

viz: the prize list coming out at the eleventh hour. There is no doubt that this caused the discount so many of us were called upon to loose. MR. DILWORTH spoke of the same men being kept in office year after year. MR. D., if I mistake not, was on the Board one year, and not only those who won above five dollars were called upon to lose a percentage, but all parties had to loose a much greater amount than this year. Again, it little becomes one who seldom or never goes outside of Toronto to the show to throw stones. Again he wants the plan for holding the show, selected at the fall show in Toronto. Now what would prevent the same means being used to take the show to "Hogs' Hollow" as he puts it, as might be at any other time, and further is he prepared to say this has been done? I think not; if so, when? It is time enough to remedy abuses when we find they exist. He says "it was promised to Peterboro, and because they were not represented in person, they got the grand bounce."

Now, MR. D. should know that the president, vice-president and directors are to be elected at the annual meeting, and notwithstanding that there had been correspondence between one of the directors and leading members of the Peterboro Association, they did not take enough interest in getting the show to send names, much less persons to be elected as officers, and under the circumstances it was absolutely impossible to send it there. On the other hand, St. Catharines was well represented by live fanciers, and it went there. The feeling of the meeting was decidedly in favor of Peterboro if it had been possible to have had it so. Again as to the judges, Toronto has tried American judges, so has Seaforth and some other places, and so far as I have learned, think our own judges as well or even better qualified. If there are better, I for one would be glad to know of them, as it is not the man, but the ability to judge that I admire, and there certainly

is not better than those employed this season in Canada.

As to advocating the division of the grant, part going east and part going west, thus sowing seeds of dissension, does not seem best for the breeders in general, although it might be very nice for Toronto to have that grand union of the two every third or fourth year. Perhaps Mr. D. does not mean it so, but his letter sounds like Toronto first, Toronto last, and Toronto all the time.

That the prize list should be kept down, so the prizes could be paid, is certainly right, and the folding coops as well, although of late, most places large enough to hold a show, have either a poultry association show, or else the fall fairs have a place available.

There is one point on which MR. DILWORTH did not touch, viz: the salaries of the secretary and treasurer, who receive seventy-five and twenty-five dollars respectively. Now, there are in most cases, men who do more for nothing than those high salaried men. In London this winter "WILLIE" MCNEIL certainly did. I mean no reflection on the officers, but those who pay them. At the last show I spoke to several members on the subject, and two persons who had acted as secretary for poultry shows, and every person spoken to, thought forty dollars for the secretary and ten dollars for the treasurer, would pay for the work. Accordingly a motion was made to that effect at the Annual Meeting; a St. Catharines man offered to second it, but the first man to speak to the motion, one of these salaried officials, used such strong language that the motion was not put, when a motion was made to adjourn.

Now, MR. EDITOR, I purpose pressing this reduction at the next Annual Meeting if I am spared to be there, and trust your readers will give the matter consideration before that time. We want no fat offices, they do not look well in connection with unpaid prizes,

and there are plenty of good men to fill them at these salaries.

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HINTS FOR THE BREEDING SEASON.

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The very interesting extra number of the REVIEW is to hand. It was a pleasant surprise to me, and I feel sure your readers will all agree with me in saying, that I think we are exceptionally fortunate in having such an energetic and capable gentleman as editor of our Canadian journal. I hope that your repeated earnest efforts will be most highly appreciated, and that the fraternity will do all in their power to extend the circulation, and thereby the usefulness of our Canadian REVIEW. Unfortunately I am not able to do much here in that way, but I never miss an opportunity wherever there is any "chicken talk" to mention our paper. A big OUR, if you please, MR. EDITOR.

I have read with much interest friend SPILLETT's letters, and note his remarks re-selling eggs, and the attending vexation and trouble. There is only one way to conduct the egg business successfully, or at least with satisfaction to the buyer or seller, as far as can be viz., the breeder must sell eggs from such stock as he breeds from; in fact from his own breeding pens. The stock he sells and breeds from must be vigorous, and the eggs fresh; and best, and most important the birds must be matched with skill and intelligence for the best results in progeny. And then the breeder must be honorable enough not to accept of more orders for eggs than he can fill from these. Of course if he does all this there will still be a few grumblers, and some dishonest complaints for the sake of getting sittings duplicated, but a little careful inquiry will settle this latter class, and when a man has done