



OTTAWA'S BIG SHOW.

AN INCREASE IN ACCOMMODATION ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY.
THE SUPERINTENDENT ADVISES AN ENLARGED LIST.
TWO THOUSAND BIRDS WANTED NEXT YEAR.

MR. R. E. H. BENJAMIN kindly sends us the following notes :

I herewith send you a short account of the poultry exhibit at the Central Canada Exhibition held in this city 17th to 25th Sept. To say that the exhibit was far ahead of the previous year both in numbers and quality is no exaggeration. There were over 1,400 entries exclusive of pigeons, and this number I am in hopes will be increased to over two thousand at the next exhibition if I can succeed in having the amount awarded for prizes increased, there is no other branch of the exhibition that pays so well and the Directors are aware of this fact.

In the dark Brahma class as usual there was a small entry the birds were as usual. In the light Brahmas about the usual number of entries. A few years ago this was one of the largest and best classes. Partridge Cochins a small entry but the birds were good. Cochins of A.O.V. small but some of the buffs were good. Langshans were well represented and good. Dorkings—This class is increasing both in numbers and quality. Houdans, the same may be said of them.

Wyandottes, silvers, were a large class and some exceptionally fine birds. The whites were an unusually large class and really fine birds. The goldens were as usual a good lot, both in numbers and quality, no doubt the additional prize offered by the St. Alban's, Vt., Poultry Association was the cause of this. Messrs. Oldrieve & Wilkinson captured that special.

Plymouth Rocks, barred, made a very large class and Mr. C. J. Devlin exhibited a very superior bird, one that will be hard to beat. The whites were also a large and fine class. The buffs had to compete against the buff Wyandottes, I think this was a decided mistake in making these two distinct varieties into one class; as was expected the Wyandottes were the most successful birds the Rocks being too dark in color.

Games were a small class, much smaller in numbers than

in any previous year, and not so good in quality. Indian Game, fewer entries than at any previous exhibition and birds not of as good a quality. Hamburgs, black, very good both in quality and numbers; penciled a very small class; spangled an unusually large and good class. Javas a medium class, both in numbers and quality of birds. Black Spanish, a poor class in every respect. Andalusians a good class and some fine birds.

Minorcas about as usual in numbers, quality of birds good. Leghorns, S C white, a good large class and fine birds; brown also a large class, much improved in size to what they were formerly and good birds; black a good class; buff the same and good in color; rose comb all varieties of color competed in this class, it was as a natural result a large class and very good birds were exhibited. Polish, white crested black about the same as usual, perhaps a slight increase in the number of entries; A.O.V. a large class and some fine birds. Red Caps, an unusually large number of entries, some of the birds were of good size, but the combs have become almost, I might say a deformity, this might be caused by feeding too much animal meat. A.O.V., a good class and brought out all kinds of varieties, some really good and some bad.

Bantams, Game B B red were much more numerous than formerly and some fine specimens; brown-reds good in quality, the usual number of entries; duckwings a good class; piles about the usual number, birds good; rose comb black, a good class and some fine specimens, this is a very ornamental class and good birds won; Sebright, gold and silver, competed against each other, consequently there was a large number of entries. Lady Marjorie Gordon of Government House took first prize hen in golden Sebright; Japanese, a good class and fair number of entries; buff Cochin bants, an unusually large number of entries, this class seems to be growing in favor with the young people, some fine birds amongst the collection; A.O.V. Bantams, a good class and fine variety.

Turkeys, bronze, a fine lot of birds and of good quality; A.O.V. about the usual number of entries, some of the young birds hardly sufficiently matured to warrant even a second and third place. Geese, Toulouse, a fine exhibit and extra fine birds, the same may be said of the Embden and A.O.V., it was in this class that Mr. N. Thompson, of Allan's Corners, gained most of his prizes. The same may be said of the Ducks, the largest number of entries ever exhibited here, and rapidly increasing each year.

Breeding pens were good and far in excess of previous