

John McClelland, of Port Hope; W. H. Doel and I. B. Johnston, of Toronto; J. W. Bussell, of Hornby; A. C. Munro, of Caledonia; W. M. Smith, Fairfield Plains; Jas. Fullerton, Strathroy.

The Secretary read minutes of last annual meeting, and meeting of Executive Committee. Confirmed.

The President stated that it had, of late, been customary for the occupant of that office, to deliver an address at the annual meeting; but hoped that he would be excused on this occasion, as his time had been so fully occupied with other duties, that he could not prepare it. He informed the meeting that several important matters would be brought up for their consideration. The first would be, whether the show should become permanently established in one place, or moved from place to place annually. He personally favored its permanent location in some central place, and advanced several arguments in favor of this course. Some dissatisfaction having been expressed by exhibitors at not being permitted to coop their own birds, he recommended that in future the privilege be granted them. As the government grant would not be received for some time, the meeting would have to decide whether the officers should endeavor to raise money to pay off the premiums at once, or await the receipt of grant. If the latter course was adopted, he assured exhibitors that no time would be lost in remitting to them.

The Secretary read the Poultry Association Incorporation Bill, and informed the meeting that he had been requested by Mr. Wood to submit the names of 9 gentlemen from different parts of the Province, to act as the first Board of Directors for the Association. After consulting with a number of his brother officers, he had sent in the following, and hoped they would meet the approval of the meeting:—Messrs. Gowdy and Murton, Guelph; Mr. Doel, Toronto; Mr. Buck, Brantford; Mr. Aldous, Berlin; Mr. Bogue, London; Mr. McClelland, of Peterboro; Mr. Eastwood, of Hamilton; and Mr. Fullerton, Strathroy.

Mr. Buck, of Brantford, complimented the officers on the successful manner in which they had conducted the show; and while acknowledging that Guelph could always command success, drew the attention of the meeting to the fact that at Brantford, shows had always been successful, and paid premiums in full. He, therefore, claimed that Brantford has strong claims to be selected as the seat of the next show; and said if the motion he was about to make prevailed, he would guarantee that neither the interests nor honor of the society should suffer.

It was moved by Mr. Buck, seconded by Mr. Simpson, of Falkland, That the show of this society for 1880, be held in the city of Brantford.

Mr. John McClelland, of Peterboro, said that as this was now the Provincial Society, it should be the aim to make such arrangements as would enable all sections to participate in its benefits. A great interest was taken in breeding thoroughbred poultry in the Eastern townships, and he thought it but just that they be taken into consideration when the show was being located. Were Toronto selected as the place to hold the next show, a great many eastern men would send fowls, who would not send further west than that city. He moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. Hope, That the show be held in Toronto next year.

Mr. Doel, of Toronto, did not approve of locating the show permanently. If this course was adopted, in his opinion, it would sink into a merely local society; and he did not believe the Government would countenance such a course. By devising some means to take the coops apart and pack closely, or having them so made that they could be put one inside the other, the cost of moving could be reduced to the minimum. Selfish motives would prompt him to support the amendment, but experience had taught him that smaller places, where the benefits arising from gatherings of this sort were more felt, always contributed more freely than the larger cities; and while he fully admitted the claims of the eastern breeders, he could not vote for the show of next year being held in Toronto.

Mr. Allen, of Galt, favored the holding of the next show in Guelph. A change of place would necessarily make the expenses greater. He believed the interests of the society would be best served by holding the show two successive years in one place, if the officers were willing to undertake the trouble of it. The present officers, he thought, could best complete the new organization, and would then be in a position to hand it over to their successors in good shape.

It was moved in amendment to the amendment by Mr. Allen, seconded by Mr. Bussell, of Hornby, That the show for 1880 be held in Guelph.

The amendment to the amendment was carried by 13 to 9.

The motion as amended was carried.

Mr. Johnston, President of the Canadian Columbarian Society addressed the meeting in reference to the premiums on bantams and pigeons. He stated that this class contributed largely to the attractions of the show; and that many of the best specimens on the continent were now owned in Canada, but their owners would not risk them for the very small prizes now offered. He urged the society to largely increase the premiums on this class.

Several other gentlemen coincided with Mr. Johnston's views.

The President said the officers would give the matter their consideration at the meeting to arrange the prize list for next show.

Moved by Mr. Buck, seconded by Mr. Burr, of Brantford, That the Secretary await receipt of government grant before paying premiums. Carried.

The President called the attention of exhibitors to the trouble and extra labor given by fanciers not sending in their entries until after the time specified, and warned them that if he occupied the position of President for another year, he would not allow a single entry to be booked after the time specified in rules.

On motion, Mr. Gowdie vacated the chair, which was occupied by Mr. Allen.

Votes of thanks were severally tendered to the President and Secretary for the very efficient manner in which they had discharged their duties. Briefly responded to.

Moved by Mr. Lockie, seconded by Mr. Doel, That the thanks of the society be tendered to the daily press of Guelph, for the very correct and interesting reports of the show, thus largely contributing to its success. Carried.

Meeting adjourned.