

geese were gigantic. During the show, the judges and exhibitors dined upon La Bresse and Crève-cœur fowls. Questions were discussed, not about pencillings and spanglings, but about the loss of weight in drawing and roasting, preparing for the cook, or in cooking for the table. The loss per cent. was as follows:

	La Bresse.	Houdan.	Crève-cœur.
In preparing for the cook	20.95	20.52	17.58
In cooking	30.68	28.83	28.12
Total loss per cent.	52.51	44.32	49.95

No experiments of similar exactitude are on record respecting British fowls, and the "Standard of Excellence" prescribes no such tests of the relative merits of breeds. Prizes for superior merits on the table have not yet been given at any British shows. La Bresse, like our farmyard fowls, seem to have been formed by a mixture of races. They are of any or of all colours. Their shape and size resemble the grey Dorking. They are fed on buckwheat and maize. The district of La Bresse lies on the banks of the Saone, and its fame as a poultry country dates from the end of the eighteenth century, when the culture of maize for pigs and poultry became general. La Bresse pullets only three months old can be fattened for the table. The offspring of young cocks fatten best. A hen may lay 160 eggs in a year and hatch two or three broods. A chicken two months old weighs 2lb., a poultard five months old weighs 6lb., and a capon at six months may weigh 8lb. or 10lb. Crève-cœurs, the rivals of La Bresse fowls for the table, are said to be too delicate in constitution for the climate of Great Britain.

The La Flèche breed are strange birds to look at. La Flèche cocks have a metallic black plumage, an upright carriage, large watchful eyes, long red hanging wattles, red faces, and red, branching, antler-like combs. They have something weird and hobgoblin-like about them. La Flèche hens, only less formidable in appearance than the cocks, are prolific layers of tremendous eggs. The eggs are not so fertile as they are large. The appearance of this breed is so wild from their black feathers, red wattles, red faces and red combs, that they might have been made in memory of *les bonnets rouges* of *La Terreur*. *Aloudans* resemble Dorkings. They have the artificial fifth toe, which, indisposing the old Dorking to exercise and making the young ones lift their feet very high, prevents their becoming thin, tough and wiry from running about. By the way, this excrescent toe, long deemed a very cunning application of a principle in physiological science, is now generally condemned. It is said to be a cause of the disease called bumble-foot, and probably the fat gained by enforced indolence is lost in cooking. The names of the French breeds seem to be truly derived from the places in which they flourish. The Spanish breed, also, is found in Spain and on the shores of the Mediterranean. But this appropriateness seems to be the exception, and not the rule, in reference to the names of breeds of poultry. For Cochin China fowls were unknown in that country until introduced by the English. Polands are not known in Poland. Spangled Hamburgs are said to be certainly an English breed. There are no Brahmans on the banks of the Brahmapootra. The game breed is, more than any other, characteristically English, and the editor of the "Poultry Book" calls it indigenous. Perhaps the attention given to feathers rather than flesh of late years, and the culture of pluckiness in the

game breed in the times of our cock-fighting forefathers, may have not a little to do with the present inferiority of our poultry for the table. There are British game-cocks whose genealogies can be carried back in stud-books for at least a hundred years. The cock-fight was a Darwinian struggle for life which selected the strongest to be the sires of the breed. Many fanciers think the game cock the perfection of gallinaceous beauty; perhaps just as there are servant girls who think the soldier's the finest manly form. Cock-fighting having become illegal, the game or English breed has survived the purpose for which it was bred; but it is still a fine breed for gentlemen with large estates, where the fowls can have extensive runs. And this breed can be used to protect more timid breeds. When a yard is infested by cats which carry off the chickens, a game hen with steel spurs, and having a brood of her own, can give lessons in honesty to the boldest grimalkins. "The Poultry Book" and "The Poultry Keeper" are both valuable books: "The Poultry Book" may be best adapted for exhibitors, and "The Poultry Keeper" for families.—*Athensum*.

#### PRIZE LIST OF THE FRUIT GROWERS' ASSOCIATION OF NOVA SCOTIA.

EXHIBITION HELD AT SOMERSET, 24th OCTOBER, 1867.

The SILVER MEDAL of the Royal Horticultural Society of London given for the best lot of the following sorts of Apples, twelve of each sort, viz: Gravstein, Yellow Bellefleur, Ribston Pippin, Baldwin, Nonpareil, and Rhode Island Greening, and requiring to be taken three times, was awarded, for the second time, to

DR. HAMILTON,  
of Cornwallis.

#### APPLES.

Largest and best Collection grown by Exhibitor, not to exceed twenty-four sorts, six of each sort:—

1st Henry Skinner	.....\$6 00
2nd Joseph C. Starr	..... 5 00
3rd Ward Eaton	..... 4 00
4th Andrew Walker	..... 3 00
5th Dr. Hamilton	..... 2 00

#### GRAVSTEINS:—

1st John Shaw	..... 1 75
2nd Leander Rand	..... 1 50
3rd Leslie M. Stone	..... 1 25
4th do do	..... 1 00
5th John Shaw	..... 0 75
6th Edmund Calkins	..... 50
7th Leslie M. Stone	..... 25

#### YELLOW BELLEFLEUR:—

1st Enoch Griffin	..... 1 75
2nd James Borden	..... 1 50
3rd Sydney Shaw	..... 1 25
4th Frank Eaton	..... 1 00
5th Thomas Weathers	..... 75
6th Richard Winsby	..... 50
7th Leander Chute	..... 25

#### RIBSTON PIPPIN:—

1st G. D. Woodworth	..... 1 75
2nd Enoch Griffin	..... 1 50
3rd Ward Eaton	..... 1 25
4th do do	..... 1 00
5th do do	..... 75
6th John Shaw	..... 50
7th A. N. Bent	..... 25

#### BALDWINS:—

1st Dr. McLatchy	..... 1 75
2nd James Borden	..... 1 50
3rd Leslie M. Stone	..... 1 25
4th Albert Randolph	..... 1 00
5th Enoch Griffin	..... 75
6th Alfred Eaton	..... 50
7th De Lancy Harris	..... 25

#### NONPAREIL:—

1st Asa T. Morse	..... 1 75
2nd James Borden	..... 1 50
3rd Charles E. Rand	..... 1 25
4th Isaac Longley	..... 1 00
5th Enoch Griffin	..... 75
6th Leander Rand	..... 50
7th Charles E. Rand	..... 25

#### RHODE ISLAND GREENING:—

1st Dr. McLatchy	..... 1 75
2nd E. E. Dickie	..... 1 50
3rd Wm. H. Fisher	..... 1 25
4th Leslie M. Stone	..... 1 00
5th E. E. Dickie	..... 75
6th Wm. C. Shaffner	..... 50
6th W. H. Standford	..... 25

#### FLUSHING SPITZENBURG OR VANDEVERE:—

1st Isaac Morton	..... 1 50
2nd Asa T. Morse	..... 1 25
3rd T. W. Chesley	..... 1 00
4th Charles Woodworth	..... 75

#### AESOPUS SPITZENBURG:—

1st Ward Eaton	..... 1 50
2nd E. E. Dickie	..... 1 25
3rd Leander Huntington	..... 1 00
4th E. E. Dickie	..... 75

#### POMME GRISE:—

1st Joshua Kinsman	..... 1 00
2nd James P. Kinsman	..... 75
3rd Joseph C. Starr	..... 50

#### NORTHERN SPY:—

1st Johnson H. Bishop	..... 1 50
2nd Mayhew Beckwith	..... 1 25

#### BLENHEIM PIPPIN:—

1st John Shaw	..... 1 00
2nd Joseph C. Starr	..... 75
3rd John Shaw	..... 50

#### POUND SWEET:—

1st John G. Byrne	..... 1 00
2nd Henry Skinner	..... 75
3rd Dr. Hamilton	..... 50

#### BROADWELL:—

1st Dr. Hamilton	..... 2 00
2nd do	..... 75

#### EMPEROR ALEXANDER:—

1st John Shaw	..... 1 00
2nd Edwin Chase	..... 75
3rd Richard Winsby	..... 50

#### KING OF TOMPKINS COUNTY:—

1st Frank Eaton	..... 1 00
2nd Ward Eaton	..... 75
3rd Sydney Shaw	..... 50

#### HUBBARDSTON NONSUCH:—

1st Dr. McLatchy	..... 1 00
2nd Leslie M. Stone	..... 75

#### GLORIA MUNDI:—

1st Charles H. Parker	..... 1 25
2nd Eliakim Tupper	..... 1 00
3rd Jacob Webster	..... 75
4th Henry Skinner	..... 50

#### YELLOW NEWTON PIPPIN:—

1st Ward Eaton	..... 1 00
2nd do	..... 75

#### H:REFORDSHIRE PEARMAIN:—

1st J. C. Starr	..... 1 00
2nd Sydney Shaw	..... 75
3rd Joseph C. Starr	..... 50

#### SWEET RUSSET:—

1st DeLancy Harris	..... 1 00
2nd T. W. Chesley	..... 75

#### DRAP D'OR:—

1st Ward Eaton	..... 1 00
2nd Richard Winsby	..... 75

#### GOLDEN RUSSET:—

1st John Shaw	..... 1 00
2nd Phinchas Chesley	..... 75

#### DELAWARE HARVEY:—

1st DeLancy Harris	..... 1 00
2nd T. W. Chesley	..... 75