

collections. The building is being extended to take in the anticipated increase and a record entry is looked for. Dr. A. W. Bell, himself a practical breeder and exhibitor is assisting the Manager, Mr. H. J. Hill in looking after the office staff, and any little friction in the way of missing entry cards will not occur again, as Dr. Bell, was up to last season, for years past in charge of this department. Mr. Hill asks us to request exhibitors not to leave their entries until the last day, August 22nd, but to get them in as early as possible, no need to wait. We hope this broad hint may be taken.

THE WESTERN, LONDON,

is on the same date as the Montreal Show, but the locations are so far apart that the clash cannot effect either show. As our readers know the poultry building with several others at London, was burned down some time ago, but the liberality of the citizens has enabled the Association to erect new and greatly improved buildings. That for poultry we are assured is really a palace and away ahead of the very neat building formerly occupied by the poultry exhibit. Mr. Thos. A. Browne is of course well known to all show goers, holding as he does in addition to the Managership of the Western Fair, the secretarial position of the Poultry Association of Ontario. Several additions have been made to the list, the money all through being \$1.25 for first and \$1 for second prize, with a card for third. Entries close on September 9th, and we hear that Mr. Jack Saunders, the Superintendent, will have his famous sire Five Points at the disposal of visiting exhibitors. All welcome, bring your families. The Secretary sends us a special line "No need to hold entries till the last day."

MONTREAL,

Canada's Metropolis will be *en fete* during the show, the poultry going in from September 14th to 18th. The list is a good one; \$2, \$1 and 50c. being the money offered, but needs revision and addition. For instance we fail to find any of the new buff breeds so popular now, Plymouth Rocks, Wyandottes and Leghorns, and this surely is an oversight. Before the printing of next year's lists the Association would be wise to consult with some of our progressive eastern fanciers as to changes and additions. Breeding pens are well looked after \$3, \$2 and \$1 being offered in cash. Mr. Ulley we presume will again superintend the show and a better man could not be procured. Entries close August 31st.

BIG THINGS AT OTTAWA.

It is wonderful the strides that have been made in Ottawa in the Poultry Department, and we are assured by Mr. Benjamin and others that this is but the beginning. All birds are now shown singly and three cash prizes are offered of \$1.25, 75c. and 50c. The building and coops are being rejuvenated and put in shape, and we hope to learn that before long an entire new outfit has been procured. Entries close on September 14th. The Secretary announces amongst other good things that the official programme of the Central Canada Exhibition for 1896 indicates a great improvement over the shows of previous years, not only in the prize list and accommodation, but also in character and variety of entertainment. The Association will have splendid value to show for the \$40,000 expended in new buildings and in improvements to the grounds. The horse and cattle stables are constructed upon a plan entirely different from any in use in the country, and are splendidly adapted to the purpose of exhibiting stock to the comfort and convenience of the visiting public. Each building has a separate entrance and plank walk for the spectators, apart altogether from the passages used by the animals on exhibition. Thereby the inconvenience is avoided of spectators and live stock using the same walks, as is the case in other exhibition buildings. These walks are in the centre of the buildings, so that the visitor on his round of inspection is comfortably sheltered and has the advantage of dry, clean footing. New sheds for sheep and swine are also erected and upon the most modern principles; they also have plank walks around them. And by reason of these improvements rain will not impair the success of the fair; visitors will be able to view all the live stock, in addition to the other displays, under shelter. But these are only a few of many changes for the better made at the Society's grounds. In fact, nothing has been overlooked that would tend to the comfort and convenience of exhibitors and visitors. The enlarged grand stand has seating capacity for over 8,000 persons, and the turnstile arrangements having been fitted at the rear greatly facilitate the ingress and egress of visitors. An important feature of the exhibition of 1896 will be the evening entertainments, for which special provisions has been made by the management. It has been arranged to produce that magnificent spectacular "The Siege of Algiers," with fireworks and other inspiring accessories. This part of the entertainment will be under the direction of Messrs. Hand & Teale, of Hamilton, whose successful production of the "Siege of Sebastopol" last year is ample guarantee of the up-to-date character of the new spectacular. In its presentation the military