

grand Himalayan does and one buck, a fine 22½ inch fawn Lop doe, and others.

#### MYERS' INCUBATORS,

we learn from the manufacturer, Mr. J. E. Meyer, of Kossuth, are rapidly growing into popular favor, no less than thirteen machines having been sold within the last six weeks. This must be considered good business. In this issue we illustrate a pen of the well known silver Wyandottes of this gentleman, though we are free to confess the engraving does not at all please us or do justice to the birds.

#### MESSRS. STOCKWELL & BROWNE

have bought the black Langshan hens 1st and 2nd at Sherbrooke last fall, and 1st and 2nd cockerels at same show, under Felch. One hen since won 2nd at the Montreal winter show, as did also one of the cockerels. These birds are now included in the breeding pens of this firm.

#### THE BLACK AFRICAN BANTAMS,

so successful at the late Montreal show, we are informed, all originated from a pair sold by Mr. Cale, of Stratford, to Mr. Wilson, who showed them. Good stock generally finds its place.

#### MONTREAL SHOW.

As intimated in last issue we were this year, for the first time, able to spend a day or two at the show in Montreal, Canada's largest city. The Montreal Association has some good men on its membership roll, and we are glad to notice from report in this issue an increase in the number. Mr. Costen, the "grand old man" of the Eastern fancy, is still as enthusiastic as ever, and bids fair to outlive many of the younger members. Mr. Ulley, the President of the Association and proprietor of the Royal Poultry Farm, was indefatigable in studying the interests of exhibitors and exhibits. Mr. Cayford put in a good deal of time in the show room. There is no change in his sentiments in the past twelve years, the length of our acquaintance. The Secretary's work was well done, we did not think it could be improved upon, and Mr. Sutherland in this position was at home. Mr. Fortier, Mr. Ainslie, Mr. Virtue and many others did their best to make the show a success.

#### THE COOPS AND FIXTURES

were very neat and cleanly, but we prefer solid divisions to those made of wire, as where the latter are used the male birds appear to be in a continual state of unrest. The Hall is of good size, up-stairs, but the light is not of the best.

#### THE JUDGING

was not nearly finished when we were compelled to leave; and in several cases we could not at all agree with Mr. Bicknell's decisions, which were certainly erratic. For instance the first prize white Plymouth Rock cockerel though otherwise an excellent bird had a bad crooked back a distinct disqualification. The second prize barred P. Rock cockerel had in one wing several almost white feathers, in the eyes of a Plymouth Rock breeder this defect would surely be fatal to his success in the show pen. The black-red (?) Bantam cockerel awarded second prize had bright yellow legs. Is a yellow legged black-red plumage Bantam a true black-red or a pile cross?

#### THE BLACK COCHIN BANTAM

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TO a lover of the shape and characteristics of the Cochin fowl the black Cochin Bantam ought to make a strong appeal. Although it doubtless owes its existence to the buff Cochin Bantam it has overtaken, if it has not outstripped, its buff ancestor. We have never seen better shape and better feather on large Cochins than we have on some of these little blacks. We remember particularly a little hen exhibited a year or two ago at New York by Mr. C. E. Rockenstyre, which was almost perfection; another shown a couple of years ago at the Rhode Island State Fair by Mr. William H. Congdon, which was almost the equal of the New York bird. Dr. William Y. Fox, of Taunton, Mass., Dan. Nichols, the inimitable Dan., of Monroe, Conn., "O.K. Billy," i.e. William Hughes, of South Portsmouth, R.I., and others have bred this variety to a high standard of perfection.

The early birds used to be troubled with white in hackle and wings. These defects have been bred out to a very great extent and the color is now admirable. The earliest birds were good in shape and the shape has been improved. No variety has undergone more improvement in five years