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*Omnium rerum, ex quibus aliquid adquiretur, nihil est agriculturâ melius, nihil uberius, nihil homine libero dignius.—Cicero : de Officiis, lib. I, cap. 42.*

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DEAR SIR,—Your copy of the Resolution of Condolence in the severe domestic affliction with which it has pleased God in His inscrutable Providence to afflict me, passed at a joint meeting of the Agricultural Committee of the House of Assembly and the Central Board of Agriculture of Nova Scotia, was duly received.

I need not assure you that the kind expression of christian sympathy for my lot, and words of encouragement to seek comfort in a "contemplation of the Higher Life of that Better Country, where sorrows and partings will be unknown," contained in the resolution, were most grateful to my feelings; and the gentlemen who framed and passed it, have my heartfelt acknowledgments.

Believe me, Dear Sir,  
Yours very sincerely,  
ISRAEL LONGWORTH.

GEORGE LAWSON, Esq., LL.D.  
*Secretary of the Joint Meeting.*

THE annual meeting of the N. S. POULTRY ASSOCIATION was held 28th March, at No. 60, Bedford Row. A large number of the members were present and the meeting was the most enthusiastic that has taken place for a long time. The president, Mr. Andrew Downs, occupied the chair.

**ANNUAL REPORT.**

The Executive Committee, in presenting this their sixth annual report, feel confident that in doing so they are laying before the members of the Association one of the most

satisfactory statements, in many respects, that they or their predecessors in office, have ever been able to submit to their electors. The financial status, the membership, the enthusiasm manifested at our late meetings and many other indications of returning life and vigor in poultry matters, point to a renewed interest in the aims and objects of the Association which the past history of our existence as an institution fails to equal. The membership roll, although not quite so large as when the Association was first organized, is still sufficiently extensive to infer that through the six years of our life we have enjoyed a brotherhood, permanent and enthusiastic. A number of our members have stood firmly in the interests of the Association from its inception to to-day, advocating the claims we have originated in our bye-laws, as consistent with the progress and development of poultry and agricultural affairs in our Province. The great difficulty which the fanciers have encountered in endeavouring to dispel the prejudice which agriculturists so largely inherit against thoroughbred fowls, has been the most powerful influence in the centering of fancy stock among a few persevering adherents of our Association. It is difficult to convince the farmers, and others, who keep poultry in Nova Scotia that beauty and utility can be combined in the same bird, or that thoroughbred stock is superior to the native. It is these drawbacks that have prevented the fullest extension of the objects of the Association, and aided in the restriction of the good which otherwise might have resulted in a greater dissemination of thoroughbred stock in all sections of the province. But, notwithstanding the hindrances above mentioned, it cannot be denied that the country has been largely benefited by the stock that has been distributed, and that the farmers have received many advantages by the introduction of good, serviceable, and handsome fowls through the influence of this Associa-

tion. It is needless to enlarge on the importance and necessity of thoroughbred poultry being established in our Province, if an export trade is to be organized, for these are facts that everyone connected with the business is fully alive to, and these are the grounds upon which our claims from our Provincial Government are so firmly based. During the year a few of our members have left us, but their places will shortly be filled by a number of young fanciers whose names will be submitted for your consideration at this meeting. It is most gratifying to think that new members are joining our ranks and taking a live interest in the promotion of all things that tend to the steady development of our Association. New blood is what we want in our ranks and in our poultry yards, so that the objects and the existence of our institution may be brought more prominently than ever before the public. During the year we had in the month of March one of our most successful shows in point of quantity of birds, quality of the stock, and in the attendance of visitors as well as from a financial standpoint. The entries numbered 142, as follows: Asiatics, 23; Spanish, 17; Cage Birds, 17; Miscellaneous, 13; Ducks, 12; Pigeons, 12; Games, 8; Hamburgs, 10; French, 6; Polish, 6; Bantams, 6; Geese, 4; Turkeys, 3; Dorkings, 2; Taxidermy, 2; Aviaries, 1. The largest number of entries in one variety was eight, in Brown Leghorns. The greatest number of prizes, special and regular in one variety occurred in the Plymouth Rock class. The place where the Exhibition was held was not as large or convenient as the committee could have desired, but the general impression now is that all things considered it was the best place available at the time and more in accordance with the financial condition of the Association than if a more expensive situation had been procured. In regular and special prizes \$133 were paid, while the visitors at the show numbered in the vicinity of 500. During the