

A Canadian Poultry Association

This is a subject that will sooner or later have to be agitated by our Canadian poultry breeders. That such an association is needed, there is no doubt. Canada is a large territory, and contains a large and influential number of breeders—men who are as capable of judging the various merits of the different breeds as our American cousins. At present all our Canadian judges (of which I think there are very few,) are subject to the rules and regulations of the American society, and governed by the American *Standard* in determining upon the different merits of a bird.

It is a deplorable fact, that the Canadian fanciers are little known to each other, and that they do not sufficiently esteem one another. By such an association as the Canadian fanciers are capable of forming, much good would be wrought, not only by improving the many breeds, but by bringing the different breeds into contact, and making them feel that they have a common interest.

Let us advance a few facts to show the desirability of such an association. In Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, there are a large number of fanciers, and each Province has its separate association. In each society the rules are framed to suit the members composing it, and he who has the most influence generally manages to have things to suit himself. Again, these breeders seldom, if ever, exhibit outside of their own locality, they know with whom they have to compete, and make their arrangements accordingly; they carry off their prizes and consider their stock the best in the Dominion, while in reality they might not be awarded a single prize were they to exhibit outside of their own district.

By the formation of such a society as I propose, the rules of the different Provincial societies would, to certain extent, be governed by the general association; the breeders would be brought together, and the egotistical ideas of some smoothed down, until a general system of friendliness and unity would be established; the fanciers of Ontario and Quebec would be led to consider the possibility of those of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia being able to breed good stock, and those of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, in their turn, learn that the Upper Province men can breed birds that are worth purchasing for the improvement of their own stock.

There is another point which will have to be settled, and that is the publication of a Canadian *Standard of Excellence*.

It is a well known fact that a large number of the birds imported into Canada are from English stock, and that these birds are judged by the American *Standard*.

There is no one who will dispute the injustice of this, as we are all aware that the English and American *Standards* differ in many particulars, and in some cases are directly antagonistic.

I do not exactly advocate the adoption of a new *Standard*, but a modification of the English and American to suit our Canadian stock. The argument may be advanced that Canada is too young to attempt any such thing at present, and that the expense would be too great. I hold that the fancy is now as deeply rooted as it ever will be, and that with the army of breeders we have in our midst the expense would be trifling, and I am of the opinion that this subject but requires to be taken hold of by the proper persons, and the majority of our breeders will rally to their support.

As I fear I am trespassing on your space, and hope that these few remarks will aid in producing the desired effect, I will simply state that, if space is at my command, I shall at some future time, again refer to this subject.

P. COCK.

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Awards at the R. River Valley Poultry Show, Sterling Illinois.

COCHINS.—Buff, David Jones, Tecumseh, Mich., 1st. Partridge fowls, W. L. Larlis, Sterling, 2nd and special; chicks same 5d. Black fowls, C. L. Forsyth, Lincoln, Ills., 2nd and special; chicks, J. M. Gilchrist, Marshalltown, Iowa, 1st and 2nd; W. C. Myres & Son, Dixon, Ills., 3d.

BRAMMAS, Light, fowls, A. A. Walsworth, Marshalltown, Iowa, 1st and special; chicks same, 1st and special.

PEYMOUTH ROCKS.—C. A. Keefer, Sterling, 1st, 2nd and special; chicks, same, 1st 2nd and special; N. A. Thomas, Sterling, 3d.

GAMES.—White, Fanciers' Agency, Sterling, 3d. Brown Red, Riverside Poultry Yards, Sterling, 1st. Pit fowls, W. F. Laurie, Sterling, 1st; Jas. Summers, Rock Falls, 2nd; chicks, W. F. Laurie, Sterling, 1st; James Summers, Rock Falls, 2nd. Black Breasted Red, C. A. Keefer, Sterling, 1st and special; breeding pen same, 1st and special.

HAMBROS.—Silver-Spangled fowls, W. C. Oates, Aurora, Ills., 1st; J. P. Brubaker, Nachausa, Ills., 3d. Black chicks, Wm. Pooley, Aurora, Ills., 3d. Black chicks, Wm. Pooley, Aurora, Ills., 3d and special.

LEGHORNS.—White, chicks, E. B. Weston, Highland Park, Ills., 1st, 2nd and special; J. P. Brubaker, Nachausa, Ills., 3d. Brown fowls, C. A. Keefer, Sterling, 2nd, and special; chicks, same, 1st, 2nd and 3d; breeding pen, same, 1st.

SPANISH, Black, fowls, A. M. Brown, Aurora, Ills., 1st; chicks, same, 1st and special.

LANGSHAMS.—J. E. Fryberger, Sterling, 1st and special.

SCOTCH GREYS.—J. V. Emmit, Sterling, 1st.

HOUDANS.—Fowls, Geo. Butters Oak Park, Ills., 1st 2nd 3rd and special; chicks same, 1st 2nd and 3d.

BANTAMS.—Black Breasted Red Game, C. A. Keefer, Sterling, 1st and Special; Howard Hoss, Ster-