

number of people Toronto has to draw from, and the easy access to their show, it is all the more favorable to Winnipeg, for long distances are very common in that prairie country.

In poultry, every year shows better birds, and better care, and when the Superintendent got the poultry building built the size it is now some of the members of the board thought it would never be filled. Well this year it was full to overflowing and from appearances will have to be enlarged. It is certainly a good poultry house, and no matter in what part of the building the light is equal; well lighted and well ventilated. We noticed a great many birds that had won well for Ontario before they came to Manitoba. In light Brahmas, even at that time of the year, 24th July, most of the birds were in fair show shape, and Mr. Editor you can rest assured the winning birds are first class specimens when in their best feather. Chicks were young, but one accustomed as I have been to breeding can reckon to a certainty what they will be when developed. Dark Brahmas, the winning cock was a real good bird and fit to get a prize at any show. The buffs were good birds but bleached out by running in the sun, but the real strong classes were the Games and Plymouth Rocks. 1st prize black red cock was a grand formed bird with good legs and fine long head and may moult a grand color, after I had judged, the owner asked me if I had seen the bird before, I said to him "I cannot remember him," he said he won 1st at World's Fair as a cockerel, well when we got to the 2nd prize pen we found the better hen but cock not good enough to pull her through for 1st place, the best hen was with third prize cock, her only fault being a little on the small size, but her grand body, head and tail makes her a very desirable hen for a breeder. The best chicks in black red were on the young side in cockerels, but the pullets was a good class, at least there were three or four splendid in back, wing and breast color, while cockerels at say three months old are about the worst in feather, and hard to determine which will be the best colored when matured. In golden duckwings we noticed day after judging, that the 1st prize pair had a great record. 1st Toronto as chicks, male and female; 1st London as pair, 1st World's Fair cockerel, 1st World's Fair, pullet, 1st Ontario cockerel, 1st Ontario pullet, 2nd prize cock New York, 1st New York pullet, beating the Crystal Palace pullet at New York show, 1894. Well one can afford to say that we meet grand birds at Winnipeg, and they looked none the worse for the wear and tear they had endured in the strong competition. Well, we got to the best breeding pen, of which there were about twenty pens, Mr. Chadwick the President of the Winnipeg Poultry Association has always given a \$25 silver cup for best breeding pen, and

that alone draws out a lot of good birds to try and win the coveted cup. Last year it was won by a grand breeding pen of barred Rocks; two years ago by a grand yard of Spanish, and this year by a pen of black reds each individual bird fit to go into first-class company, closely run by a pen of golden Wyandottes and had it not been for one poor hen it would have been hard to determine which was best amongst the breeding yards, there was several good pens noticeable. The 1st light Brahmas contained a good hen though not large she had got what all good light Brahma breeders are after and that is those grand tail coverts black with a white edge, the cock a good one but out of feather. The 1st prize cock in barred Rock breedings pen would open the eyes of Plymouth Rock exhibitors at Toronto show, not a sign of brass on back or wing and not a sign of grey or white in tail and having good sound blue-black bars made him look the bluest bird one rarely finds, and had the hen been as good a bird as he is we should have had to get another cup to satisfy the Judge.

In the regular class the 1st prize barred Rock cock was a marvel for style, comb and color and his mate was a grand bird, but a little over fed. In this class the other winning cocks were fair good birds, very free from brass, though six or seven cocks should have been put in the pot instead of the breeding yard, for from poor birds generally poor birds are bred. And my over 30 years experience as a breeder, has convinced me that however good a bird may be he is none too good for me to breed from, and no doubt as long as I live, I shall never be able to see or breed a bird without some weak place somewhere. And if wishing could make it better the better it would have to be. And though I have mentioned these remarkable birds I still want to say, that as a whole there was an excellent collection of birds at Winnipeg Industrial. I also judged the pigs at this show, and when one found an Ontario exhibitor there, one would expect to see some good pigs, and so I did, and no doubt the party thought that he had found much better pigs in Winnipeg show than he had expected to find in a comparatively new country. And the whole of the exhibits in the three prizes of live stock at Winnipeg had to parade the half mile track and show to the public three times during the show, that is each of the last three days of the show. The pigs, sheep and poultry were loaded up in C.P.R. Railroad trucks and joined in the procession, a thing which the public highly appreciated, especially those on the grand stand, who could have such a fine opportunity of seeing the excellent exhibits brought right to their close view, the stock parade alone was well worth the admission fee to grounds