

Mr. Burn—I kill hundreds and find that seven cents live weight costs nine cents dressed. Mr. Gisborne—On fat chickens the loss is small, it depends greatly on the condition of the bird.

Mr. Hare reported the result of correspondence he had had with the customs at Washington, whereby he saved his United States customers the duty, heretofore enforced, of three cents per pound, and promised to send the final letter to the Review for publication.

THANKS OF THE ASSOCIATION TENDERED TO MR. BROWNE.

The following resolution was moved by Mr. Donovan, seconded by Mr. Collins and unanimously carried.

That the thanks of the Ontario Poultry Association be tendered to Mr. Thos. A. Browne, Secretary of the Association, for the very efficient manner with which he has performed his duties during the past eight years—and we take this opportunity of congratulating him upon his appointment to the important position of Postmaster of the city of London."

Mr. Browne in responding, could not thank the Association too much for their kind expression of approval of his work, which he had always found to be a pleasure as well as a duty.

A hearty vote of thanks was ordered to be forwarded to Hon. Sydney Fisher, for his kindness in permitting Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert and Mr. and Mrs. Yuill to attend the meetings where their advice and practical demonstrations were highly appreciated.

THE BOARD MEETING.

A meeting of the new board of Directors was held immediately following the foregoing, Mr. Burn in the chair. Mr. Donovan, on request, acted as secretary.

It was deemed advisable that membership remain as at present, but the motion re essays, was

approved of and is to be put in force. Mr. H. B. Donovan was appointed auditor, Mr. Geo. G. McCormick, treasurer and Mr. Richard Oke, secretary, at the same remuneration as has heretofore been paid. The Peterboro' Association was allowed the sum of fifteen dollars for the storage and insurance of the Association coops until needed for the show to be held in Owen Sound.

THE BANQUET

tendered by the Peterboro' Association to the visiting members, was held in the Hotel National, on Thursday evening, and was about the best affair of the kind we have attended. The rooms were nicely decorated with flags and flowers, the menu of the choicest, and the toast list not too tedious.

Hon. J. R. Stratton presided, with Mr. Blezard, M.P.P. on his left and the Mayor Kendry on his right. About two hundred sat down, music was supplied by local talent and boutonnieres were at every plate.

We shall try but to give a synopsis of the good things said.

The president welcomed those present, not in his official capacity, but as a resident of Peterboro'. In proposing the first toast, that of Her Gracious Majesty the Queen, he would ask all to rise and join with him in singing the National Anthem, all the more heartily as we had sent sons and brothers to help fight the nation's battles in Africa. In no part of the British Empire is this toast more loyally sung than in Canada. Mr. Bogue proposed in warm terms the toast of the House of Commons and the Legislative Assembly. In no country were the people so honestly and intelligently governed. He coupled with the toast the name of our worthy president, and Mr. Blezard, M.P.P. Mr. Stratton, in a rattling good speech, clearly and forcibly expressed, thanked the

members for the very enthusiastic way in which the past had been received. Poultry breeding was undoubtedly the largest single industry in Canada, and undertaken by a larger number of people than any other. He eulogized the Ontario Association, it had his warmest sympathy. We may adulterate coffee, we may adulterate sugar, in fact almost any article of commerce except the egg. No artificial egg has yet been produced. There is no danger of the over production of poultry, the market is practically unlimited. Poultry raising has very greatly increased in Ontario and the Dominion. In a period covering ten years, there has been an increase of over fifty per cent. His only surprise was that the agricultural population do not avail themselves more fully of the advantages set forth here and at like exhibitions and conventions. He would always remain a friend to the poultry breeders.

Mr. Blezard, who proved a regular old war horse when aroused to do battle, regretted that the hall was not crowded at all times. The farmers did not know what they were missing. Breeders could count on him as a friend.

Letters of regret for absence were read from Hon. Sydney Fisher, Hon. John Dryden, Geo. H. Bertram, M.P., and Mr. Hawthorne, Warden of the county.

Mr. Browne, in a neat speech, proposed the Mayor and Corporation, to which in reply, the Mayor extended the heartiest greetings and welcome to all visitors, and in fact tendered them the freedom of the town. Several others also spoke.

For our guests, Dr. Bell replied, thanking the Association for its hospitality. He advocated a fifty cent membership fee for the "Ontario," or else the free admission of one or two entries. Mr. Bogue stated this was impossible, as the amount of fee was fixed in