

AMERICAN POULTRY ASSOCIATION CONVENTION  
DECIDE TO PUBLISH SEPARATE STANDARDS FOR EACH BREED.

The event of last week in poultry circles was the thirty-second annual convention of the American Poultry Association, held in Niagara Falls, N. Y., August 13th, 14th and 15th. The American Poultry Association is an organization representing the poultrymen of the United States and Canada, and its principal business has been the publication and periodic revision of a work called The American Standard of Perfection, an illustrated volume, which describes in detail each variety of practically every breed of poultry known on the continent of North America. In addition, the association considers all questions pertaining to the poultry industry of America, the promotion of the interests of poultry-breeders in general, and of members in particular, and the encouragement of poultry exhibitions held under its rules and regulations. Membership consists of five classes: (1) Life members, for which a fee of \$10 is charged; (2) any poultry association or society organized for the purpose of holding an annual exhibition may become, collectively, an associate member, by paying a fee of \$10; (3) specialty, i. e., breed clubs, entitled to membership on a similar basis as the foregoing; (4) ordinary poultry societies not coming under above heads; and (5) branches of the A. P. A., which may be organized in any State or Province, or any district composed of a combination of adjoining States or Provinces, not exceeding six in number. The membership of these branch associations is made up of life, associate or society members of the A. P. A., and each branch association, through its properly accredited representative, is entitled to one vote at meetings of the A. P. A. for each five members of the branch who are not present at roll call. The idea of the branch associations (which, by the way, have been only recently provided for) is to extend the scope and representative character of the A. P. A. beyond what would otherwise be possible.

Naturally, an organization of such scope and importance is subject to criticism, and there are those who aver that the American Poultry Association arrogates to itself monopolistic privileges, and by charging a round price for its Standard of Perfection, and carefully copyrighting the same, levies an exorbitant charge for the services it renders. Not denying that there may be a modicum of truth in the assertions, the fact remains that this body has contributed wonderfully to the uplift of the poultry industry in America. Indeed, it claims to be the leading live-stock organization on the continent.

The thirty-second annual convention was called to order by the retiring President, Grant M. Curtis, who presided until the stage "new business" was reached, when he vacated the chair to make way for President-elect C. M. Bryant, of Wollaston, Mass., who, in common with the full complement of officers, had been previously elected by mail ballot. While the sessions were chiefly devoted to business, there were also some excellent addresses, illustrated by lantern-slide views, and the whole programme was officially designated as the thirty-second annual convention of the A. P. A. and Poultry Institute.

The first important item of business was the report of the Election Commissioner, Fred L. Kimney, Morgan Park, Ill., whose account of his stewardship came near precipitating a squabble. The system of electing officers by mail was decided upon at the 31st convention of the association, held at Auburn, N. Y., January, 1907, and the recent elections are the first held under the new plan. The constitution, as amended at that meeting, provides that the election of all the officers of the association shall be by mail, except in a few cases, otherwise provided for by the constitution, and shall be conducted under the direction and control of the Election Commissioner, himself elected by majority vote at each annual meeting. His final report of the results shall be verified and certified to by a Board of Review, this board to be elected by ballot at each annual meeting of the association from among the members present; no member of said board being either an officer of the association or one of the candidates for office. Practically all the officers are elected annually. It was also provided that the place for holding the annual meeting should be selected by mail vote once in three years, the five places receiving the highest number of votes in the first ballot to be resubmitted for a second vote.

The Election Commissioner reported that 552 members of the association had voted for 118 candidates, and 49 different places for holding the annual meeting. The task of determining the successful candidates was an exceedingly difficult one, and the pages containing the records were on a pack of sheets nearly a yard square. The place finally chosen for the annual meeting was Niagara Falls, N. Y., which, under the constitution, will be the foregathering place for two more years. The slate of officers reported elected were as follows:

President, C. M. Bryant, Wollaston, Mass.; First Vice-President, H. V. Crawford, Montclair, N. J.; Second Vice-President, Miller Purvis, Peotone, Ill.; Secretary-Treasurer, Ross C. H. Hallock, St. Louis, Mo. Executive Board Members for Three Years—Wm. McNeil, London, Can.; Theo. Hewes, Indianapolis, Ind.; Grant M. Curtis, Buffalo, N. Y. Executive Board Members for Two Years—Geo. D. Holden, Owatonna, Minn.; David A. Nichols, Shelton, Conn.; S. T. Campbell, Mansfield, Ohio. Executive Board Members for One Year—T. F. McGrew, Washington, D. C.; Reese V. Hicks, Knoxville, Tenn.; Geo. A. Barnes, Battle Creek, Mich.

On motion the report of the Election Commissioner was accepted, and nominations for the Board of Review followed. Mr. Hicks, of Tennessee, nominated a complete board, consisting of Jas. L. Nix, Penn.; H. P. Rankin, Nebraska; Dr. E. M. Santee, Washington, D. C.; W. R. Fishel, of Indiana, and Lester Tompkins, of Massachusetts. One or two other nominations were offered, but on motion the meeting concurred in the slate nominated by Mr. Hicks. One member remarked the facility with which they had been named, which elicited the interesting bit of information that the list had been decided upon at a preliminary meeting held before the convention opened. Later in the convention the Board of Review reported, confirming the report of the Election Commissioner, whereupon Mr. Crawford, the Vice-President elect, resigned, in favor of Mr. Wm. McNeil, of London, Ont., who had received the largest number of votes for the office, Mr. Crawford having received but six. In the resulting melee, it was explained that Mr. McNeil, on account of his age, had not wished to assume the responsibility of the office, although willing to act on the board as representing the recently-organized Ontario branch, of which he is President. However, Mr. Crawford's wish was respected, and his resignation accepted.

On Tuesday evening a lantern-slide lecture was given by Prof. Graham, of the O. A. C., on what the general and Provincial Governments of Canada are doing in behalf of poultry culture. The following figures show the Dominion and Provincial appropriations in aid of the poultry industry:

Dept. of Agriculture, Ottawa	\$10,600 00
Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa	4,000 00
Nappan, Brandon, Indian Head and Agassiz Stations	350 00
Province of Ontario—	
Agricultural College, Guelph	5,335 00
Winter Fairs, etc., Guelph	2,500 00
Province of Quebec	600 00
Prov. of Nova Scotia, Truro College, \$500 and	1,860 00
Province of New Brunswick	
Province of Prince Edward Island	350 00
Province of Manitoba	3,000 00
Province of Alberta, about	1,300 00
Province of Saskatchewan	
Province of British Columbia	
Total	\$29,895 00

One of the features of Wednesday's sessions was President Curtis' exaugural address, in which, among other points of interest, he told the association that since the Auburn meeting, seven months ago, authorizing the organization of branch associations, ten branches have been organized, including one in Ontario. In

Canada the association had about 15 members a year ago. This year there were 25 new applications for life membership from Ontario alone.

Under the head of finances, he presented a financial statement, showing a balance in the treasury of \$9,103.60. Owing to the sickness and death of the late Secretary, Mr. Orr, the duties of this office fell on President Curtis.

An important report was that of the committee on the proposed standard for judging dressed poultry and eggs. They recommended that the association publish as soon as convenient an illustrated Standard of Perfection for the judging of market poultry and eggs, with text and illustrations. A permanent committee to carry out this plan was suggested. Franklane L. Sewell, the artist officially employed by the association, reinforced this recommendation with a lantern-slide lecture, showing the need for such a standard.

Later the convention heard the report of the committee on the advisability of using color plates in the next revised edition of the American Standard of Perfection, to be issued in 1910. The committee reported in favor of such color-plate illustrations. [The present standard is illustrated with black-and-white engravings.]

At this stage Mr. Curtis left the chair, and moved in amendment a lengthy resolution, to the effect that the association undertake instead to begin the publication of a series of separate standards for each of the leading breeds; these separate standards to be much more full than the present limited space devoted to each breed in the general standard. He would have these illustrated with color plates, and anticipated that a wide sale could be found, at, say, \$1.00 per copy; the price of the present standard being \$1.50. The publication of the separate standard should not interfere with the periodic revision of the main standard, which he considered would still have a considerable sale among judges, and among men interested in several breeds. Mr. Curtis' plan is to publish but one of these separate standards each year, selecting the breed which is most numerous exhibited at the poultry exhibitions, according to returns of exhibition secretaries up to March 1st next; the second breed taken up to be chosen in a similar manner, and so of the third, and so on.

JUDGING PROGRAMME, TORONTO EXHIBITION

Following is the programme of judging dates for principal breeding classes at the Canadian National Exhibition as at present arranged. The programme for horses is very different from last year, and is scattered over a whole week, commencing August 27th. The printed programme and time-table may be had by addressing the Secretary, and will probably appear in the daily papers:

CATTLE.—Ayrshires and Holsteins, Friday, August 30th, 10 a.m. Jerseys, August 31st. Shorthorns, Monday, September 2nd. Herefords, Aberdeen-Angus and Galloways, Sept. 3rd. Grade and fat cattle, Sept. 4th.

HORSES.—Aug. 28th, 2 p.m., ponies. Aug. 29th, 1 p.m., Thoroughbred stallions and fillies; Canadian-bred draft stallions and fillies; imported Clyde stallions, 2 years old; Hackney stallions, 4 years and over, 15 hands 2 in. and over. Aug. 30th, 1 p.m., imported Clydesdale stallions, 4 years and over; Shire stallions, 3 years old; Hackney stallions, 2 years old; imported Clydesdale stallions, 4 years and over. Aug. 31st, 1 p.m., Standard-bred stallions, 4 years and over; imported Clydesdale yearling stallions; Hackney stallions in harness; Shire brood mares; imported Clydesdale fillies, 2 years old. Monday, Sept. 2nd, 1 p.m., Shire stallions, 4 years and over; imported Clydesdale stallions, 3 years old; Hackney stallions, 3 years old; Clydesdale yeld mares. Sept. 3rd, 1 p.m., Canadian heavy-draft stallions, 4 years and over; Hackney stallions, 4 years and over, under 15.2; Shire fillies, 3 years old; imported Clydesdale fillies, 1 year old; imported Clydesdale stallions, 4 years and over (importers excluded). Sept. 4th, 1 p.m., champion stallions and mares in all classes. At 3.45, best string of 10 horses owned by one exhibitor.

W. J. SHEAN & SON'S DISPERSION SALE.

On Friday, Sept. 6th, at the farm, Rosedale, four miles west of Owen Sound, Ont., Messrs. W. J. Shean & Son will sell, without reserve, as advertised in this paper, their entire herd of 33 head of high-class Shorthorns. Owing to Mr. Shean's rapidly increasing and extending trade in the tea business, necessitating the opening of several new branches, which is occupying the whole of his time, he is reluctantly forced to disperse his herd, which has cost him years of time and a lot of money to get together. There will also be sold his now noted stock bull, Derby (imp.), recorded in the three herdbooks, belonging to the noted Cruickshank Secret tribe, sired by the Rosewood bull, Jemidar, a Highland champion, dam Sally 5th, by the Maid of Promise bull, Topsman. Derby was never more useful in his life than now. There have been few better bulls individually than he imported into Canada, and certainly no better stock-get-

ter. He will certainly be sold to the highest bidder. The females represent the Miss Ramsden, Jessamine, Duchess of Vittoria, Juanita, Missie, Roan Lady, Gem of Ballechin, Bellona, Stamford, Crimson Flower, Village and Lavinia families, among which are such choicely-bred and high-priced cows as Miss Mary (imp.), by Macaroni. She cost Col. McGilivray \$700. Buchan Lass (imp.), by Pride of Fashion, that cost Goodfellow Bros. \$550; Augusta Third, by Lyndhurst 2nd, that cost W. D. Platt \$650; Juanita 10th (imp.), by Illustrious Pride, the best breeding cow in the lately dispersed herd of J. I. Davidson. None of her calves of late years have sold for less than \$300 each. Rosetta 15th (imp.), by Scottish Prince, a rare nice Roan Lady cow; Gem of Ballechin (imp.), a Toronto and London first-prize winner. Several of the heifers are the get of Imp. Royal Archer. Others are by Derby, and still others by Queenston Archer, the best son of Derby, the whole making an essentially high-class offering, and right up-to-date in type. They are all in good breeding

condition. The bulk of the cows have calves, either at foot, or about old enough to wean, among the latter being six young bulls, all got by Derby, and out of choice dams. Among these are some rare good, straight, thick calves. Mr. Shean lately bought as a prospective herd-header, Village Champion =67651=, a ten-months-old red-roan, by Rosebud Champion, dam Village Fairy 9th, by Mildred's Royal. This was considered the best young bull at J. I. Davidson's sale. He, too, will be sold. In Clydesdales, there will be sold Peggy 8348, a bay three-year-old filly, by Imp. Lothian Laird, also her filly foal, by Imp. County Gentleman. She is again in foal to him. Miss Pax (imp.), bay, two years old, by Baron Pax. Castle Beauty (imp.), brown, six years old, by Gallant Prince, also her stallion colt, by County Gentleman, Imp. Here are a trio of big mares, with splendid quality and action; just the kind the market calls for. The terms will be cash, or eight months on bankable paper, with six per cent. Conveyances will leave the Seldon House and Queen's

Hotel, Owen Sound, at 10.30 a. m. and 1.15 p. m., on day of sale, on arrival of Toronto trains. Remember all this stock is gilt-edged, and will positively be sold without any reserve whatever.

Farmers requiring an easily-prepared, cheap and effective specific for the destruction of flies and lice on cattle, hogs and poultry should look up the advertisement in this paper of Dr. Williams' fly and insect destroyer, which has been tried and pronounced sure and satisfactory. The proprietors write us: "We are in receipt of a letter from Professor G. E. Day, of the Ontario Experimental Farm, Guelph, who writes: 'I beg to say that your fly and insect destroyer is giving very good satisfaction on our dairy herd. One gallon of the mixture sprayed the equivalent of 350 cows, one day, at \$1 per gallon. This would mean a cost of less than one-third of a cent per cow per day.'" Write the F. Williams Co., Morrisburg, Ont., for a trial gallon, or more.