

somewhat similar subject, which found a ready sale among fanciers.

The paper on the Rise and Progress of Poultry in Canada, cannot fail to be of interest not only to Canadians but to all poultry fanciers, written, as it is announced to be, by a gentleman who has taken a leading part in its development in this country.

Breeders and fanciers on this side the Atlantic desirous of extending their operations, and cultivating an acquaintance with their English brethren will find this to be an excellent medium, a limited space being allotted to advertisements. Such, therefore, as are desirous of profiting by this means would do well to communicate at once with Mr. Gooding, as his Guide is sure to be largely circulated.

IMPORTING HATCHING EGGS.

A well-known breeder, for some years a resident in Canada, now of Scotland, and one who takes a deep interest in the development of the fancy in this country, whom for the present we shall call "Chanticleer," has recently written us a letter on the subject of importing eggs for hatching purposes, from which we make the following extracts:—

"I strongly object to the wholesale importation of eggs which you have been telling of lately; sending over orders to England of several dozens of eggs of different sorts is puzzling to any fancier. He must send to many places to collect them himself; for it is a well-known fact that while there are a few amateurs who cultivate many varieties, yet it is equally certain that the tip-top Birmingham exhibitors are celebrated for success in the one variety to which they are wedded. * * * Better risk one pound sterling to a well-known breeder of good birds for a dozen eggs, than get them at a cheaper rate and have second rate fowls. Good Dark and Light Brahmas or Cochins in England cannot be got less than £3 a pair at the very least, but more commonly at £4. You can get weedlings from first-class yards, of course, for much less."

Correspondence.

GAME FOWLS.

SIR,—Having a few spare moments, I thought they could not be better occupied than by contributing something toward THE POULTRY CHRONICLE.

Game fowl, as a rule, are not generally favourites with the amateur breeder or with the public, perhaps from the erroneous opinion that is generally entertained by the latter that if a person keeps game fowls he must keep them for fighting, or, to use a more common expression, he is a cock fighter. This is a wrong view. It is true that the birds are of a pugnacious disposition; still, a person keeping them should not be judged as belonging to the class as designated "cock fighters." What can add so much to a poultry yard as a fine lot of game fowls? What can be finer than the plumage of a fine black-breasted red or duck-wing cock? There is something stately in the walk of these birds—the proud, defiant manner in which they survey all around must at once make them popular and render them favourites, even with those who may have entertained a prejudice against them. Another reason why they should be favourites is that it is generally admitted the flesh of the game fowl is much richer than that of any other breed, and that the eggs contain far more nourishment than those of other breeds. These are facts that are worthy of consideration, especially by those who raise poultry for the market. Some will say that game fowls do not lay as well as some of the other breeds. I will admit they do not lay all the year round; but if well cared for and attended to they will lay as early as most fowl; a great deal depends on the feeding of all kinds. Fowls, to lay well, should not be too fat; this injures them. My hens generally commence to lay about Christmas—some of