly showed.

The misfortune is that, although nearly a year has passed since the show at Galt, no settlement has been arrived at, nor any financial statement submitted to the members. Such negligence impairs confidence in the society and its management. It will be interesting, to successful exhibitors at least, to learn that the books are now in the hands of the auditors, and that, before January, will be in shape, and the affairs of the last show wound up. Any further reference to this matter would be inopportune in the prospect of a speedy settlement. We trust, in the interests of all concerned, that such will soon be arrived at.

The next show under the auspices of the Society, will be held in the city of London, on the last week in February. A very liberal and equitable prize list has been adopted, and every effort will be made by the executive and fanciers of London and vicinity to make it a success. The City Hall has been secured for the occasion, and as it is centrally located, commodious, and well lighted and heated, it affords great advantages for the purpose. The birds will be shown in pairs. The premium list will be issued at an early date.

Steps are now being taken to have the society incorporated. Such a step will have the effect of placing the society on a more permanent and responsible basis.

SOUTHERN ONTARIO POULTRY SOCIETY.

We understand that this association has amalgamated with the fanciers of Hamilton, and intend holding an exhibition in that city some time during the winter. Wm. Sanderson, Esq., is their secretary. His energy, knowledge of details, and gentlemanly demeanour, will go far to ensure success. This we wish them to the fullest extent.

MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE OF ONTARIO POULTRY SOCIETY.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the above-named society was held in the City Hall, London, on Friday afternoon, November 30th, for the purpose of making arrangements for holding the Spring Exhibition, and for general business. There were in attendance, Messrs. J. Plummer, President; Allan Bogue, Vice President; L. G. Jarvis, Secretary-Treasurer; George Murton and J. Gowdie, of Guelph; W. M. Smith Fairfield Plains; Thos. Partridge, Jr., J. H. McMicken, London, and Jas. Fullerton, Strathroy. The prize list was thoroughly revised by the committee, who took great pains with regard to it, in order that poultry men of every section might be accorded a fair field. A number of competent gentlemen were named as judges. It was decided to hold the spring exhibition in the City Hall, London, during the last week in February next.

POULTRY THIEVES.

There are a number of these gentry at work in different parts of Canada. They seem to make a wholesale business of stealing, packing and shipping. Mr. James Loughhead, of Sarnia, a gentleman who has lately commenced to keep fancy poultry, and given very high prices for his birds, had his entire stock stolen. He took the matter in hand, ferreted out the thieves, and had them punished. Mr. W. M. Smith, of Fairfield Plains, has had about a dozen of his very best fowl stolen lately—among the rest some imported birds that he greatly prized. We hope the thieves may be caught and get their deserts. Load your blunderbuss! Let loose your dogs!

The Brooklin Poultry Yards will, for the next year, be run by Thomas & Campbell. Communications addressed to them at Brooklin will receive prompt attention.

CONNECTICUT STATE POULTRY SOCIETY.—We are in receipt of the prize list of this Society. Their exhibition will be held from 9th to 12th of January. \$5,456.50 is offered in premiums. I. Altman, Secretary, Box 377, Hartford Conn.