

Daniels, Duff, Doel, Dundas, Dorst and Donovan. Mr. B. however arrived safely home accompanied by a neat little black-red Bantam cockerel on which he should easily make more than the expenses of his trip.

IMPORT OF AFRICANS.

While in Guelph we had the pleasure of viewing two pens of black rose-comb Bantams just brought over by Mr. Crowe who had been doing good work on the Bisley team. They are *good*, the cock having that full flowing tail so desirable with a neat comb and grand white lobes. A pair of black-red Bantam chicks were in the lot, but we saw little in them to warrant an ocean journey.

THE VISITING PARTY

desire to thank Mrs. and Miss Jarvis for their bounteous hospitality to them while in the Royal city, and we are sure they will not fail to accept this assurance of our obligation.

WESTERN FAIR, LONDON.

We would remind intending exhibitors that entries close here on September 9th and that everything is new and of the latest design, new building, new coops, etc.

OTTAWA SHOW.

Entries close on the 14th and there is still plenty of time to send for a list if you have not already received one. There are three cash prizes this year and all single bird classes.

GUELPH CENTRAL

as we stated in last issue is making a special bid for a large poultry exhibit, recognizing it as a leading feature of the modern fall exhibition. Entries close on the 12th.

INCUBATOR CONTEST AT THE TORONTO INDUSTRIAL.

JOS. DILWORTH, Esq. Dear Sir,—In answer to your letter in the July number of the *CANADIAN POULTRY REVIEW* re Incubator contest, I would say that I am ready any time you say to bring or send my machine to your address or to the place you would choose for the above said contest. Yours very truly,
Toronto. Aug. 3, '96. **LOUIS REICH.**

[Mr. Dilworth sends this letter for publication, the only reply he received to his proposal.—Ed.]

PRACTICAL NOTES.

BY A PRACTICAL MAN.

MR. F. W. HODSON, Superintendent of Farmers Institutes of Ontario, will have a tent on the grounds of the Central Canada Fair, Ottawa, from the 22nd to the 26th Sept. Mr. Hodson will be glad to meet his friends interested in poultry and other departments.

The poultry exhibit at the Central Canada Fair promises to be unusually large and interesting. I am told that some extra fine barred and white Rocks have been hatched out by local fanciers. The same may be said of white Wyandottes, a deservedly popular variety. Mr. Sharp Butterfield will be the judge.

September is the month of fall shows in fairs and counties. There seems a disposition on the part of the managing officials of county fairs to have more competent poultry judges. That is certainly a most important move. To have incompetent or prejudiced judges of any department, and very often an incompetent judge is a prejudiced one, is to turn the occasion into a farce. Indeed, it is more harmful, for it discourages the honest and careful breeder who has the best birds, the merits of which are not known to the judge. In parts of the country it is easier to find competent judges for cattle, sheep, swine, vegetables, etc., than for poultry. As a result it will be often said in reply to the query "Why do you not have better poultry on exhibition?" "Oh, what is the use, the judge would not know a well bred bird if he saw it." The remedy is to send to the nearest poultry Association and get a competent man from it, and if you cannot get one in that way send to the city. Make an effort to secure a good judge. There are many of them among our poultry breeders.

A correspondent at Port Arthur, Ont., writes that several persons in that town have lost the greater number of their young ducks this season from a malady the symptoms of which were described as follows: "The ducks appear all right at night, but from two to six of them are found dead in the morning. Some have a discharge from their eyes, while others fall over on their backs as in a fit. We had eighty ducks at one time but, at the above rate of mortality we will soon have none left." Further particulars as to