

## TORONTO'S BIG FALL SHOW.

A RECORD BREAKER AT THE INDUSTRIAL—THREE THOUSAND BIRDS AND GRAND QUALITY.

WHERE shall we put them? was Mr. Daniels' question on the day before the show. The large building was taxed to its uttermost, every coop filled and in several cases birds had to be shown in some of the exhibitors' coops. If the entry keeps on increasing in the same ratio in which it has done the past two years further extension of the building, or else a new and modern erection will be a necessity which cannot be got over by any other means.

One or two of the western exhibitors suffered severe loss caused by the extreme heat during time of transit. Mr. Oke was the heaviest loser and Mr. McNeil also had cause to regret the demise of several birds. The time of exhibition for the poultry is altogether too long and many grumbles were heard regarding it, especially as the prize-money had been cut down. This latter we hope will be but for one year, the directors no doubt will open their hearts—and pockets—and in future add to instead of deduct from the money offered. The Industrial has been liberal in the past, and can afford to be so in the future. They get the best exhibitors have to show.

Mr. Daniels, the able Superintendent, had all ready for the birds on their arrival and no time was lost in getting them into clean coops with an ample supply of fresh water and feed in each.

Several birds were present from Manitoba but met hot company and their condition told the effect of the long rail journey. The spirit of the Prairie Province exhibitors deserves better luck, let us hope it will come "next time."

The usual amount—no more—of grumbling was heard from dissatisfied exhibitors. No man can please all, a fact often overlooked. Mr. Jarvis has kindly consented to report on his classes and Mr. Butterfield will write on the Game and Game Bantams.

VARIETY BANTAMS were out in force and were mostly good. Pens nice. Cock in first Poland a blue legged V combed, one of the coming type, but the poor fellow "winked the other eye" once too often and now has to go through life with one optic. In Japs,

first were black-tailed, second whites. First black-tailed Jap cock, the bird we noticed in Ontario report, a neat one, low on the leg with a big tail, second better comb, good tail but higher on leg. First hen, small and easily the best, badly flecked hackle. Whites, first and first a grand pair in full fit, neat all over, second cock has lost points of comb, good tail, not all moulted out yet, third rather better in color, but higher on leg and comb over at back; second hen smaller than third. White chicks a good lot, while the black-tailed were not. A neat black cockerel won first in the other color class. Polands a nice lot, we are looking for what the new Standard calls for. Sebrights a good lot—we liked first silver cock, a model in size and style and well laced. Too many are on the large size. First gold cock has the clearest tail we have seen on one of this color, small and neat, but carries a comb too high off the base. The others good. We have seen better classes of black rose-combs. We liked first cock, who carries a grand full tail, good lobes and color. The winning chicks were neat. Buff Cochins do not show any improvement and we let them down easy in saying this. First and second cocks are more like the color now asked for. First hen: best and most typical Cochin in the lot. Old blacks good, especially first hen. Whites not as good as last year, especially the juveniles. A.O.V went to the best lot of white rose-combs we have seen for years.

BRAHMAS--The darks made small classes, but quality was high. First light cock beats second in soundness of tail, but has a coarse comb; third fails in color; an unnoticed one (Sceker) about as good as any but brassy on top. First hen beautifully shown, neat headpiece, good color and legs, second larger and a good one all over. First and second pullets a neat couple, best of the young lot.

COCHINS--Partridge did not make a large lot, we liked shape and pencilling of first hen. Whites were really good all through. We fell in love with first and second pullets, a shapely pair of fine color and style. Blacks small classes but good. First buff cock, a large good colored bird, profuse in feather, low set, comb too big, second does not carry so much feather, higher up, neater comb. First hen nice shape, good legs, good color but quite mealy enough on top,