

tive Committee granted permission to its promoters to announce its issue under the auspices of the Society. Much information on poultry breeding, &c., will, it is hoped, be disseminated through its pages.

"Your Secretary cannot close his report without alluding in fitting terms to the loss the Society has sustained in the return of Col. Hassard to Great Britain. Chief among its promoters, he was always zealous of its welfare; his advice was as freely offered as were his services gratuitously bestowed in any matter which would tend to its welfare or aid in the promotion of the object for which it was founded. The loss of his assistance in the management of the Society will be much felt.

THOMAS McLEAN.

Toronto, Dec., 1870. Hon. Secretary.

ANOTHER POULTRY IMPORTATION.

It may be interesting to some of our readers to know that, notwithstanding the difficulties attending a winter voyage across the Atlantic, and the severity of our Canadian climate during the month of January, fowls may be imported from England without fear of loss or disfigurement by cold or frost during the journey, provided a little care be bestowed upon them during the voyage.

Of this we had, recently, good practical experience. Mr. A. McLean Howard, of Toronto, lately imported from England another lot of stock birds, among which was a beautiful Silver-pencilled Hamburg cock, all of which arrived in good order. All fanciers know how susceptible to injury by frost is the comb of a Hamburg; the least exposure to cold or frost will immediately show itself in the extremities of the comb. Yet although shipped from Liverpool towards the end of December, and arriving at Toronto about the middle of January, the bird was in no way injured; his comb and wattles were as perfect and free from injury as when put on board the vessel. It is satisfactory then to know that fanciers may import stock during mid-winter and receive them in good order.

We may say of this Hamburg cock that he is the best specimen of his breed that we have ever seen. He is of same blood as the Pickles Birmingham prize

bird, and of this gentleman's stock, and no doubt when crossed with Mr. Howard's own stock of Hamburgs, which are from Mr. Beldon's birds, their progeny will be of rare value.

POULTRY EXHIBITIONS.

NEW YORK STATE POULTRY SOCIETY.

The Third Annual Exhibition of this Society was held in December last, as previously announced. The *Poultry Bulletin* says: "The Exhibition was, on the whole, a great success . . . and the best we have ever held." The prices realized at the auction sale of poultry after the close of the exhibition were not, it is stated, owing to the "sale" having "occurred at a period of unusual financial depression," so large as in former years. It is satisfactory, however, to find that the exhibition was so successful, and we trust our New York poultry friends will have many more such shows to record in the pages of their paper. A very complete list of exhibitors and prize winners will be found in the January issue of the *Poultry Bulletin*, to which we refer such of our readers as may desire to make themselves acquainted with this information.

The Prize Lists and rules of the following Exhibitions were received too late for notice in our January issue.

NORTHERN N. Y. POULTRY EXHIBITION.

This Exhibition and Fair, the first of the association, to be held on January 24th, 25th, and 26th, at Palmer's Hall, Plattsburgh N. Y., offers a large number of prizes either in Cash or Medals and Diplomas. The classes are very numerous and include every variety of poultry and pigeons known to the American fancier; there are also classes for dressed poultry, rabbits, cage birds and fish, besides two special prizes, one for the largest and best exhibition of named varieties of fowls, the other for a similar collection of pigeons. We trust their exhibition has in every way proved a success. Referring to the exhibition rules, it appears to us that the first two are somewhat at variance with each other. Rule one says "The premiums offered by this association are open to the competition of the world," &c.; while Rule two reads "None but members of the association shall be allowed to compete for the premiums offered by it."