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### NOTES AND COMMENTS

We regret to say that the veteran fancier, Mr. W. H. Doel, has finally decided to retire from active participation in the affairs of the fraternity. His advancing years, the distance of his residence from the city, and the desire to spend more time amidst his pleasant home surroundings makes this step incumbent on him. On one day during the Industrial he gave a cordial invitation to the visiting fanciers to spend a few hours at his place in Eglinton, which many availed themselves of, and a most pleasant time was spent.

Mr. Doel is one who has devoted very many years to the advancement of the poultry fancy in Canada, and is one whose place it will be difficult to fill.

Messrs. W. Barber & Co., Toronto, have added to their already grand stock of black-red Game the first prize cockerel at the Industrial, bred from the old champion cock costing the importers \$700—also a grand pullet and a pyle cockerel.

Mr. C. J. Daniels, Toronto, purchased from Messrs. Abbott Bros., England, the trio of Redcaps shown by them at the Industrial, and also secured the pair of Scotch Greys shown at the same exhibition by Mr. W. H. Doel, and recently imported by him.

Mr. William Fox, bought the first prize red chequer short-face Antwerp

cock and mate at the Industrial from the Franklin Poultry Yards.

Mr. Charles Scott, Melville Cross, sold four white Plymouth Rocks at the Industrial, for shipment to England.

Mr. James Ainslie, Montreal, writes us that he has had a grand season with his birds, having raised forty-five Pouters, besides a number of Carriers and other varieties.

In a private letter from Mr. John Lowell, Jr., President of the Massachusetts Poultry Association, he regrets that he will be unable to visit Canada this year as he intended, but hopes to see many Kanucks across the line with their birds, and extends a particular invitation to the Hamburg men, in which class he is mainly interested, being one of the promoters of the Hamburg Club, recently formed on the other side.

Mr. W. J. Lewis, Owen Sound, writes us extolling the pen of black Minorcas he imported this summer. From several settings he sold and hatched in his own yards, 11 and 12 chicks hatched, every egg fertile. He received the birds on June 9th, ten hens and one cock; one hen became practically useless, as far as laying went. The remaining nine, up to the end of August, layed nearly 500 eggs. Mr. Lewis says they beat all other breeds he has kept, in this respect, which includes both Plymouth Rocks and Spanish. He has succeeded in raising some 75 chicks.

The Chicago *Poultry Keeper* intends to put out an extra 100,000 of their December issue. Little-Standard-for-a-cent Jacobs has plenty of enterprise at his back anyway.

We were sorry to see that fully one half of the large Minorca classes at the Industrial showed white in the face. This of course is hard to avoid in a red faced bird with white lobe, but still it is all the more a fault that needs to be strictly guarded against.

Amongst the score or so of Pekin bantams shown at the Industrial we noticed about half had legs of an off color, either white, blue, or green. We think it is quite time that this was ended, and hope to see the next *Standard* disqualify any but yellow legs.

We notice a controversy now appearing in the columns of *Poultry* (London, England), re the color of the legs of black Leghorns, the English standard calling for yellow. The advocate of the yellow leg color is of the opinion that the yellow leg is typical of the Leghorn family, as witness the white, brown, and other colors, and claims that a black Leghorn with a black leg encroaches too much on the black Minorca. If we are not in error, it was a London contemporary of our esteemed trans-Atlantic journalistic friend, who said a short time ago that no one could confuse the black Leghorn with the black Minorca who was at all conversant with both birds. These may