

tario where they have coops of their own. (A voice: Ottawa.) Mr. Wagner: Well, that is the only place. (Another voice: New Hamburg, Guelph, Toronto, Hamilton).

Mr. Dilworth: In regard to borrowing coops, I 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. It cost us a good deal of money to mend them. The Industrial lent 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. 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. Wagner: The coops Mr. Dilworth refers to were all wooden coops, and could not be folded up like these.

Mr. McCormick: I think before we go any further we should find out what the government desire in the matter. I think you will find that 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.

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 by 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. 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. He moved, seconded by Mr. Browne, "That the coops of this association be placed in charge of the secretary of the association, and that the coops be lent 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."

It was moved in amendment by Mr. J. H. Saunders, seconded by Mr. McCormick, that the matter of the lending and taking care of the coops be left to the discretion of the Board of Directors. The amendment was carried by a majority of one.

It was moved by Dr. Mallory, seconded by Mr. Duff, that the next annual meeting of the association be held during the second full week in January, 1897. Carried. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered to the retiring officers, and also to the town of Port Hope for the use of the city hall.

As some remarks had been dropped by one of

the members relative to adjournment, Mr. Duff said: It seems to me 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 wrangle, 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 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 information. Where would you find a more representative body of poultrymen, or a gathering better able than this to give instruction relative to such matters? It was resolved 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 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 other gentlemen here in this meeting who came for the purpose of having imparted to them information of this character, and listening to the discussions which would take place in regard to them; but they are to be doomed to disappointment. It is not fair or just, and I, for one, will never prepare another essay or address unless I am assured that it will be listened to and discussed.

It was eventually resolved that hereafter the Wednesday afternoon during the week of the annual exhibition be set apart for the reading of essays and the discussion thereof. Mr. T. Duff suggested that this association advertise these meetings in the same manner as other provincial associations and Farmers' Institute meetings are advertised, thus giving the farming community residing in the particular section where the meeting is to be held a chance to be present.

It was moved by Dr. Mallory, seconded by Mr. Gale, that the essays prepared for presentation at this meeting be taken as read, and that the same be published in the report. Carried.

At a meeting of the newly-elected Board of Directors, held after the annual meeting, the Cobourg Poultry Association again applied for the use of the coops. This, however, was refused, but the tins for holding the score cards were placed at their disposal. On motion, the secretary's salary was increased to \$150 a year.