

Our London Letter.

The last regular meeting of the London Poultry and Pet Stock Association was the most enthusiastic and best attended of any yet held. This association is steadily advancing, no less than four new members being added to the list at this meeting.

After the minutes were read, it was

Moved by Mr. Saunders, seconded by Mr. Scott, That a vote of thanks be rendered to Mr. Norton, superintendent of the poultry department of Western Fair, and also the judges, Messrs. Jarvis and Butterfield, for the very efficient manner in which they performed their respective duties at the late Western Fair. Carried.

Dr. McArthur moved, seconded by Mr. Saunders, That Mr. L. G. Jarvis be asked to become a candidate to represent this association on the Western Fair Board for the year 1885. Carried.

Messrs. McNeil, Williams, and Moore were appointed a committee to confer with the Western Fair Board in regard to the Leghorn hen lost by Mr. Mills at the late Western Fair.

Mr. Sharp Butterfield was made an honorary member of the association.

At the next meeting Mr. James F. Williams, one of our worthy members, and a veteran breeder of Iolands, is to read an essay on the "Best method of feeding and rearing exhibition poultry." This paper will be looked for with much interest by the amateur portion of our society, as it is expected to bring forth many valuable points so necessary for the beginner to know. This essay will be forwarded you for publication.

Our poultrymen are making great preparations for the approaching winter shows, and so far members report their birds in prime condition. The London "hen-men" will no doubt carry off, as usual, the lion's share of the prizes.

Large poultry sales are reported in the city, and at a good figure. Messrs. Bogue, McArthur, and McNeil are shipping large numbers to our American friends, and numerous transfers among local breeders are spoken of.

Mr. Editor, there is a little matter I would like to speak of before closing this disjointed letter. While the last poultry meeting was in progress a post-card was handed to the vice-President (in the absence of the President—who by the way, is not a very regular attendant—) which he proceeded to read to the meeting. The card was received by the secretary, and from a person claiming to be a "well-wisher," (which we very much doubt) of the poultry society. The contents of the card were intended for the secretary, and bore evidence of malice and deceit. This "well-wisher" is known to the writer, and it is quite evident from his whin-

ings that his feelings are hurt because of his non-appointment to office. If the individual alluded to would attend the meetings a little oftener, and stop back-biting his neighbors, he might be made a man of—which name, we are sorry to say, he has now no claim to, or he would have signed his name to his anonymous epistle. If he has anything against the secretary, and has a drop of gentlemanly blood running in his veins, why does he not come to the meeting (the proper place) and ventilate his supposed wrongs, and give the victim a chance to retaliate? We are sorry to have to revert to such petty meannesses, but, Mr. Editor, you know there are malcontents in every society, and this *man*, who is ashamed of his name, is one of this class. This is the first occurrence of the kind we have had to mar the harmony of our meetings, and let us hope it will be the last. Thanking you for your space, I remain

Yours truly,

W. R. GARNER,

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London, Nov. 10th, 1884.

Listowel Poultry & Pet Stock Association.

At a meeting of Poultry fanciers held in Listowel on the 17th ult., it was resolved to make an effort to form an association in Listowel, with the object of holding a winter show of poultry and pet stock. Provisional officers were appointed, and committees for canvassing for membership and donations, also soliciting subscriptions and donations from outsiders, named. Meeting then adjourned till the 1st inst. At the adjourned meeting so favorable were the reports of the committees it was decided to complete the organization of the association, and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—R. Ferguson, President; H. Goddard, vice-President; R. Elliott, Secretary; A. J. Collins, Treasurer; A. St. Geo. Hawkins, J. Connolly, H. E. Karm, W. L. Kells, P. Love, Thomas Mole, John Deans, F. W. Hay, Geo. Love, H. Willoughby, P. Knapp, J. Rolls, with the officers, Executive Committee.

The date of the winter exhibition was not fixed, but no doubt it will be held either the first or second week of February next. The competition open to the Dominion. From the amount already contributed by the townspeople and donations offered by fanciers outside, the success of the show is assured.

Just here, for the Association, I would like to render thanks to breeders of fancy poultry for their prompt and liberal response to the circular issued by the Association. The donations were more liberal than our most sanguine expectations led us to expect.

SECRETARY.