

POULTRY LECTURERS.

The committee recommended to the Director of Farmers' Institutes, Mr. Hodson, the following gentlemen as competent to speak at Institute meetings on practical poultry subjects:—Messrs. J. Dilworth, Toronto; J. E. Meyer, Kossuth; W. Holton, Hamilton. The Industrial Board is to be petitioned to reduce the number of days the poultry are on exhibition to Monday to Friday, inclusive, of the last week, it being considered the present length of time is injurious to the birds and too expensive to exhibitors. Mr. J. H. Saunders, was recommended as Superintendent of the forthcoming show and with a vote of thanks to the Exhibition Board for the use of the room, the meeting adjourned to the call of the President.

A PETITION TO REDUCE TIME OF SHOW

was circulated at Toronto and freely signed by those exhibitors present.

MR. W. H. ULLEY, MONTREAL,

officiated as judge at the Cornwall Fair last week, where about five hundred birds were shown in a new poultry building. The quality of the stock was high.

MR. GEO. R. DONOVAN,

of New York came on specially to "boom" the REVIEW at Toronto. He did it as our books will show.

MR. W. H. KIRBY, OSHAWA,

asks us to mention that he bred the first prize Red Cap pullet at the Industrial, having sold her to Mr. C. J. Daniels who transferred the bird to Mr. Hawkes.

A PAIR OF BUFF COCHIN BANTAMS

have gone astray from the late Montreal show. Whoever has them should communicate with the Superintendent Mr. W. H. Ulley.

MR. SID SAUNDERS, GUELPH,

amongst other items says:—"I might add that I have had good sales from my small "advs." in the REVIEW and have had inquiries from several different States (U.S.) I shipped five buffs to London this a.m. at 10.20. My birds I had at the Montreal and Toronto shows are pretty well used up yet, but I have them alive, which is better than some Guelph exhibitors."

THE BRANCH OF "THE ARMY" BAND

so auspiciously inaugurated at Guelph last year we learn has been greatly strengthened. Mr. "Dick" Oke has added "Croppies lie down" to his repertoire on the big drum, which he plays with great expression. We saw him and His Honor M. T. Burn, of Tilsonburg, in close confab arranging for rehearsals. The latter will play a new solo all by himself on the double bass entitled "I've fifteen (hundred) dollars in my inside pocket." Mr. Barber has put a new patch in "Paddy don't care" and has added an extra fling to his break-down. It was hinted that Mr. Allan Bogue would *don the busby and carry the baton*, that Mr. "Tom" Brown would bear the colors (cardigan) and that Mr. "Billy" McNeill would do the cornet part in "Come back to Erin," but these rumors we have been unable to verify. A little bird whispered to us that a red hot time, with gilt edges, might be expected.

THE "ONTARIO"

next January will be held in the poultry building on the Western Fair grounds, a most suitable place barring the open spaces between the floor boards and its distance from the centre of the city. The coops are excellent and the light could not be better. At night electricity is used.

MR. "JACK" SAUNDERS

makes a model Superintendent, and under his charge exhibitors need not fear but that their birds will be properly attended to. The loss of Mr. Donovan's birds by theft—mentioned in our pigeon department—nearly broke his heart.

THE WESTERN FAIR BOARD

tendered the exhibitors at London a supper on Wednesday night to meet the Hon. Mr. Dryden, Hon. Mr. Ross, Sir John Carling and others. Amongst the poultry breeders present were Messrs. Bogue, McNeill, Saunders, Barber, Donovan, etc. The gathering was addressed by the Ministers named, Sir John Carling and members of the various stock breeding societies. Col. Leys, the President of the Western Fair Board occupied the chair and did so acceptably. *During intervals the meeting was regaled with vocal and instrumental music, recitations, etc.*

MR. M. T. BURN,

who annually makes a five or six weeks trip around the larger fairs on the other side with an immense entry of poultry of various breeds, last month sold his whole outfit at Syracuse