

of money and give a first prize of \$8, a second of \$5, and a third of \$3, for the best exhibit of poultry shown by a *bona fide* farmer. This would give the farmers a chance, and would interest their wives, and their daughters, and their sons. Mr. Gilbert then referred briefly to the market for eggs, the advisability of gathering them every day, marketing them while fresh, putting unfertilized eggs upon the market, and where to obtain the best prices. In response to a request of the secretary, Mr. Gilbert agreed to prepare an article for publication in the annual report.

The Nominating Committee reported the following names as directors: District No. 5, D. C. Trew, Lindsay; No. 6, Wm. Barber, Toronto; No. 7, John Cole, Hamilton; No. 8, M. T. Burn, Tilsonburg; No. 9, T. H. Scott, St. Thomas; No. 10, T. Rice, Whitby; No. 11, Wm. McNeil, London; No. 12, Edward Donnelly, Sandwich; No. 13, T. J. Senior, Hamilton.

A. Duff said: I do not think it is within the power of this association to appoint two gentlemen from Hamilton. I have not the slightest objection to the two gentlemen who have been named; both are good men, but, at the same time, if we have a law to go by it must be observed. I certainly think it is not within our powers to make two appointments from the one division.

Messrs. Burn and Cole stated that there was no one from division No. 13 who was a member of our association, and therefore no one to place upon the board, but that Mr. Senior could represent division No. 13. Mr. Duff took exception to this, and said that the statute declared that the director should be "from" such and such a division. He stated that the committee were wrong in stating that we had not a member who lived in division 13. One of our members had always lived there, and had been showing for many years—Mr. W. J. Bell, Angus.

On motion, Mr. Bell was elected as a director for division No. 13, in place of Mr. Senior. Mr. John Cole thereupon retired as director for division No. 7, and Mr. Senior was appointed in his stead, leaving the nine directors, Messrs. Trew, Barber, Senior, Burn, Scott, Rice, McNeil, Donnelly, and Bell.

Mr. McCormick was re-elected treasurer, and Messrs. H. B. Donovan and Thomas A. Duff, Toronto, auditors. Messrs. Dilworth and Duff were elected delegates to the Industrial Exhibition; Messrs. G. McCormick and J. H. Saunders to the Western Fair; and Messrs. Cole and the Rev. Father Geoghegan to the Hamilton New Central Fair.

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

Dr. A. E. Mallory spoke: 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. These coops 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. This grant which has been made by the Provincial Legislature was made to this association simply as the guardians of the interests of the poultry breeders and raisers of the province, and not to be held absolutely for the use of the provincial association alone, and 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, breeding and marketing, there is no way in which this association can do so with so little money as they can with the proper use of these very coops. 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, are concerned. My suggestion is—and I shall embody it in a resolution, if it meets with 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), and that all the local poultry associations throughout the province who shall give proper guarantee 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.

T. A. Browne, in answer to the doctor, said: 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. 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. 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.

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 On-