

Mr. Barber was a strong opponent of the score-card. He characterized the system as a Yankee notion, which was impracticable in any well regulated show. The old method was the common sense one and he was heartily in favor of a return to it.

Mr. John Miles was also an anti-scorer. His principal objection was on account of the delay to exhibitors which the scoring of the birds occasioned. The exhibitors would be kept at the show for a whole week and not until the last day would they become aware of what success they had attained in the competition. They were thus deprived of all chance to sell a bird. It was because of the length of time it occupied that he considered the score-card should be abolished.

It was then moved in amendment by Mr. Rogné, seconded by Mr. Main, That the resolution on the books of the society adopting the score-card system of judging be rescinded.

Mr. Butterfield spoke in favor of the amendment. He said it was impossible to score the birds in a shorter space of time than had been occupied at this show and score them properly. It would take a man two days to score the Brahmas alone, while the Game would occupy a much longer period. He did not object to the principles of the scoring system but its impracticability.

Mr. D. Allan talked in a similar strain.

Mr. Fullerton made a brief speech in which he explained away the objections of Mr. Butterfield. There was plenty of evidence that the scoring could be done expeditiously but it required experts to do it. In Montreal they had adopted it and notably found that it was satisfactory to the competitors as a fair way of deciding the merits of their birds, but the judging was done in as short a time nearly as under the old method. The scoring system was the only true one. It must come some time and the sooner the better.

Mr. Cayford, secretary of the Montreal society, made an able speech in favor of Mr. Fullerton's motion. He said that in Montreal no prizes were given the successful competitors. The exhibitors showed their birds only for the love and honor of the thing, and thus they were very deeply interested in having fair play. The only satisfactory way for the judge to do was to place on record his opinion of the bird so that exhibitors and visitors would have a chance of seeing in what points one bird was considered to excel another. The scoring at their show was done expeditiously and systematically.

The President then ventured a few words. He went on to say that a judge in viewing an animal took all the points in at glance if he was an expert. There was no measurement resorted to in poultry judging here, and thus it was only by the eye that a decision was aimed at. The score-card did not therefore make the judging any better.

Mr. Fullerton spoke at some length in reply to the chairman regarding the expert's knowledge of the different parts. As an illustration, he said the skillful artist in making a drawing of a bird or animal did not trust to his eye entirely, but measured the parts. Thus in scoring each part is given a certain value; the judge is compelled to a great extent to set aside his prejudices, and greater uniformity in judging is attained.

Mr. Butterfield quoted a paragraph from an essay

by Louis Wright on scoring to show that that gentleman did not consider it a feasible method.

Mr. Main said there were better poultry shows in England than here, but they had no score-cards there.

Mr. Buck, of Brantford, was strongly opposed to the score-card. He said at their last exhibition they got Mr. Felch to come there to score the birds. That expert, however, refused to do it in the time allotted for the purpose.

Mr. Jarvis, a judge at the show, was loudly called for. He thought the scoring took too much time.

The president then put the amendment, which was carried by a vote of 29 to 9.

The meeting closed.

Listowel Poultry and Pet Stock Ass'n.

The above Association wish to tender their thanks to the London, Seaforth and other outside exhibitors for their large exhibits at their first show; also, to the judge, for the expeditious manner in which he performed his duties. His decisions gave general satisfaction, and, with one exception, all the exhibitors expressed themselves as being highly pleased with the scoring system. After making up the books, it is found that the show was a success financially, as well as otherwise. The Association wish to thank the REVIEW for the many favors extended the Association in the past, and hope that it may go on and prosper.

SECRETARY.

Listowel, Feb. 9th, 1885.

London Poultry and Pet-stock Association.

The last meeting of this association, which was held on Jan. 27th, completed the first year of this Society's existence. The members have every reason to feel proud of the progress which the association has made, and of what it has accomplished during its first year. The society started with a membership of about fifteen, but now it can boast of possessing thirty good live energetic poultry fanciers, and as such they will prove themselves when the time arrives for transferring the Ontario Poultry Show from Guelph to London. Among the benefits accruing from this society's existence was the increase in prizes offered for poultry by the Western Fair, and the addition of several varieties to the already large list, which places this prize-list second in Canada. This society sent specials to Guelph to the extent of about fifty dollars, in medals, cash and poultry, and was the only society that received a vote of thanks from the directors of the Ontario Poultry Society at their last annual meeting, which speaks volumes for a society as yet in its infancy. We hope by steady application to duty to still further increase its usefulness, until the poultry fraternity at large will look upon London as of no small importance in the poultry world, and where thoroughbred poultry of every recognized breed can be procured.

One new member was added to our list at last meeting.

The Secretary was instructed to write to the delegates of the Canadian Poultry Society, Messrs Dilworth and Doel, requesting them to use their influence in having placed on the Industrial prize-