

the loft; at least, for the boarded parts. It has a nicer appearance, can be more readily cleaned down, it is quite as efficient in destroying insect life, and once dry, it does not come off on to the clothes. The chief drawback to its use is that the place must be cleared before the task can be commenced, and a day or two elapse while it is drying and the smell clearing off before the birds can be returned. If, however, this can be done at the commencement of the season, a wash down occasionally would be sufficient while the breeding is going on. The great fault of the lime is that the colour comes off when touched by the clothes; but, on the other hand, it is much cheaper than paint. I have heard of a good many remedies for this rubbing off, but have found nothing to answer as well as size, and even this is not thoroughly effectual. Should I commence loft building again I think I should use paint only, and advise its use to all young fanciers who are thinking of building new lofts.

(To be Continued.)



TORONTO CANARY AND CAGE BIRD SOCIETY.

The regular monthly meeting of this Society, on June 7th, was the smallest in two years, a quorum not being present till 8.50 o'clock, no doubt on account of rain. The President then took the chair and the business of the evening proceeded.

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and adopted, an application for membership was received and accepted.

The exhibition delegate reported that lists would be ready for July meeting, and report from management committee was also received and adopted.

The committee on score cards had them on hand and passed them round, and account for same ordered to be paid. The quarterly election of committee was deferred till next meeting on account of small attendance. Standards for Lizard and cage bird classes were referred to management committee, also suggestions for "stock pairs" and "color fed classes."

In the monthly show competition for Mules, Dr. Boulton was awarded first, Mr. Park second prize.

Meeting adjourned at 10-20 p.m.

A committee meeting was held on June 14th, with Mr. Collins in the chair, Mr. Barnsdale not being present. Standards for Lizard and cage bird classes were adopted.

A class for stock pairs was added to schedule, and a class for "color fed" birds. This last addition is a new department for the society, it being clearly understood that the feeder and not the breeder was being encouraged to show what he could do for the improvement or attractiveness of our little feathered pets. A committee on room for young bird shows was appointed, and meeting adjourned at 10.05 p.m.

A. S. APPLETON.

Secretary.

Following is a copy of score card adopted:

TORONTO CANARY AND CAGE BIRD SOCIETY.

Score Card, 1897.

Description of Bird.....  
Owned by.....  
Scored by..... Date.....

	Points		Points
Beak.....		Crest, Form of Feather.....	
Head.....		" Fall or Droop.....	
Neck.....		" Centre.....	
Shoulders.....		" Front.....	
Back.....		" Back.....	
Chest.....		" Size.....	
Breast.....		" Density and Quantity of	
Wings.....		Feather.....	
Legs.....		" Color.....	
Tail.....		Cap.....	
Cin le.....		Ground Color.....	
Style.....		Eyelash.....	
Feather.....		Spangle.....	
Color, Depth & Purity.....		Lacing.....	
" Levelness.....		Feet.....	
Body.....		.....	
Type.....		.....	
Position.....		.....	
Size.....		.....	
Condition.....		.....	
Total.....		Total.....	



FEEDING RABBITS.

BY T. J. AMBROSE IN *Fur and Feather.*

(Continued.)

In penning these lines, I do not endeavour to instruct the old hands, I leave them to follow their own plans. My object is to help the younger aspirants to compete on even terms with their more successful competitors, but I am even presumptuous enough to think that many of the older hands have a lot to learn in the way of how to put their exhibits down in really A1 trim. Many have a knowledge of what to give, but they don't know how to put theory into practice.

I do not claim that my way is the best, I don't claim any thing original or fanciful, I only claim the results that it has achieved for me, and I impart to others without the slightest