

least two hours, and then it was removed and given to MR. FOX. Then again, MR. COOPER awards first prize to MR. HOBDEN'S long-faced Blue Antwerp Cock, but the ticket did not stay very long on this, as MR. FOX said this was not fair, so, of course, MR. FOX got that also, and then MR. COOPER has a second prize ticket put on MR. HOBDEN'S cage, *on a different Blue Cock altogether*. I think if I was judge enough to place it there I think I should be judge enough to leave it there.

MR. HOBDEN exhibited six pairs of Antwerps, and if he had got justice he would have taken two first prizes and two second prizes, but as he did not he had to put up with one second prize, and they had to have two goes to get that one there.

As for myself, I will leave it with MR. FOX or anybody else, all I have to say is I got one second prize on short-face Antwerp, and I should have got one first and two seconds. MR. FOX'S short-faced Antwerp Cock is a good bird, but he is the only short-faced bird he has, the hen he won with is only medium faced. MR. FOX told me a story once of how he hustled MR. LUDLOW, our great English artist, round the show room to make him tell why he gave the preference to inferior birds, and I think if I could have found MR. COOPER on the night of the 18th inst. I should have felt like making him change some more tickets. I don't want to run down MR. FOX'S birds, oh, no, far from it, as he has got a lot of very good birds, but that is not to say that he has them all, as I challenge anybody in the province to show a matched pair of short-faced Antwerps. I can overlook a judge making a mistake, but when he makes a bungle of the whole affair it looks crooked. I think MR. COOPER'S judging of Pigeons in this Canada's Great Fair would indicate the old song of "Fifty Years Ago" when we were all different, as well as Pigeons.

By putting this in the columns of your valuable journal it may meet the eye of some fanciers with more able a pen than mine, and if we are to keep and exhibit our pets let us have justice. Wishing you every success, I remain,

Yours respectfully,

A. J. GROVES.

Toronto, Sept. 21, 1888.

JUDGING AT THE INDUSTRIAL.

Editor Review:—

I exhibited at the Industrial Show, in Toronto, four Carrier Pigeons, when the prizes were awarded I was given first on Black Cock and first on Dun Cock. In the afternoon of the same day the ticket was transferred from my Dun bird to another of the same color belonging to MR. FOX, who had protested, I believe, the decision of the judge. Now, sir, if my bird was first in the morning why did not the gentleman acting as judge, if he found he had made a mistake, give my bird at least second. Oh, no, that would not do, Mr. FOX had got second, and there being no one present to protest on my behalf and bring the matter to his lordships notice, MR. FOX was allowed to retain second for Dun cock, when, as a matter of fact, this bird entered and winning as a cock was a hen.

It is highly flattering to the gentlemen fanciers of Toronto (to whom I believe the selecting of a judge was left) to pick out a man who did not know enough about Pigeons to distinguish a cock from a hen. I am not alone the sufferer of the weak and changeable mind of the judge, several tickets beside mine were transferred in the same manner.

I am sorry I was not present at the show, as I might have had a chance to bring home with me four tickets instead of one, not through any merit of my birds but through unfitness of a man acting as judge for the largest and best show in the Dominion, who really could not tell a Dun Carrier Cock from a

Dun Carrier Hen. Don't think for a moment that I am a sore head, far from it, I was not at the show and MR. FOX'S bird may have been a better bird than mine, but I emphatically say that MR. FOX'S hen should not have received second when my cock bird, which had been given first and then left out in the cold, was in the show.

I consider it no honor, under the circumstances, to have won first on black at the Industrial this year, I would not think of advertising him as having done so.

I have learned a lesson in this, my first attempt at showing in Toronto, and as I am willing to pay for my learning it shall not keep me from meeting the fanciers of the West at some future time, but I will take good care I will not enter birds in any show where his vascillating Worship is to preside.

Yours,

M. ARAHILL.

Montreal, Sept. 21, 1888.

HONEST DEALING AMONG FANCIERS AND BREEDERS.

Editor Review:—

If I were to judge solely by my own experience the poultry breeders as a class are honorable in their dealings. The dissatisfaction in regard to the egg business is scarcely to be avoided. I wish at present to refer to those who deal in pigeons. Scarcely a breeder to whom I have spoken but has some complaint, most of them several, as to unfairness in some of those of whom they have bought or with whom they have exchanged birds. Of course I have heard only one side of the story, but in several instances the same individual (among whom, I am sorry to say, is at least one in your fair city, Mr. Editor,) has been named as the — by different persons.

This evil I take to be due to a variety of causes leading to misunderstandings, though in some cases there is undoubted fraud. I hope this letter may serve the purpose of eliciting from