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MR. JNO. COLE,

Hamilton, was in Toronto on August 14th.

MR. A. W. GRAHAM,

St. Thomas, paid us a visit on the 19th ulto. He was accompanied by Mrs. Graham, and was enjoying the pleasures of the lake breezes.

OUR MONTREAL CORRESPONDENT writes us-The County of Hochelaga are giving prizes for Chicks as well as Fowls at their Exhibition, which is to be held in Montreal, on the 19th, 20th and 21st of September next. It is to be hoped that the friends of Montreal will turn out in large numbers, as it depends entirely on themselves whether Poultry and Pigeons shall take their proper place. A few exhibits only will discourage the directors, whereas if there is a big show, greater inducements will be offered in the future.

THE DUNNVILLE ASSOCIATION whose Show opens the winter series on Dec. 3, 4 and 5, we learn, is making vigorous efforts to offer inducements to fanciers which may call out an exhibit double the number of last year. Being early in the season and at a time when many will be able to get away, we have no doubt but that the members efforts will be fully rewarded.

MR. JNO. McCLELLAND Peterborough will judge all the Poultry

day last month.

BREEDING PENS.

It is amusing sometimes to notice the quality of the exhibits claiming to be shown under the above caption, if used for the purpose which their name designates their happy possessors would surely be surprised at the quality of their progeny! Exhibitors seem to think that a male and three or four females, as the case may be, of any variety, no matter of what quality, are good enough to show as a breeding pen; this we take it is altogether astray. If birds exhibited as breeding pens were intelligently mated for breeding purposes they would prove educative object lessons of no mean value.

THE ASSOCIATION

which offers prizes for pens mated on these lines with explanatory notes by the exhibitor, and the judge who carries out the wishes of the Association in awarding the prizes for this object will receive the thanks and support of young and comparatively uneducated fanciers, who are seeking information which in no other way can be so well and so easily given.

WE COMMEND

these remarks to the Committees of our coming winter shows, and also to intending exhibitors in these classes.

There are two particular points that are worth noticing, these are: (1) that prize-winners indiscriminately mated together, irrespective of "balance" do not necessarily produce winners, and

McClelland paid us a brief visit one duce winners need not of necessity be prize-winners.

OUR QUESTION

for next month is "How do you feed your laying hens in winter to get best results?" We shall feel glad if every one who can do so will send us their method in as short and concise a form as possible.

MR. J. Y. BICKNELL

Buffalo, N.Y., is to judge the poultry sections at the St. Catharines fall fair.

MR. A. HOBBS

President of the Bowmanville Association was in Toronto on the 20th ulto.



MORTIMERS MONTHLY MORSELS.

BY F. A. MORTIMER, POTTSVILLE, PA.

When you meet a party who depreciates your stock, put him down as a customer and govern yourself accordingly. He wants something for nothing. Remember the proverb, "He who decries wants to buy."

Fowls if neglected or allowed to shift for themselves will lay but few eggs. On the contrary if well cared for, and fed on food containing egg material, they will generously "shell ont."

The Minorca is an excellent fowl for crossing with the Leghorn, although the classesat the Ottawa Exhibition, Mr. (2) that birds properly mated to pro- Minorca has a large comb, and was