

Mr. Barber moved, seconded by Mr. Corcoran, that the essays be printed in the annual report.

Mr. Crowe and Mr. Dilworth thought they should be referred to a committee and passed on before being printed.

The President said he thought it was the intention of the Government that the essays be read and discussed, in which case the weak points, if any, would be brought out and thus more information given to the farmer.

Mr. Barber charged his motion to read "That the essays be taken as read," which was carried.

On motion of Mr. Essex, seconded by Mr. M. T. Burn, it was unanimously decided to hold the next show in Toronto.

The election of officers was then taken up, and Mr. McNeil moved, seconded by Mr. Essex, that Dr. A. W. Bell, of Toronto, be President. Carried unanimously.

Mr. W. McNeil, of London, was elected first Vice-President, and Mr. M. T. Burn, of Tilsonburg, second Vice-President.

Mr. M. T. Burn moved, seconded by Mr. McNeil, that the following be appointed a committee to select the Directors for the ensuing year:—Messrs. A. Bogue, Dr. A. W. Bell, T. H. Scott, T. J. Senior, and M. T. Burn. Carried.

Mr. Gilbert of the Experimental Farm, Ottawa, was called upon to address the meeting. He congratulated the Association upon the magnificent show in progress. The birds were fit to be prize winners in any part of America, and in certain classes that meant in any part of the world. He also congratulated the breeders on the marked improvement in the size of white and brown Leghorns. This was also evident in the show of the Eastern Ontario Poultry Association recently held in the town of Cornwall. Last year there was evident improvement in the size and weight of Plymouth Rocks and white Wyandottes. This year it was in the size of the Leghorn family. And it was progress in the right direction. Reviewing the past year we find that both Dominion and Local Governments and the fanciers of the country had done their part. The Local Government in giving liberal grants to the two Poultry Associations and in sending out lecturers on poultry development to the Farmers'

Institute meetings. The Dominion Minister of Agriculture had completed a system of cold storage by car and steamboat to the markets of Great Britain and it would no longer be said by the farmers of the country that if they had the poultry and eggs that they could not safely ship them. Efforts were also being made to instruct the farmers in breeding large birds for market fowls and already a great many more new laid eggs were put on the winter market by farmers than heretofore.

#### THE FARMERS MUST REALIZE

that to have the large birds for home market or shipment that they must keep the breeds which make them. The beef animal did not come from the Jersey and the chickens which made ten or twelve pounds the pair could not be got from the "scrubs," usually found in the barn yards of the farmers. He had bought the large Plymouth Rock cockerels, which were exhibited among the dressed poultry from the Experimental Farm, from a farmer—Mr. Alex. McLean of Ramsay, near Carleton Place and he had also bought a number of large Plymouth Rock cockerels from Mr. Joseph Gourlay, another farmer of Huntley, near Ottawa. Now, if you ask both of these farmers they will tell you that they did not know anything about the merits of Plymouth Rocks, or, indeed of any other breeds of poultry until they heard the speaker mention them at Farmers' Institute meetings, three or four years ago, Stilleville, Carp and Carleton Place.

#### AND IT GOES TO SHOW

how rapidly poultry development is taking place and the beneficial results of Farmers Institute and other meetings. He was a firm believer in giving instruction to the farmers on all branches of poultry development. Indeed, he had not been unfrequently taunted with being a "crank" on the subject, and other names, but he did not mind that as long as he could have such practical results—in large market chickens—from such practical farmers as Mr. McLean and Mr. Gourlay. And there were many others. From the foregoing it will be seen that both Dominion and Local Governments have been doing their part in developing the poultry interests; the fanciers and breeders have been doing theirs in improving the size and weight of different breeds; the farmers are getting into line and you naturally ask, "What have you been doing at the