

At the Detroit Show, under the superintendency of Mr. Sharp Butterfield, the arrangements were most complete, the coops were all arranged on trestles which brought the fowls on about a level with the eye, a passage-way about six feet wide between each row of coops running the entire length of the building, the coops being wired on both sides and top, showing the fowls off to good advantage. Members of this Association exhibited about 250 birds and were successful in winning over 200 premiums.

The members of the New Hamburg show were all spoken of as hustlers and know how to run a poultry show in good form, it was predicted that the Ontario in their hands for 1894 will be a hummer.

The next question of importance taken up was the scoring system as carried out at our winter shows. It was argued very forcibly that the score card should be dispensed with and judging by comparison be adopted.

At the late Ontario Show, as every one knows who attended, the awards on several varieties were not placed on the coops at all as the scoring was not completed until a short time previous to the hour of closing on Friday.

These being the facts is it not a great injustice to breeders who exhibit, also amateurs who attend for the purpose of purchasing, and who do not always have a week to wait around to see the awards placed. The consequence is the breeder loses the sale and the amateur goes home disappointed. The judges cannot be blamed for this state of affairs, for without exception they worked like millers all week. Another important factor is that quite an item would be saved to the Association in the matter of printing score cards, etc.

It was finally moved by Mr. J. A. Saunders, that the members of this Association on the Board of Directors for the Ontario Show which meets in Toronto in Sept. next be instructed to advocate comparison judging at the Ontario for 1894, seconded by Mr. R. W. Evans. Carried.

There being no other business the meeting was declared adjourned.

The members were taken in hand at this stage of the proceedings by Mr. and Mrs. McCormick and invited to the dining room where an elegant spread was in waiting. The score card discussion seemed to have whittled the boys appetites to a nicety judging by the manner in which they made the edibles disappear. I might state that one of our members, I will mention no names, then I will be satisfied no one will know to whom I refer, as I would not like the New Hamburg boys to "catch on," or it might put them to thinking how Dutch sausage disappeared on a certain occasion. However the gentleman that I refer to, at the

banquet previous to this one, was not himself as the saying is, but on this occasion all were pleased to see him again in his usual form. He was overheard to remark that the carver must have understood him pretty well as he helped him to quite a few bones to foil him in his attempt to smash all previous records, but he got there just the same. Ample justice having been done the good things provided an adjournment was made to the drawing room where a pleasant hour was whiled away in song and sentiment.

A hearty vote of thanks was tendered Mr. and Mrs. McCormick for the very elegant manner in which the members had been entertained. Mr. McCormick replied in a few well chosen remarks which brought the meeting to a close.

R. OKE, Sec'y.

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HAMILTON ASSOCIATION.

HAMILTON Poultry, Pigeon and Pet Stock Association held a meeting on the 10th inst., in the Gore Coffee Tavern. The President and Secretary tendered their resignations rendering it necessary to elect officers.

The following officers were elected:—Honorary Presidents, Messrs. Geo. Roach and John Eastwood; President, John Cole; 1st Vice President, G. J. Dunn; 2nd Vice President, T. D. Murphy; Secretary, M. Richardson; Treasurer, J. C. Richter; Executive Committee, T. J. Senior, Chairman, Richard Avis and Thos. Church. Auditors, W. Wyndham and T. D. Murphy.

It was decided to hold meetings on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month, and show a few varieties of birds at each meeting, allowing non-members to compete, 5c. to be charged for all entries. Plymouth Rocks, brown Leghorns, partridge Cochins, Indian, exhibition and pit Games, also Barb and Fantail Pigeons to be judged at next meeting, 17th inst.

A vote of thanks was tendered the retiring officers.

Mr. Hamilton, ex-President, is leaving the city, but retains his connection with the Society.

M. RICHARDSON, Sec'y.

OUR ENGLISH PORTRAIT.

Give this month an excellent illustration of a pair of white Frizzled Bantams which have been most successful at various shows. We are indebted to the *Feathered World* for the engraving.