

fowls' it would furnish in a year or two excellent birds for show purposes, one more suitable for table use and much better egg producers. I therefore, have decided to write asking your views on the matter, and if it is agreeable to the majority, to substitute the one for the other with the present prizes reduced to say \$3, \$2 and \$1, it would be a saving, be more attractive and prove an advance to the poultry industry. Conditions something like the following: The exhibitors to furnish with entry a statement of the thorough-bred birds used in the production of the cross-breds, date of hatching, mode of feeding and a correct record of their monthly weights. This year being the first it would be open to cockerels and pullets only. Weight and age to determine the prize-winners. I will ask the poultry papers to mention it and send circular to all former exhibitors so that they may be prepared for our next show. Awaiting an immediate reply." From later letters from Mr. Browne we learn that this plan has received the unanimous approval of those Directors who have, up to date, replied, and so these classes will appear in the next prize-list. Personally we have nothing but words of praise for such an innovation and rejoice that the Association is lending more of its influence to what may justly be called the "practical" view of poultry culture.

POULTRY

TORONTO POULTRY, PIGEON AND PET STOCK ASSOCIATION.

THE regular monthly meeting of the above Association, was held in Temperance Hall, on Thursday February 9th, the President, Mr. Charles Bonnick, in the chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Several accounts were passed and ordered to be paid.

Messrs. T. A. Willits and T. A. Chisholm were proposed for membership by Mr. T. A. Duff, and accepted.

The question of the borrowing and lending of birds was brought up and discussed at considerable length by Messrs. Dilworth, Barber, Miles, Fox, Otter, Bennett, Brown, Bonnick and others. It was finally moved by Mr. Fox, and seconded by Mr. Bloye that this Association disapproves of the prevailing practice of lending and borrowing of birds, and that the matter be referred to the Executive Committee

to devise some method whereby the practice may be avoided and discontinued, Carried.

A large number of birds were on exhibition and prizes awarded as follows:—

LIGHT BRAHMAS—Cock or cockerel, 1st and 2nd John Miles; Hen or Pullet, 1st and 2nd, John Miles; **BLACK RED OR BROWN RED GAME BANTAMS**—Cock or cockerel, 1st J. Powell; hen or pullet, 1st J. T. McKenzie, 2nd and 3rd J. Powell; **PYLE OR DUCKWING GAME BANTAMS**—Cock or cockerel, 1st J. T. McKenzie; hen or pullet, 1st and 2nd J. T. McKenzie; **WHITE OR BLACK MINORCAS**—1st Robt. Durston; hen or pullet, 1st and 2nd C. W. Wood, 3rd J. Patterson.

Messrs. Bennett, Miles and Henderson officiated as Judges.

For the March meeting the following varieties will be on exhibition:—**POULTRY**—Class 1, dark Brahmas; Class 2, partridge Cochins; Class 3, buff, white and black Cochins and white and black Langshans, **PIGEONS**—Class 1, Pouters S. F. Tumblers, Trumpeters and Fantails.

The following Judges were appointed:—Poultry—dark Brahmas, Mr. E. J. Otter; partridge Cochins, Mr. J. Dilworth; buff, white and black Cochins and white and black Langshans, Mr. T. A. Willits; Pigeons—Mr. J. T. McKenzie.

The meeting adjourned ... 10.15. Receipts \$4.85.

THOMAS A. DUFF,

Secretary.

THE LONDON POULTRY ASSOCIATION.

LONDON Poultry Association's regular meeting for the month of January, was held at the residence of Mr. G. G. McCormick, by invitation, on the evening of the 27th inst.

President McNeil in the chair with a good attendance of members.

Minutes of last regular meeting were read and confirmed.

The members who had been in attendance at the Hamilton, Detroit and New Hamburg shows, favored the meeting with a good description of the exhibits and general management of same, the substance of their remarks might be summed up as follows:—

The exhibit at Hamilton was of high merit in most varieties and the number of entries exceeded those of any previous show of the Association, and had the building been more suitable, the exhibit could have been shown to much better advantage, the Bantams especially running in hard luck.