

another. Information on the latter is wanted by the public.

Comparing the work of this association with what is done by the others before mentioned, the poultry association make a poor show.

The work of the various associations is fully exemplified in the Report of the Agricultural Commission lately issued. In it the departments of the beforementioned associations are very full and complete, whereas the poultry department is very meagre, and represented, for the most part, by the opinions of almost only one person! These opinions are certainly of very great weight and value, but it does not look well for the poultry association to be dependant upon chance help for the supply of needed information to a commission appointed by the Government.

The Board of the poultry association should consider the matter, and by holding meetings for the discussion of the merits of the various breeds and other kindred subjects, collecting all available information on the poultry and egg production and trade in the province of Ontario, offering prizes for essays on different subjects upon which information is needed, offering prizes for dressed poultry of the different breeds and crosses, at the society's annual exhibition, as suggested by Mr. Doel to the Agricultural Commission, &c., the information so annually gained would prove of very great value to the association and to the public generally.

The amount of work here suggested would enable the *honorary* directors to give a good account of themselves, along with what you laid out for them in your May article. Let us hope they will do something anyway.

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### Duty.

Editor Review,

DEAR SIR,—I find numerous articles in the different issues of REVIEW on the duty at present levied on importations of fancy poultry, and wish to add my say.

Now as the leaders of the government claim that the present tariff is not so much to raise a revenue as to foster Canadian products, if these products can be best aided by introducing fresh blood, I have not the slightest doubt but that on the fact being carefully laid before the proper parties, the duty would be removed.

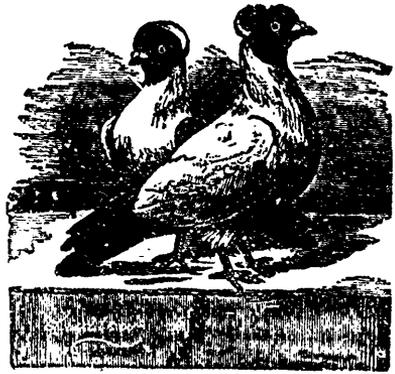
I would suggest that the secretary of the Poultry Association of Ontario draft a petition, submit it to the directors at the next meeting, and through their instrumentality have it circulated for signature.

Politics must not interfere with the poultry yard, and no good can be done in this matter by bringing them into it. Hoping that some steps may be taken to secure free trade in fancy poultry,

I remain yours truly,

Glencoe, May 25th, 1881.

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## PIGEON DEPARTMENT.

### Homing Antwerp Stations.

The following gentlemen have kindly offered to receive, properly care for, and liberate as instructed, any Antwerps intrusted to their care :

Dublin, Ont., G. T. R.—V. A. Cooper.

Glencoe, Ont.—J. W. Bartlett.

Guelph, Ont.—John Campbell, Box 700.

Goderich, Ont.—C. J. Thomas.

Mt. Brydges, Ont.—Thos. Pearce.

Mt Forest, Ont.—Capt. W. W. Winfield.

St. John, N. B.—S. A. Wetmore.

Salem, Mass. 136 Boston St.—Daniel T. Hagerty.

Strathroy, Ont.—Jas. Fullerton.

We will be glad to add to this list the names of all gentlemen living on our railway routes who and would attend to the duties set forth above.

### The Nun.

The nun is a compact, trimly built pigeon of upright carriage, with a tumbler's head, beak and pearl eye, which in the black variety is surrounded with a narrow blackish cere. The shell, which has been miscalled a hood, should be very extensive and resemble a cockle shell filled with plaster-of-Paris, stuck, as it were, on the back of the bird's head. It should on no account take a cupped form, but viewed in profile, be perpendicular and so extensive that when seen from before it should describe three-quarters of a circle. The more even its edge so as to form an unbroken line, the better, and although very few have it so large, it should come down below the level of the eyes, and of course the more it stands out from the head the better, when it resembles the glory around the head of a mediæval saint.

The nun is found of several colors, such as black, blue, dun, red and yellow headed. From the contrast the black is the favorite color, and