

Exhibition Messrs. Joseph Dilworth and Thomas A. Duff were declared elected.

Messrs. G. G. McCormick and J. H. Saunders were appointed delegates to the Western Fair.

Messrs. John Cole and the Rev. Father Geoghegan were appointed delegates to the Hamilton New Central Fair.

Mr. Allan Bogue asked whether it would not be advisable to make some provision for the storage of the coops.

Dr. A. E. Mallory : There is a matter which I wish to bring before the Association, not only as to the storage of the coops, but in regard to the conduct of this Association in the future with reference to their use. I have no doubt that the Directors of the Association have already taken that into consideration from the fact that some remarks have been made with reference to them. I think that some special provision should be made for the storage of these coops and some further consideration should be given as to the use of them. Now, it will be understood perfectly that these coops, as you have already told us, were purchased by the Province at large for the express use of this Association. I take it that this Association not only represents the poultry breeders of this Province but also the whole Province. Now, this grant which has been made by the Provincial Legislature was made to this Association simply, as the guardians, the special guardians, of the interests of the poultry breeders and poultry raisers of the Province, and not to be held absolutely for the use of the Provincial Association alone, and that if, as has already been expressed, it is desirable for this Association to bring its influence to bear upon the Government, and through the Government upon the country, in the interests of poultry raising, of poultry breeding—the breeding of a better class of poultry—and the marketing of poultry, there is no one way in which this Association can do so with so little money as they can with the proper use of these very coops. Now, it is well known that there is no local Association in the Province which owns to-day a set of coops which are in any way to be compared with those which the Province has so generously furnished to this Association. Now, for this Association to be so selfish as to store away these coops, which are Provincial property, and say that nobody else shall use them except ourselves, and that only once a year, appears to me to be very selfish and very blind so far as the interests of the Poultry Association which we are all to guard and conserve is concerned, and therefore it appears to me that the proper course to pursue is for us to aid the poultry industry as much as possible. My suggestion is, and I shall embody it in a resolution, if it meets with any-

thing like approval before this Association, that these coops be stored at the Agricultural College at Guelph, under the charge of Mr. Jarvis (that is if he will accept the charge) because that is a Provincial institution, and every provision can be made for their proper storage and proper care at that place, and that all the local Poultry Associations throughout the Province, I care not whether they are District or Local Associations, who shall give proper guarantys for the care, freight and return of these coops shall be entitled, so long as they do not conflict their dates of using them with this Association, to the use of these coops for their local shows. Now, sir, it is well known to me and to you yourself that one of the greatest hindrances which local Associations have to contend with is a lack of coops. In fact I do not know an Association which has coops that are at all presentable. Therefore, if the suggestion I am throwing out meets with your approval at all, I shall embody it in a resolution—that these coops shall be stored at the Agricultural College in Guelph under the charge of Mr. Jarvis, and that the various local Associations in the Province shall be entitled to their use at their annual exhibitions on giving proper guarantees for their care and their return to the storing place again.

Mr. Thomas A. Browne : In answer to the Doctor, the Government did not look upon it in any such light. We were asked if we would lend the coops and we thought it better not to do so. Now, the Doctor knows that if we begin to lend these coops to everybody they will soon become damaged. If we want to run a show we must have these coops properly stored for our use and not taken out ten times a year. If this were done we would lose a large number of them. I do not think it would be wise for the Association to do so without a good deal of consideration, and I think it is a matter which might be left to the Board to see just what is required. There are very few local Associations which would require the number of coops we have and very few which have not got coops of their own. The Toronto Industrial has coops, Port Hope has up to the present time, Cobourg, Guelph, New Hamburg, Ottawa and other places.

C. F. Wagner : I do not think we should keep these coops to ourselves. I do not think Mr. Browne can name any one city or town in Ontario 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. Joseph Dilworth : In regard to borrowing coops. I