

therefore, should set out to investigate this subject by means of an elaborate series of experiments, he need not be surprised at the paucity of the facts obtained in its support. But he is to remember that failure, like the glasses of Rip Van Winkle, don't count, and that one fact obtained is of more value than a hundred negative results. It is in the interest of sound knowledge that such experiments should be made by men capable of guarding every avenue through which error could creep in and of sufficient ability to report accurately the facts. If such experiments were properly conducted for a series of years we would eventually know more about this at present little understood subject, and would have a valuable series of facts from which to draw conclusions of some worth. At present our theories are little more than guesses at truth, resting as they do upon insufficient and more or less unverified observations.

OWEN SOUND ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING.

A MEETING of the Owen Sound Poultry and Pet Stock Association was held at the Johnson House on Tuesday evening, Sept. 22nd for general business. The President, Mr. John Chisholm in the chair; 12 members present. After discussing several matters the dates for their winter show were fixed for the 15th, 16th, 17th and 18th Dec. 1891. We also have secured the services of the old veteran judge, Mr. I. K. Felch. The officers elected were: President, Mr. John Chisholm; 1st Vice-President, Mr. Jas. Penny; 2nd Vice-President, Mr. Harry Wright; Secretary, Mr. Jas. McLaren; Treasurer, Mr. F. W. Harrison; Board of Directors, Messrs. D. Comely, E. Trist, T. Davie, J. C.

Benner, R. McLaren, J. Ramsay, W. Fleming; Auditors, Mr. Harry Wright and Mr. E. Trist.

JAS. McLAREN,
Secretary.

PRESENTATION TO MR. DILWORTH.

ON Thursday, Sept. 17th, Mr. J. Dilworth, was invited to meet some friends in the board room of the Industrial Exhibition Association when the following address was read by Mr. T. A. Duff, and a silver service accompanying it with tray, suitably engraved, was presented by Mr. W. Barber.

TO JOSEPH DILWORTH, ESQ.
*Chairman of the Poultry Committee,
Industrial Exhibition, Toronto,
1891.*

DEAR SIR,—

The Poultry, Pigeon and Pet stock fanciers of Ontario desire to convey to you their thanks for the deep interest you have taken during the past fifteen years in poultry, pigeons and pet stock in this province and to express their appreciation of the valuable aid you have given during that time. To your assistance and co-operation is largely due the success of our various associations. You have ever been the most active and unselfish worker in our behalf, ready at all times to devote your valuable time and attention to our interests, and ever watchful and enthusiastic in the protection of those interests, and we would be ungrateful indeed, did we not appreciate the voluntary efforts you have for so long a time put forth on our behalf.

We trust you will accept the accompanying few pieces of silver as an evidence of our appreciation of the valuable services you have so self-sacrificingly and for so long a time rendered us as associations of poultry, pigeon

and pet stock fanciers throughout the Province. We wish you a long and successful life and trust that throughout you will be able, as we know you will be willing, to continue in our interest that valuable aid and co-operation you have so freely given us in the past.

Signed on behalf of the poultry, pigeon and pet stock fanciers of Ontario.

W. BARBER, ALLAN BOGUE,
C. F. WAGNER, H. B. DONOVAN.
THOS. A. DUFF.

Toronto, 17th Sept., 1891.

Mr. Dilworth replied in fitting terms, and was congratulated by Major Gen. D. R. Cameron, Kingston, and Major James Mason, Toronto, who were present and who alluded to his work in connection with the Messenger Pigeon races.

TORONTO POULTRY, PIGEON AND PET STOCK ASSOCIATION.

THE regular meeting of the above Association was held at Richmond Hall on Thursday, the 10th Sept. The President, Mr. W. Barber, in the chair. The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

Mr. Robt. Dursion was proposed by Mr. T. A. Duff and accepted. Moved by Mr. Hobden, seconded by Mr. Otter that the Secretary be instructed to write a letter of condolence to the parents of the late Walter Weisman, carried. Moved by Mr. Davies, seconded by Mr. Bache, that the Secretary draw up a petition to be signed by exhibitors at Toronto with a view to reduce the entry fees of the Ontario Poultry show, carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10 p.m., receipts \$1.00.

JOHN GRAY,
Secretary.