

judge, which was never acknowledged by the not very courteous committee. Now the reason I write the few lines is that an abler pen than mine may suggest some means whereby some of these causes of complaints may be remedied, and our poultry exhibitions may be a source of pleasure and information, both to exhibitors and visitors.

Yours;

A. LERACK.

Toronto, March 4th, 1884.

London Poultry and Pet Stock Association.

Editor Review.

A largely attended meeting of poultry fanciers of the city and suburbs was held here on the evening of the 21th ult. A great interest was manifested in the proceedings. A lengthy discussion took place on the subject of scoring fowls at our exhibitions, but the matter was not received with much favor by those present, although some few advocates of the system thought it was a grand idea, as by this means they would know just where their birds are at fault; but this idea was soon dispelled when Messrs. Wm. McNeil and Allan Bogue informed them that only birds taking prizes were scored, and that, too, after they were judged.

The ostensible purpose for which the meeting was called was to form a local association, which was done, the following being the officers and directors:—President, Mr. Allan Bogue; Vice-President, Mr. Wm. Moore; 2nd Vice-President, Mr. R. P. Wright; Secretary, Mr. W. R. Garner; Treasurer, Dr. Macarthur; Directors, Wm. McNeil, Rich'd Oke, Dr. Macarthur, W. R. Garner, R. McGurdy, George Bedgood, Samuel Scott, S. Sage and James F. Williams. Votes of thanks were passed to the officers, which were ably responded to.

The society is to be known as the "London Poultry and Pet Stock Association," and if the ability and experience of the officers are to be taken as a criterion, the society will prove of much benefit, not only to the amateur, but to the advance fancier. The society can congratulate itself on having connected with it men of such sterling worth and business integrity as Messrs. Allan Bogue, Wm. McNeil, Wm. Moore, R. P. Wright and Dr. Macarthur, who alone are a sufficient guarantee of the success of the undertaking. A report of our meetings will be furnished you from time to time, together with anything of importance occurring in our neighborhood in the poultry interest.

Yours truly,

W. R. GARNER, Sec'y

Montreal Poultry, Pigeon and Pet Stock Association.

The sixth annual meeting of the Montreal Poultry, Pigeon and Pet Stock Association was held in the Hope Coffee House. There was a large number of members present. Dr. Nichol, president of the association, occupied the chair, and in opening the proceedings congratulated the society upon its flourishing condition. The secretary, Mr. J. H. Cayford, then read the annual report, which showed receipts to be \$235 55 and the expenditure \$234.87, leaving a balance of 68 cents in the society's favor. On motion the report was adopted.

Dr. Andres, Messrs. W. Lavers, Thos. Costen and J. H. Cayford were appointed a committee to interview the executive of the Montreal Perma-

nent exhibition, with a view of obtaining a representative on the exhibition board. The election of officers resulted as follows: Honorary President, Mr. George W. Stephens, M. P. P.; Honorary Vice-Presidents, Messrs. D. Crawford, J. W. T. Mpest and A. Joyce; President, Mr. W. Lavers; First Vice-President, Mr. Thomas Costen; Second Vice-President, Mr. J. C. Nichol; Third Vice-President, Mr. Thomas Hall; Executive Committee, Messrs. Jas. Ainslie, R. C. Wills, G. E. Philpott, H. Beckham, Sergeant Willson, W. Winfield, W. Scott, R. Almour, T. Bastian, R. Lavers, Dr. Andres, J. Riddell and A. P. Lynch. Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. J. H. Cayford.

After votes of thanks to the officers and judges at the late show, a most substantial supper was served in Mr. Stevens' best style, and full justice was done by the members to this part of the proceedings. During the course of the evening Mr. T. Costen, in a most highly eulogistic speech, presented Mr. J. H. Cayford with a handsome solid silver ice pitcher, in recognition of his services as secretary of the Association. Mr. Cayford suitably replied. Songs, recitations and speeches were given and a pleasant time was enjoyed by all.

We had the pleasure of seeing at the station last Wednesday, a magnificent pen of Plymouth Rock fowl, shipped by Mr. W. F. James to Mrs. Ainsworth, England. The shipping coop, which is an invention of Mr. James, was very ingeniously contrived, containing patent feed bag and water fountain, calculated to keep up a constant supply throughout the voyage. From all appearances the fowls had engaged first-class cabin passage over, so comfortably were they provided for. We understand the pen contained three hens with a score record of 93 out of a possible 100 points, also a splendid cockerel, last June chicken, weighing 10 lbs., and bred from Mr. James' celebrated cock "Pilgrim," with a score record of 92½. The total weight of the four birds was 34 lbs., score 371 out of a possible 400. We are assured this is one of the finest pens of Plymouth Rocks ever sent across the water. The value, \$50.—*Sherbrooke Examiner.*

Canadian fanciers who have shown at American exhibitions this year have been very successful. Mr. Ball, of Richmond, P. Q., won 2nd on breeding pen of Black-breasted Red Games at Madison Square, New York City, (the cock died from apoplexy, just after being judged; had he been in health it was the opinion of eminent judges that they would have been 1st) At same date at Worcester the same gentleman won 1st on pair and 2nd on breeding pen. Mr. James, of Sherbrooke, as will be seen by referring to his ad. on last page of cover, was also very successful, and the late Frank Shaw won on his Black Hamburgs wherever shown. This shows conclusively that Canadian fanciers can still successfully compete at any American show. The show of the New York Fanciers' Club was considered the hardest show of the season to win at. It must be remembered that while these good birds were at the American campaign Mr. Ball was showing in Montreal and Sherbrooke. It would make a wonderful improvement in our shows in many cases if the birds could be shown in a circuit, and we would again strongly recommend societies to arrange dates so that they will not clash with each other.