

and are well pleased with a mixture recommended by Mr. John McFarling, of Oakland, viz: 1 cwt. of corn, 2 cwt. of barley and 2 cwt. of wheat/ground together; when wet it does not become sticky. We mix with it hot milk or water, just enough to make a moist, warm crumbly mass. When thrown in the feed troughs it readily crumbles, and is eagerly devoured.—Ex

For the Poultry Weekly.

Toronto Poultry and Pet Stock Association.

THE regular monthly meeting of the Toronto Poultry, Pigeon and Pet Stock Association, was held at 27½ Wellington St. E. It being doubtful weather there was a slim attendance. We had a talk about the probabilities of becoming incorporated, which we hope to be before long. As to holding a show this coming winter we could do nothing definite, as we had not enough of the members present. It was laid over till our next meeting. It was also decided that we adjourn till the first Thursday in September.

E. J. OTTER, Sec.

AT REST

AFTER a long winter of successful exhibiting perhaps, and an extensive trade in fowls followed by a busy egg season and the brooding season with all its anxieties, the result of which is a fine lot of chicks, we find the fancier in most cases, taking a long breath, preparatory to the trade in fine chicks for the fall and winter shows, looking back over his past success with pride, and eagerly grasping for the results of the future, thinking to greatly exceed those of the past. His correspondence is usually at low tide now, which gives his mind a rest and his brain a chance to cool. Is he asleep? No, not by any means. He is eagerly watching the growth and development of his young stock, and has a half an eye, possibly, on a next winter's prize winner. He tries to give it an extra morsel as he feeds the flock. He finds a few lice, perhaps on one of the roosting poles, and so he takes a resting spell by giving them all another coat of coal oil, and by the time he gets thoroughly rested at this he concludes to clean up all his portable nest boxes that had been used for sitters, and put them away for future use. This occupies another half day of rest. This is succeeded by several days entertainment in spading or plowing up the runs and sowing rye—hard work, but it has to be attended to. Now there are

several conditions to be considered in regard to a chicken-man's enjoyment. Should he be possessed of a snug fortune of several hundred thousand he will be compelled to go to the lakes, islands or seashores, and fish, and fight mosquitoes for a living, but if he be of the ordinary style of poultryman, he can stay at home and rest—take complete rest. In the former case, he may fish a while, and then should he get word from his man at home that his chicks were not maturing very well, scarcely getting larger than the broiler size, he is compelled to empty one of his cans of bait in the yards of a fellow poultryman who never was heard of outside of his county, and can't fish a bit; (but he knows how to raise chickens,) who fits him out with a full line of goods, suitable for knocking the highest premiums at the largest shows the coming winter. But our common chicken man cannot do this. He has the choice of but one thing, that is, he must raise his own hundred pointers, much to his friends' chagrin, and undoubtedly will succeed in knocking him out in the first round, much of which is due to his complete system of rest during the summer months. And his being his own man.—F. J. MARSHALL in Fancier's Gazette.

QUERY DEPARTMENT

BIRDS NOT PURE.

S.R.W. I could not get time to write you before because I had to wait to look at the birds I wrote about. There are no colored feathers in them but a few marks of yellow, like little streaks, but they do not show on the outside. Some of the hens have white legs, and a few of them are a bluish color. They every one have four toes. Five of them have red ear lobes and the rest having red and white. They all have straight nice combs. Please let me know if they are pure.

Quebec, June 29th.

Your hens are not pure Leghorns. We are quite sure of that by the difference in legs, ear-lobes, and plumage.

You had better purchase a pair of thoroughbred birds or a pen in the fall. As you seem very interested, we feel sure you would make a successful breeder. It makes no difference whether the foreign color is on the outside, or not. If the birds were pure there would be no other color than white in the plumage underneath. Sometimes the birds get tanned with the sun outside, but it is easily discernable from false color.