

are, Messrs. Miles, Daniels and Donovan on fowls, and Messrs. Doty and MacKenzie on pigeons. The prize-list of the Industrial Exhibition was taken up, and the delegates from this Association were instructed to endeavour to obtain several changes therein, at the meeting of the committee to be held shortly. The meeting adjourned at 10.45 p.m.

JOHN GRAY, Sec'y.

MONTREAL POULTRY, PIGEON AND PET STOCK ASSOCIATION.

THE annual meeting of the above Society was held on Tuesday, the 1st of March, 1892, in the Fraser Institute, J. A. Lowden, Esq., the President, in the chair.

There was a larger attendance of members and far greater interest manifested, than for several years previous. For the ten members of the Executive Committee no less than 23 members were nominated.

The annual report of the Secretary was as follows:

Montreal, March 1st, '92.

GENTLEMEN,—

I have much pleasure in submitting this, the 14th annual report of the Society, twelve of which have been prepared by the present Secretary.

While we cannot congratulate ourselves like our sister society in Ontario on being probably the oldest society in America, we may safely affirm that there is not a society in existence except our own that continues to hold a show year after year at which there are no regular premiums offered, and the only inducement being love of the fancy, with the addition of special prizes kindly donated by exhibitors and friends, and when we offered with much fear and trembling at our late show, an incubator as a special prize, it is a pleasure to record

that the entry money exceeded the cost of the prize offered. Taking these things into consideration, it is with honest pride that we look back at such a record and hope that the time will soon come when the Government of this Province will recognize the worth of such a Society and, by an annual grant, enable us to do a work that will be wide reaching in its extent, and even more valuable in its results to this Province, by the improvement in quality and the increase in value of the poultry interests of the Province.

Our year commenced well with the open meetings suggested in our last report and adopted at the annual meeting. At the first meeting Mr. Costen described the history of white Cochins and illustrated the scoring of them by specimens brought for that purpose, and Mr. Philpott read an excellent paper on canaries and how to rear them. At the second meeting Dr. T. Wesley Mills described and scored golden pencilled and silver spangled Hamburgs.

We would suggest that a committee be appointed to-night to arrange the open meetings for the coming year and that a programme covering three or six months at a time should be prepared and printed for distribution among our members and friends.

Our annual show was held in January and it is gratifying to announce that it was was the largest and best held for some years. The judges were for poultry, L.G. Jarvis, of Port Stanley Ont., and for pigeons and pets, I. B. Johnson, of Toronto, the poultry judge as last year staying with us till the close of the show. The very cordial and hearty thanks of the Society are due to the gentlemen who so kindly donated the money and valuable special prizes amounting to 100. In connection with this allow me to make two suggestions: 1st. That every member

consider himself on the special prize committee and that the work of collecting be commenced as soon as the annual show is decided upon, which should be done at the first meeting after the summer holidays, and, 2nd, that in all cases possible the gift be obtained without any conditions so that the committee could distribute specials over the entire prize-list. We know this cannot be done in every case, but in all cases where practicable we trust it will be done.

The number of exhibitors was larger than for years past and we trust that those who live in the city will become active members of the Society. The outlook is very hopeful, and with the determination on the part of every member to do all he can, even greater success will attend our efforts, and the Society will become even a more powerful factor for good in this Province.

Several of your executive with Mr. Thomas Hall as chairman, were appointed the Poultry and Pigeon Committee of the fall show of the Montreal Exposition Co., and we have much pleasure in knowing that through their efforts this department was one of the successes at the exhibition, the building being crowded at all times and the exhibit a very large one and of greater variety than ever seen at a fall show in this Province.

It would be ungrateful on my part if I was to refrain from mentioning the very kind and unexpected token of esteem presented to your Secretary at the late show and I can only reiterate the thanks expressed then and report that I shall be only too happy to do all I can for the Society.

And now, in conclusion, kindly let me say in this capacity, farewell; for 12 years I have filled this office and the time for retirement has arrived.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. CAYFORD,

Secretary.