

in any cool atmosphere, and was much better and sweeter for table use. Mr. Anderson of Guelph concurred in Mr. Barber's opinions.

Prof. Robertson, Agricultural and Dairy Commissioner, Ottawa, said that poultry was a good product, of which the value was largely determined by the appearance. With cold storage to be provided Canadian poultry could be sent in an attractive appearance as well as in an excellent condition. If they could be supplied to the middle classes for 7d to 8d per pound in Britain the consumption would be enormously increased, and these prices would allow of from 9c to 10c per pound being paid to the farmers here. The birds should be assorted in size, in different cases, from eight to ten pounds, and from ten to 12 pounds, and from twelve to fourteen pounds, and so on, with a range not exceeding two pounds of difference between the weights of the several birds in one crate. In using cold storage for eggs it was important that eggs should be warmed before being exposed to the warm air of British warehouses. The so-called sweating is not actual sweating, but a condition of moisture from the air on the outside of the shell. Different conditions in cold storage rooms were required for different products. The conditions required for each, such as butter, poultry, eggs, and fruit, would be provided in the cold service to be provided by the Government. Other gentlemen expressed their opinions, after which a committee composed of Dr. Mallory, Messrs. Bogue, McNeil, Barber, Anderson, Oldrieve and Dilworth were appointed to report on the matter.

A BIG MEETING.

The first session was held in the Council chamber on the 8th. A great many well-known poultry fanciers and prominent men were present, including Mr. Gilbert, Ottawa Experimental Farm; Dr. Mills, Ontario Agricultural College; Messrs. F. C. Hare, Whitby; C. F. Wagner, Toronto; D. C. Trew, Lindsay; James Anderson, Guelph; Rev. Thos. Geoghegan, Hamilton; R. H. Essex, Toronto; L. G. Pequegnat, New Hamburg; J. H. Saunders, London; W. J. Bell, Angus; Dr. Bell, Toronto; R. Oke, London; W. McNeil, London; President Gowdy and others, all of whom took an active part in the discussions on the many excellent papers which were read. Rev. Thos. Geoghegan gave a paper on "Poultry culture as an industry." Other topics were:—"Fertile eggs and how to hatch them," by C. F. Wagner; "The Farmers' stand point," by James Anderson; "Some practical pointers," by L. G. Pequegnat; "The treatment of fowls," by J. Dilworth; "Diseases of Turkeys," by W. J. Bell, and an address on general topics of interest to poultry men by Mr. Gilbert, Ottawa. In discussing the prevalence of liver complaint in turkeys Dr. Mills of the O. A. C. announced that the bacteriologist at the O. A. C. would be pleased to have diseased livers sent there, where an expert examination could be made.

Among the many points taken up in the various addresses were the danger of crowding the birds, the desirability of systematic feeding, the necessity of cleanliness, not choosing too many breeds when they had not time to attend to them all, and what varieties were most profitable. Several members expressed the belief that more encouragement should be given to the farmer to indulge in this profitable business and protect him in some measure from the professionals or ringers at the shows who cleaned out the prize list, where the average farmer or local breeder was practically not in it. The meeting was a decidedly lively one and a great variety of opinion was expressed on the questions, especially on treating diseased birds and the handling of eggs for hatching. While in some cases it might pay to treat diseased birds with drugs, the general opinion seemed to be they should be isolated at once and generally killed. A great part of the discussions involved technical points. The incubator and its benefits, the best brooders and other questions of interest were thoroughly discussed, and the importance and magnitude of the "hen industry" was made evident.

THE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

was held in the Council Chamber on the afternoon of January 14th, the President, Mr. Thos. Gowdy, occupying the chair. The Chairman opened the meeting with a few timely and appropriate remarks congratulating the Association on the increased success of the annual reunion.

The minutes of last meeting and also of the last directors meeting, as given in detail in the REVIEW were on motion taken as read. As several members present had to leave on early trains, on motion of Mr. M. T. Burn supported by Mr. J. H. Saunders, it was decided to take up next the deciding as to the next place of meeting. The vote was taken by ballot. Mr. Bogue nominated London as being in the field and Mr. Essex proposed Toronto. Both gentlemen, with several others, spoke to the question, extolling each city as the best. Mr. Trew and Dr. Mallory were appointed scrutineers and after counting the ballots reported that London had received the highest vote, a synopsis being: No. of votes cast 79, of which London received 42 and Toronto 37. It was then very heartily carried that the vote be made unanimous. The fight was a keen one and we congratulate the winners. It augurs well for the future of the Association that such interest is taken in its welfare and such a desire expressed for its location.