

Arrangements re a lecture to be given:

Major W.B. Bell then informed the Meeting that he had arranged for Lady Eve Ealfour, of The Soil Association, Ltd, to address a meeting of the members of the Munster Agricultural Society in Cork on September 19, and that he would endeavour to arrange this Meeting at the Central Hall, Cork, at 3. p.m. on that date. It was agreed to circularise the members of the Society, and, on the motion of Mr. C. Donovan, seconded by Mr. P.J. O'Connell, a vote of thanks was passed to Major Bell for arranging the lecture.

*P. J. O'Connell
19th Sept-1953*

Poultry Committee:

Meeting of the Poultry Committee held on August 20, 1953, Mr. S.H. Dring in the chair, also present Mrs. H. Twomey, Mrs. M.W.G. Barry, Mrs. J.S. Henderson, Mrs. T.J. Murphy, Mrs. P. Healy, Mrs. M. Stanton, and Mr. B.H. Roberts.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and signed.

Apology for non-attendance:

An apology for non-attendance was received from Mrs. MacDonald.

Correspondence read:

A letter was read from Major R.W. Wade, of Kilmacthomas, stating that one of his birds was dead on arrival from the Show; also that he was awarded Special No. 5, value £1. 5. 0, which he was not entitled to, not being a member of the Co. Cork Poultry-Keepers' Association. On making inquiries from the local Carrier, who conveyed the poultry exhibited at the late Show, to the Railway, it was explained by the Carrier that, when the poultry reached the Railway Station, the 9.15 train, which would have given a connection to Kilmacthomas, had left, and the birds had to remain in the Station over night. The Committee gave instructions to write to Major Wade, conveying their regret at the loss of the bird.

Suggestions for next year's Show:

With regard to the special prize, through an error No. 5 was marked on Major Wade's prize sheet. This should have been Special No. 12, and instructions were given to send a special prize card to him - marked 'For Best Hen in Show', and omitting the value of the prize. The Judge's report, in connection with the late Show, was read. The following suggestions were put forward, in connection with next year's Show:-

- (1) Earlier closing of poultry hall - to ensure dispatch in time for trains; special attention to be directed to long distance exhibits.
- (2) To abolish the use of leg numbers on Poultry. The condition in list of instructions to exhibitors - not to allow any other rings on the birds - to be deleted.
- (3) Hampers and baskets should, as far as possible, be placed under the Poultry benches. Instructions were given to write to the Stewards of this section of the Show, thanking them for their work at this Show.

Thanks - to Stewards:

*S.H. Dring
1 April '54*