

think some fee should be paid for their use. About ten or twelve years ago we had the Ontario in Toronto for two years in succession. We borrowed coops and the damage that was done was something terrible. In fact they were almost destroyed. It cost us a good deal of money to fix them. The Industrial loaned the coops to the Ontario to encourage the show being held in Toronto. They are now made permanent and that was the reason for so doing.

Mr. Fred. Field : I understand that the Legislature voted the \$500 on the distinct understanding that other Associations could have the coops by paying the charges to and from the place where they were stored. I could give you the names of a number of members of the Legislature who voted for the grant upon this understanding.

Mr. C. F. Wagner : The coops Mr. Dilworth refers to were all wooden coops and could not be folded up like these.

Mr. G. G. McCormick : I think before we go any further we should find out what the Government desire in the matter. I think you will find they want the Association to look after them. There are over three tons of wire in them and it would be an expensive matter for local Associations to handle these coops.

The discussion at this point became somewhat general. We have a full shorthand report of what took place, but think the above will show what was said pro and con in reference to the lending of the coops. Suffice it to say that it was urged very strongly upon the Association by Dr. Mallory that the coops could not be worn out in a better or more desirable manner than lending them to weaker Associations in all parts of the Province, thus enabling them to hold shows and educate the people in their immediate localities. The Doctor urged that this would be pleasing to the Government, and if the coops were worn out in such a cause this Association would have solid ground upon which, in the course of five or six years, to ask the Government for new coops.

Those taking part in the discussion were Messrs. Bennett, Field, Allen, Brown, Dilworth, Saunders, McCormick, Mallory, Lawrie, Graham and Burn.

Dr. Mallory moved, seconded by Mr. A. Brown, that the coops of this Association be placed in charge of the Secretary of the Association and that the coops be loaned to local poultry associations of the Province on condition that the Association borrowing them give proper security for all expenses of carriage, damage and returning of the same to the place of storage.

Moved in amendment by Mr. J. H. Saunders, seconded by Mr. McCormick, that the matter of the loaning and tak-

ing care of the coops be left within the discretion of the Board of Directors.

After some further discussion a vote was taken which resulted in the amendment being carried by a majority of one vote.

Moved by Dr. Mallory, seconded by Mr. Thos. A. Duff, that the next annual meeting of the Association be held during the second full week in January, 1897. Carried.

Moved by Mr. McCormick, seconded by Mr. Thomas A. Duff, that the hearty thanks of this Association be tendered to the retiring officers, and also to the town of Port Hope, for the use of City Hall. Carried.

As some remarks had been dropped by one of the members relative to adjournment, Mr. Thomas A. Duff said, "It seems to me, gentlemen, altogether too premature to speak of adjournment at the present time. I would like to know what was the object of this meeting to-day. Was it to quarrel and jangle or was it to endeavor to give back to the Government, by giving to the country at large, some information, some value for the \$900 grant which is given to us annually. It is well known to every member of this Association that the Government of this Province is continually urging upon us the desirability of aiding the farmer by imparting to him instruction and information relative to the management of this most important industry. I am quite prepared to state, Mr. President, that there is no branch of agriculture at the present day out of which so much money can be made, considering the capital required, as out of poultry, and we come here to-day for the purpose of giving such information. Where would you get a more representative body of poultrymen or a gathering better able than this to give instruction relative to such matters? It was passed at the last meeting of the Board of Directors that each member of that Board should prepare an essay upon some subject relative to the industry and read it at the annual meeting. I have not the slightest doubt that each Director present has done this and is prepared to deliver an address or read an essay. This is what the Government wants and is the very least we could do considering that we have never been curtailed in the matter of money. I for one, as the first member of this Association who ever prepared and read an essay before the annual meeting, state most emphatically that it is not justice to the Government. I have an essay here, gentlemen, which I have gone to considerable care and trouble in preparing, and I know that another Director, Mr. Rice, has one. I am also satisfied that there are others. I have not the slightest doubt but that there are gentlemen here in this