

the act of incorporation. Mr. Stratton did not think this insurmountable, the law was not like that of the Medes and Persians, and might be amended if shown to be of benefit. Mr. McNeill, Mr. Burn, Mr. Bogue, also offered thanks to the local men.

Mr. Jarvis spoke with a full heart and full eyes. He was about to sever his connection with Canada, where he had so long officiated as judge. As far as he knew he had not an enemy, he was sure he had nothing but the kindest and best feeling for all breeders and exhibitors. He hoped that it might be arranged that he might have the honor of judging the "Ontario" again.

PRESENTATION TO MR. BROWNE.

Hon. Mr. Stratton had now a pleasing duty to perform in the presentation to Mr. Browne, the retiring secretary, of a gold-headed cane and solid gold locket. He read the following address, Mrs. Shales presenting Mr. Browne with the tokens.

To Thos. A. Browne, Esq., Secretary Ontario Poultry Association, London:

Dear Sir,—The members of the Poultry Association of Ontario cannot let this opportunity go by without signifying to you their high appreciation of your services in the office which you now, to their regret, feel compelled to resign. For the past eight years you have filled the secretaryship with a zeal that is commendable and an impartiality that those who knew you best cannot fail to honor. In asking you to accept these souvenirs we do so with the hope that your valuable services may not be lost to the association, but that in another capacity we may look for your advice and assistance.

We can assure you that deep in our hearts lies a strong and lasting friendship for Tom Browne, and that the future will see no abatement of this feeling is our strong

desire. Wishing you continued success and long life, we beg to remain your sincere friends, the Poultry Association of Ontario.

Peterboro', Ont., Jan. 11, 1900.

Mr. Browne was taken by surprise, but replied in felicitous terms. He hoped to live long enough so that the staff might be of real help to him and serve as a reminder of his many friends in the association.

Mr. Gisborne was called on, but unfortunately had left to catch a train east.

Mr. Bonnick toasted the ladies bringing in an apt story or two, which brought Mrs. Shales to her feet. Others who spoke were, Mr. Gilbert, Mr. Leary, Mr. Collins, Mr. Saunders, &c. Auld lang syne brought the proceedings to a close.



THE BIRDS.

WHILE the entry of 1,339 was disappointing after that of the past four years, the quality in most cases was good, and the birds looked well in their wire pens.

The hall is the best we have seen, well lighted, and was neatly decorated with flags and bunting, in fact it looked quite gay.

Mr. Butterfield's electric judging was poorly received, and many complaints were in the air. Mr. Butterfield spent but three and a half hours on his classes, which is not fair to either himself, exhibitors or birds. The barred Plymouth Rocks assigned to Mr. Butterfield were judged by Mr. Jarvis.

Light Brahmas were good. Either of the three first cocks might have won, first fails in breast shape to those placed below him. The youngsters were really nice.

Darks, few but good.

Black Langshans were good; old birds did not make large classes. Second hen put back, so we heard, for one broken feather in wing, might have won or else been disqualified for faking. She beats first in head, comb, shape

and color. First pullet a lustrous, grand color all over. Third pullet best in shape but looking a bit stale. Second cockerel carries tail suspiciously to one side. Nice whites won in the other color class.

Buff Cochins, a grand lot. First cock nice color, low down, grand all round but for his ugly comb. Second, better head, not so low down, not so profuse in feather. Hens nice, first very cooing in shape as is second. Youngsters good, especially the pullets. First very shapely and nice color. Partridge a nice lot. Black and whites grand and in fine bit.

Mr. Miller had a field day in barred Rocks, winning all along the line with a grand team. First cockerel, nice even color, good size, might have more breast, comb not good at back. First pullet good color, shanks shaded, about the best wing we have seen. Others good. Too many lack breast, second cock good in this point.

Buff Rocks. Old birds few and not extra in quality. First cock poor color, mixed in wing and tail. We made second a winner. Hens decent. Young much better, the Toronto cockerel winning and two extra pullets in first and second. First very even in color, though perhaps just a shade light, a real good one. Second cockerel fair as was third. White Rocks about the biggest class in the show and a real good lot all through.

Golden Wyandottes a good lot, turned over quite a lot on previous awards. Silvers fair. Blacks few but good and buffs beyond the average. First cockerel nice even top color, fail tail. Whites a grand even lot. Here also many changes occurred.

Buff Leghorns few but good, Mr. Dundas having a bloodless victory all round. Whites good. First cockerel a nicely furnished bird that might be better in top color, where second beats him. First hen a model in shape and pure white. A good lot. Browns fine. First cockerel excels in color all