

been one of great success, especially in the constantly improving character and interest of its annual exhibitions, yet in one respect it has not done the good it ought to have done—namely, in the spreading abroad, especially among our rural population, of the information and experience which it undoubtedly possesses in its own membership. In this way it has not been the useful factor in the education of the people which it might have been. But of late years there has been an improvement in this matter, and the recent reports issued by the association have contained some valuable papers contributed by its members, although the number of members thus contributing is still not so large as it ought to be.



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SUCCESSFUL EXHIBITIONS.

As said above, the exhibits made by the association are its chief glory. At Chicago, at the World's Columbian Exhibition, in 1893, the exhibit made under the auspices of the association excited the admiration of the poultrymen of the continent, while the association's own annual exhibitions, held in the winter, are always of the highest excellence. It is no figure of speech to say that the poultrymen of Ontario can hold their own against the world.

The officers of the association for 1896 are: President, Thomas Gowdy, Guelph; vice-presidents, Allan Bogue, London, and Henry White, Port Hope; treasurer, George G. McCormack, London; secretary, Thomas A. Browne, London. The success of the association in recent years is largely due to the efficiency and popularity of Mr.

Browne, the present secretary. Prominent members of the association are F. Goebel, New Hamburg; William McNeil, London; H. B. Donovan, Toronto; Joseph Dilworth, Toronto; W. J. Bell, Angus; C. H. Donnelly, Sandwich; T. A. Duff, Toronto; L. G. Pequegnat, New Hamburg; James Lenton, Oshawa; Charles Massie, Port Hope; W. T. Gibbard, Napanee; and J. E. Meyer, Kossuth.

THE EASTERN ONTARIO POULTRY AND PET STOCK ASSOCIATION.

This association was founded in 1884. Its work in the past has principally been the holding annually of an exhibition; but during the last two or three years it has devoted some attention to educational work, especially of a sort that would be useful to and appreciated by farmers.

Officers for 1896: President, George Higman, Ottawa; vice-presidents, G. S. Oldrieve, Kingston, and C. J. Devlin, Ottawa; secretary-treasurer, Francis J. Gisborne, Ottawa.

By an Act passed in 1895 it is enacted that the poultry show, held under the auspices of either one of the two Ontario poultry associations, must not be held two years in succession in places within forty miles of one another. By this regulation it is hoped that the shows will have an increased educational influence.

THE BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO.

The Beekeepers' Association of Ontario was organized in 1880. Its objects are to promote the interests of beekeepers in every possible direction, by means of discussion, papers, reports, etc., and it has also accomplished a great deal of good in procuring legislation, both at Ottawa and Toronto, favorable to the beekeeping interests. In 1890, the Foul Brood Act was passed by the legislature of Ontario, under which Act an inspector of foul broods—Mr. William McEvoy, of Woodburn—was appointed, who has labored ever since most effectually in combating the disease. Under his labors thousands of colonies have been cured of the disease, while in numerous other instances colonies, too far diseased to be cured, have been destroyed. By means of this effort the disease is speedily disappearing from our province. An Act of the legislature has also been secured, preventing the spraying of fruit trees while in full bloom, resulting in a great protection to beekeepers, without any loss to fruit-growers.

EXHIBITION WORK.

The association has always been active at exhibitions, and delegates are always appointed to