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What a Change ?

IT is only a few years since that in this northern district we had actually no accommodation for exhibits of poultry. Only three years since Stayner fall fair had the coops for fowl outside in the open with no protection from the weather for birds or visitors, but the exhibit of poultry was so large that the management with great liberality decided to build a good poultry house. This was carried out with the result that in the pretty thriving village of Stayner is to be found one of the best and most complete poultry houses in the north. Large, light, airy, with fine large coops, wire netting fronts allowing the birds to be seen to advantage. Their poultry prize-list is very complete and their cash prizes liberal. The date for this year is not yet decided but we shall soon have it to present to our readers, who will find it a wonderful list for a village to produce. If any decide to visit or exhibit we are quite sure they will want to go again next year. The poultry building was overcrowded the first year it was erected.

At Collingwood about five years since on account of the great increase in the poultry exhibit, the managers of the great Northern Exhibition generously provided a new poultry house to meet the increasing demand of exhibi-

tors. This was thought at the time to be of such dimensions as would more than serve for the exhibit long into the future. But so far from that being the case, the coops have been quite full every year and last year overflowing, so great has the interest extended since the people had a building where a fine lot of fowl could be seen and a knowledge of them so easily obtained. The poultry house has been jammed by visitors at every show. If this was so when the coops displayed the birds so poorly, on account of the close lath fronts what a pleasure it will be to the visitors this year to see the birds at a glance without peering close to the coops to get a glimpse of them. For as I wrote previously the coops are all fitted now with neat wire fronts, and the display will in consequence be far more attractive. And now turning our attention backwards we come to the beautiful town of Barrie. Hitherto the exhibit has been in miserable quarters and the visitors obliged to do their sight seeing without any shelter, so that if the weather was unfavorable it deprived many of them of even a sight of the poultry exhibit. This year all is altered and Barrie is to have a fine large building for the fowls and the visitors will be able to see them in comfort and at their leisure. We may certainly expect that quite a few more villages and towns will follow in the footsteps of the above named and the awakened interest will extend even more quickly in the near future, because the work accomplished will make a great stir, showing as it does, the different varieties in a very much more attractive form than they have been,