

word of his appointment as superintendent. Having met him on previous occasions, I was satisfied that he would make a model superintendent, and that my instructions would be carried out. I am bound to say that I have never seen a better superintendent than Mr. Langdon has made. The instructions from me were hardly instructions; I wrote suggesting, and we came to the conclusion that that was the proper way to do it. When anything was settled, I am pleased to say that he carried out the arrangement in detail to the letter.

I wish to speak here of another thing which is a source of annoyance. There are a few that will persist in trying to get in late entries. Now, you passed a resolution that entries should close on a certain date. I have followed that out, and it is yourselves that are to blame if you have made the date too early. An old gentleman brought in a large number of entries. I did not see anything of them until I got here on the 6th. I could not accept his entry then. I only mention these matters so that those who so persist may not look upon me as doing anything that might be considered obnoxious to anyone. I treat you all just as I would like to be treated myself, and not one of you, not even my own father, can get in an entry after the advertised date.

There is another matter about which I desire to say a word or two. You know why we hold this meeting. This association and these meetings are supposed to be for the good of the country at large, and I hope and trust that the directors have all stuck to the resolution which was passed a year ago, and that they have prepared essays which will be of great benefit to the country at large.

The treasurer, Mr. G. G. McCormick, read his report, which was adopted, together with the report of the auditors. Letters of regret were read from the Hon. John Dryden, Minister of Agriculture; Mr. C. C. James, Deputy Minister of Agriculture; Dr. Mills, president Ontario Agricultural College; and from S. M. Clemons.

It was moved by A. Bogue, seconded by Thomas Rice, that the next annual exhibition of this association be held in the city of Guelph. Carried unanimously.

It was moved by A. Bogue, seconded by G. G. McCormick, that Thomas Gowdy, Guelph, be president of the association. Carried unanimously.

It was moved by W. McNeil, seconded by D. C. Trew, that A. Bogue be the first vice-president. Carried. W. McNeil proposed Henry White as second vice-president, seconded by A. Bogue. A. Brown nominated G. S. Oldrieve, seconded by Dr. Mallory.

Messrs. Bogue, Bennett, Mallory, Paton, and Wagner then took part in a very animated discussion as to whether Mr. Oldrieve was within the

jurisdiction of the Ontario Poultry Association. Messrs. Bogue and Wagner argued that he was without the jurisdiction, while Messrs. Bennett, Mallory, and Paton argued that the association represented the whole province, notwithstanding the Eastern Ontario Poultry Association. On a vote being taken Mr. White was declared elected.

G. G. McCormick proposed the president, Messrs. Bogue, Dilworth, Burn, and Cole as a committee to nominate directors and report to the meeting. Carried.

T. A. Duff rose to a question of privilege, and asked whether it was not within the rights of the association to appoint an hon. president, as one had been elected last year. G. G. McCormick replied that the appointment was only made last year to pacify the New Hamburg men.

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

Mr. McCormick said: 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 shall 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 or 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 compete 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