

A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.

THE FARMERS AND BREEDERS OF NORTH LANARK FORM
A POULTRY ASSOCIATION.

(Communicated.)

POULTRY development is to be desired, particularly so in the farming districts. It is gratifying then to record the formation of a Poultry and Pet Stock Association by the farmers and breeders of the County of North Lanark, embracing the town of Almonte well known for the number of its fanciers and breeders, and quality of the stock held by them. There is no locality in Canada where, in the past three or four years, the proper management of poultry has received more general attention from the farmers, than in North Lanark, and as a result eggs in winter are sent to the Ottawa and Montreal markets in no small numbers. What is now wanted is the production of a better class of poultry, for consumption in our cities, or for export to England. It is to be hoped the newly formed association will help on this desirable result.

The meeting was held in the Mississippi Hotel, Carleton Place, on Saturday afternoon, 14th inst. There was a fair attendance for the initial meeting. Several poultrymen from Almonte were present. Mr. Joseph Yuill of Ramsay Township was voted into the chair. Mr. S. J. Allen of the Carleton Place *Herald* acted as Secretary.

After the nature of the meeting was explained by the chairman, it was moved, seconded and carried, "That the new association be named the North Lanark Poultry and Pet Stock Association and that steps be taken to form the association. The following officers were then elected:— President, Alex. McLean of Ramsay, and well known as the President of the North Lanark Farmers' Institute; Vice-President, Will F. Low, of Almonte, the breeder of buff Leghorns so frequently heard from in the show pens; Secretary-Treasurer, S. J. Allen, Carleton Place; Lady Directors, Mrs. Joseph Yuill, Ramsay; Mrs. James Moffatt, Ramsay; Mrs. Joseph Cram, Beckwith; Miss Wylie, Almonte; Directors, George Gilbert, R. Haydon, David Daws, F. J. Blake, Almonte; J. R. Morrison, J. P. Moore, Carleton Place; D. Moir, Joseph Yuill, Andrew Arbuckle, Ramsay; R. Robertson, Boyd Caldwell, Lanark Village; Archie Rankin, Lanark Township; Henry Blair, John Forsyth, Pakenham.

It was decided on the election of the above-named officers to adjourn until Friday, 27th inst., when a meeting will be held in Almonte to complete organization.

A novel and wise step is the election of well known farmers' wives to constitute a board of lady directors. This commendable policy will no doubt result in greater interest being taken by the ladies of the county in the new association.

The officers elected are all men of experience in association and organizing work, and there is but the one opinion that in their hands the new association is sure to be a great and useful success. After business was concluded short addresses were made by the President, Mr. Yuill, Mr. Haydon and Mr. Gilbert, poultry manager, Experimental Farm, Ottawa.

Mr. McLean speaking from a farmers standpoint was firmly convinced of the need of organization to further the poultry interests among the farmers. All other departments of live stock, viz., horses, cattle, sheep and swine were represented by organized bodies of enterprising men ever on the alert to further their different interests, but poultry, so far, had scarcely any organization among the farmers. This was a very great mistake. He hoped the new association would be the means of helping on the breeding of a superior quality of table poultry. As for the eggs they had them in any quantity. In furthering the shipment of poultry and eggs to the best markets, by means of local cold storage or otherwise, the new association would find a large field of usefulness. It seemed to him that the poultry interests of the country wanted to be put into good shape and conducted in a business-like way. Organization could do much to help on such desirable results, and that was one of the reasons he had in desiring to have a poultry association. There were other good reasons but to his mind the development of a superior class of fowls and the disposal of poultry products in a quick and paying way, were sufficient to warrant the formation of a strong association.

Mr. Gilbert pointed out good results which had followed organized effort on the part of the dairymen of the Dominion; the fruit growers had strong associations and through them their interests were often consulted besides being made known. He could mention other instances, but one in connection with the poultry interests would no doubt be fresh in their minds and that was when the Minister of Agriculture met the members of the Ontario Poultry Association and dealers in poultry products in Guelph last January. The poultrymen could not have met the minister with such prestige had there been no Ontario Poultry Association. United effort was always likely to be more successful than single. He thoroughly appreciated the great opportunities the new association had and he was sure in such capable hands it