

lishments, and there gather from them the various causes which have led to their success as breeders of high class poultry. I started first for the yards of the oldest breeder in Halifax, and one of the most enthusiastic fanciers I ever met. I refer to the President of the Poultry Association,

ANDREW DOWNS.

His yards are situated at Nos. 200 and 202 Agricola St. His aviary is very fine, many birds of rare plumage being represented there; love birds, cat birds, mocking birds, goldfinches, doves, etc. From here I was conducted to his fowl department, and was much surprised at the complete system shown. Mr. Downs has not a great amount of room, but with all the varieties bred here with judicious management, is able to give them sufficient; his pigeon loft is well arranged and stocked with birds of extra merit, as the many prize tickets in his possession will show. He informed me that he thought the association would be the means of opening the eyes of our farmers, and showing them the desirability of breeding blooded stock. At present the indications are favorable. The next place I visited was that of

GEORGE PIERS,

another of the old breeders. His yards are situated at the Dutch Village. His stock is very fine, and one of the largest in the Province, he breeding almost every variety. His specialty is Rouen ducks, and the specimens bred by him are certainly excellent. His information was that he produced a strain of his own, and was confident that it could not be excelled by any American breeder. In close proximity there are the yards of

ANDREW MACKINLAY,

formerly of the firm of Mackinlay, Richey and Co., which was dissolved last fall, and he and Mr. Richey starting out on their own accounts. The birds kept by this gentleman are Bronze Turkeys, Pekin ducks, Silver Penciled and Black Hamburgs, Partridge Cochins, B. B. Red Games and Bantams. He has lately added to his already large establishment a pigeon loft, which contains some of the best procurable stock in America. His strain of Pekin ducks are fine, never having been beaten at any show. Mr. Mackinlay was the first to import this variety into the Province, and the majority of the birds found in the province are from his stock. He informs me that he could hardly supply the demands for his birds. Mr. Mackinlay has as fine, if not the finest, establishment in our city; his runs being very extensive, his management superior, and his fowls of the best. He said as I left, "If you keep straight down this road you will come to Berchen, where the yards of

GEOFFREY MORROW

are situated." I kept on in the narrow path and arrived at my destination safely. Mr. Morrow has

some fine Game fowls, and has a still finer place to keep them in. His place is beautifully situated on the shores of the North West Arm. He is a most indefatigable fancier, rearing the choicest fowls each spring—to be killed by cats and rats or stolen by the lovers of the pit in the fall. Notwithstanding the many trials which beset Mr. Morrow, he is generally successful at our shows, and had he the same success as others he would come out strong.

E. G. KENNY

lives but a short distance from Mr. Morrow, and I looked at his place. His fowls are very fine and well kept, he breeds Rouen ducks, Dominiques and Polands, also Red Pyle Game Bantams. Leaving here I strolled leisurely into town, turning into Cunard Street and stopped at No. 97, and found

W. H. GIBSON

at home. He was delighted to have some one to show his stock to and expatiate upon the many virtues of his birds. He breeds the Asiatics, his favorites being Black Cochins and Dark Brahmas, and certainly his birds are very excellent. I gathered from him the information that quite a trade was springing up between Canada and the United States in this branch of industry, and he had it on good authority that Canadian stock was giving great satisfaction. He has shipped several coops of fowls to distant points of the States, and in every case his birds have given satisfaction. He has also done a large trade in eggs the past season, and expected to double it in the coming spring. Mr. Gibson is one of the *business* fanciers and is determined to combine profit with pleasure. May he succeed. He is also a partner in the firm of

GOUDGE AND GIBSON,

whose strain of black Spanish is so well known that it is unnecessary for me to say anything on their behalf. My next visit was made to

THOS. GOUDGE,

who has his poultry house situated off Compton Avenue. He breeds Houdans, Light Brahmas, and Partridge Cochins. At the late exhibition he was successful to a very large degree, and the judge informed him, when speaking of his Cochins, that it would be next to impossible to find a better lot anywhere. Mr. Goudge says his house is so built that water will not freeze in it even in the coldest weather. This is a great point, and I think he is the only fancier who has as yet been able to accomplish this. As I was leaving, Mr. Goudge remarked that if I was going North I had better look in and see the establishment of

M. H. RICHEY, JR.

I determined to do so, and finding him in, was conducted to his hennery, which is quite a credit to him. He has four houses, three of them occupied