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## NOTES AND COMMENTS

MR. WESTERVELT gives us a few interesting items regarding the coming big show in Guelph, the entries for which will close on December 3rd, and not December 1st, as at first decided on. The list for dressed poultry, which has already been printed, is practically the same as last year, and is far and away larger in amount of money offered than at any other show in Canada.

Now that we are exporting so much specially prepared poultry to England, the competition for killing and dressing, should prove doubly interesting. The rules which govern this competition are as follows:

### COMPETITION FOR KILLING AND DRESSING CHICKENS FOR THE BRITISH MARKET.

Open to farmers, and farmers' wives, sons and daughters, only. 1. Each application for entry must be received on or before December 3rd, and must be accompanied by an entry fee of twenty-five cents. 2. The killing and dressing must be done along the lines approved of by Prof. Robertson in the pamphlet on "Chicken Fattening," which can be procured on application. 3. Each competitor will be supplied with four chickens. 4. Speed and efficiency will be considered in awarding prizes. 5. Moulding boards will be provided, and the birds must be prepared for packing in crates. The prizes are, 1st, \$5; 2nd, \$3; 3rd, \$2.

Messrs. Gilbert, Graham and Hare, will be present to give practical illustrations and lectures, and the Farmers'

Institute lecturers, numbering about thirty, will also attend the meetings, for the special purpose of receiving instructions in poultry culture, which will be made one of the chief topics at Institute meetings during the coming winter. The experimental birds fed by the association will be on exhibition. These birds will show the difference between chickens not fattened, chickens fed in a closed shed, chickens fattened in crates without cramming,



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chickens fattened in crates and fed with a crammer during the last ten days. Mr. Graham, of the college, will also have on exhibition a number of his experimental birds, showing the difference in the birds caused by different feed, showing a difference in the color of the flesh, etc. A great number of enquiries regarding the poultry show this year are being received, and there seems to be a great interest taken in it. Everything points to a very

successful show in all departments.

Mr. J. F. N. Kennedy is aiming at keeping one thousand hens the year round, and is now on a place of twenty-four acres; twelve acres of which will be planted with fruit trees and devoted to poultry raising.

Peterboro' will be able to use the Ontario coops at their coming show, a saving to them and a blessing to exhibitors.

Some of the "old timers" will be sorry to hear of the recent death of Major-General Hassard, who some thirty years ago, was stationed with his regiment in Canada, and was a most ardent fancier. Our own and more recent acquaintance with him, through correspondence, was of the pleasantest nature.

The meeting of the Perth Poultry Association held in the board room of the city hall on October 12th, was well attended. The resignation of Mr. Jas. L. Corcoran, who has so efficiently filled the position of president, was received and accepted with regret. Mr. Wm. Hepburn was appointed in his place, while the office of vice-pres., vacated by Mr. Hepburn, was filled by the election of Mr. J. B. Greig. Three new directors, Messrs. G. Harding, A. Barrisdale and G. Rankin, were appointed. Mr. F. Dufton was appointed vice-president for Mitchell and vicinity. A committee composed of Messrs. W. Hepburn, A. Barrisdale and W. Hornick, was instructed to ask a grant from the city council. It was decided to hold a four days' show during the week between Christmas and New Years, to close on Friday night at 10 o'clock. The committee then ad-