

nate Directors and report to the meeting. Carried.

Mr. Thomas A. Duff rose to a question of privilege and asked whether it was not within the rights of the Association to appoint an Honorary President, as one had been elected last year.

Mr. G. G. McCormick replied that the appointment was only made last year to pacify the New Hamburg men.

The Nominating Committee retired and Mr. William McNeil took the chair.

Mr. G. G. McCormick. It has been suggested by representative men of the country that the Government should do something to encourage farmers to raise thoroughbred poultry and to exhibit them. This is something which has never received the attention, in a substantial way, of any organization. The matter was mentioned to me to-day, and the suggestion was thrown out that the Government be asked to donate prizes at the agricultural shows and fairs throughout the country. I suppose that would include the Toronto Industrial, the Montreal and Western Fairs. The Government might set aside a certain amount of money for farmers' prizes. I merely throw this out for discussion. The suggestion would debar professionals from competing with the farmer and would, I believe, give an impetus to the industry. I should like to hear from Mr. Gilbert.

Mr. A. G. Gilbert, Manager Poultry Department Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, said: I suppose I will be allowed to speak as a member of your Association and not as a representative of the Experimental Farm. The subject mooted by my esteemed friend, Mr. McCormick, is one of very great importance. Perhaps no one in the last twelve months has been more amongst farmers in his official capacity than I have. I had the honor of addressing twenty-two meetings in different parts of the country last year, some of them attended by five and six hundred farmers. A good many of the farmers at these meetings urged upon me the fact that it was almost impossible for them to go to these shows and buck against such gentlemen as I see here before me. You are, of course, entitled to all the prizes you can get. It is a credit to you and to the Province. Mr. Gilbert then referred to the prizes Canadians had won throughout America, and said: Suppose the Dominion Government would set aside a sum of money and give a first prize of \$8, a second of \$5, a third of \$3 for the best exhibit of poultry by a bona fide farmer. This would give the farmer 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. This gentleman is thoroughly up in the discussion of these matters, but space will not permit of our giving his address in full.

The discussion was carried on by Messrs. J. E. Bennett, C. F. Wagner, and a few remarks added by the Secretary, in which he asked Mr. Gilbert whether he would prepare an article for publication in the annual report. To this Mr. Gilbert most graciously assented.

The Nominating Committee returned and reported the following names as Directors:

- District No. 5, Mr. D. C. Trew, Lindsay,
- " 6, Mr. William Barber, Toronto,
- " 7, Mr. John Cole, Hamilton,
- " 8, Mr. M. T. Burn, Tilsonburg,
- " 9, Mr. T. H. Scott, St. Thomas
- " 10, Mr. T. Rice, Whitby,
- " 11, Mr. William McNeil, London,
- " 12, Mr. Edward Donnelly, Sandwich,
- " 13, Mr. T. J. Senior, Hamilton.

Mr. Thomas 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 we had not a member who lived in Division 13. One of our members has always lived there and has 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.

Moved, seconded and carried that Mr. G. G. McCormick be re-elected Treasurer. Carried.

Moved, seconded and carried that Messrs. H. B. Donovan and Thomas A. Duff, Toronto, be Auditors.

On a ballot being taken for delegates to the Industria