

seems it is almost impossible to breed young birds without this imperfection in the toes, and still stranger, birds with this imperfection are just as liable to show perfect birds as if they had no blemish. I am certain the exhibitors who were not so fortunate as Mr. H. in gaining even a single prize will thank him for championing their cause.

Mr. Howison I understand has made a charge that one of the exhibitors pointed out to the judge his birds, I must give this a flat contradiction. I was with the judge from the time he commenced to judge until he finished, and even before he commenced, as I acted as his clerk and during that time no one pointed out or said these are my birds or any other persons.

It is too frequently the case at exhibitions, when the judge commences to judge a class in which they are either exhibitors or are interested, to make some remarks such as "That pair was awarded a first prize at such a place," or "That is a fine pair, I think," or naming an exhibitor, "they are his." All these remarks are made for a purpose and are annoying to the judge. They should keep away, say nothing until after the judging is finished. It is such remarks as I have here alluded to that cause trouble, for if the judge should so award a prize to an exhibitor who has pointed out his birds to a friend when the judge was present, the parties who are unsuccessful will say the judge knew his birds and favored him. By keeping their tongues quiet during the judging exhibitors will save both themselves and the judge an untold amount of trouble.

I remain, yours respectfully,

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#### HERE AND THERE.

**I** WAS pleased to learn from the November REVIEW that Mr. L. G. Jarvis, so well and favorably known to the poultrymen of Ontario, in fact of the Dominion, had been appointed to the position of Manager of the Poultry Department at the Ontario Agricultural Farm at Guelph. Mr. Jarvis is a most capable man for the position, and the Government is to be congratulated on securing his services. From the London papers I learn that the fanciers of that city honored him with a complimentary banquet prior to his removal to Guelph, and that the kindest feelings were expressed towards Mr. Jarvis by all.

The selection of varieties of fowls for the Poultry Department at Guelph Farm shows that utility is the great requis-

ite aimed at. During these hard times, when the products of the farm are so low in price, and the results of the labors of the agriculturist are so poorly rewarded, in the branches usually conducted, it is well that their attention be directed to the poultry industry. And it is meet that only those varieties that are considered the most profitable be kept at the Government Farm. Of course I do not mean that there are no other profitable varieties than those chosen by Mr. Jarvis for his experiments, but I do mean that all those chosen by him are in the utility class. If our farmers would only make use of the new department as they should it would be a grand thing. The profitable nature of the poultry raising and egg business, when properly conducted, is known to but few of our farmers. Very few of them have proper buildings in which to house their fowls, and in winter the fowls have to roost in sheds or other outbuildings and live on what they can pick up, with sometimes some small wheat or oats thrown them. With such care as that it is out of the question to expect poultry to be profitable. Another thing that has been forcibly impressed upon my mind the past week, is the foolish custom of those raising turkeys and geese of killing them all off at the first approach of winter. The result has been that the markets of all the towns and cities of Ontario have been glutted, and the price has fallen below a paying basis. All this might be avoided by having proper buildings in which to house these fowls, and the slaughtering of them at intervals during the winter.

It is to be hoped that bulletins on poultry matters will be issued from the new department for distribution throughout the Province, as the people need a great deal of education on this line, and Mr. Jarvis, from his long experience, is just the man to give the information required.

The Ontario Show will be on us in about a month, and I notice that the enthusiastic fanciers of New Hamburg are alive to the duties devolving upon them. Last year's annual meeting was a good one, the addresses and papers were worthy of the occasion, and I trust that the Secretary's appeal for papers for this year will not be in vain.

The question of the appointment of a fourth judge for the Industrial has been receiving attention from some of your correspondents. One thing is certain, the judging should be completed earlier than it has been in the past few years, and if it is necessary to have a fourth judge to accomplish that, by all means have him appointed. These remarks apply with equal force to the Ontario Show. At the latter the judging should be finished on Wednesday night at the latest, as Thursday is generally "spectator's day," and visitors are always anxious to see the prize winners. X.