

CENTRAL CANADA EXHIBITION.

Editor Kennel Gazette:—

We have much pleasure in notifying you of the fact that a Bench Show of dogs will be held in Ottawa on the 11th, 12th and 13th of September next in connection with the Central Canada Exhibition Association's second annual Exhibition.

We deplore the fact of our dates conflicting with those already claimed by the London Kennel Club, but as it is imperative that the Dog Show should be held during the continuance of the general exhibition, we must either conflict with London or have no Show this year.

The entry fee to be charged is only one dollar, (\$1), therefore, as will be seen, the prize list is a liberal one. Many valuable special prizes will be given and announced later.

It will be to the advantage of Exhibitors to show here, as it is a new territory and many of the breeds of dogs are utterly unknown to the mass of our people. It is estimated that upwards of fifty thousand people will visit the Exhibition.

The prize list is comprised as follows:—Mastiffs, Newfoundlands, Greyhounds, Foxhounds, Beagles, Bull Terriers, Scotch Terriers, Skye Terriers, Dandie Dinmont Terriers, Irish Terriers, Bedlington Terriers, Airedale Terriers, Black and Tan Terriers, and Pomeranions have one class each, \$7 and \$3. Smooth St. Bernards have two classes, dogs and butches, Pointers, Bull dogs, Toy Terriers, the same, Gordon Setters, Irish Water Spaniels and Miscellaneous, have two classes each, open and puppy, \$7 and \$3, in the former, and \$5 for the latter, rough St. Bernards have three classes, open dog, bitch and puppy, (this includes smooth puppies) also English and Irish Setters, Clumber, Field, Cocker, (black) Cocker, (any other colour) Spaniels, Collies and Fox Terriers.

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THE BENCH SHOW COMMITTEE.

KENNEL ITEMS FROM PORT ELGIN.

—Dr. Paterson, of this town, had a capital Fox Hound dog poisoned on the street a short time ago. The doctor was very much attached to this dog, and is bound to make an example of the miscreant, whoever he is, should he be discovered at any time. This dog was full pedigreed, and from the kennel of Dan O'Shea, of London.

—Dr. Paterson owns an exceedingly nice Collie bitch, imported, at present nursing a litter of pups sired by Mr. J. S. Gordon's Collie of Bow Park fame. Mother and pups doing well.

—James Miland, the genial proprietor of the Arlington Hotel is the owner of a Newfoundland dog, which is without any doubt one of the largest and best put together dogs for a six months old pup to be found in Ontario.

—There are a great number of well bred dogs in this locality.

—Mrs. McArthur, wife of one of our principal medical men, owns a beautiful little Pug, imported, and although he has never been benched, he would certainly exhibit remarkable well.

—Mr. Dalyample, a popular barrister owns a handsome King Charles Spaniel. This dog is 8 years old but still shows all his good points, being a nice black and tan, splendid head with magnificent, well feathered legs and tail.

BENJAMIN.

TYPE OF COCKER.

Editor Kennel Gazette:—

The very well printed picture of Black Graff in your issue for April gives

the portrait of a very good dog of the improved modern form of Cocker. But as I have been rather a "Free Lance" in this Cocker business, I wish to place before your readers why I do not consider the improved Cocker a Cocker at all, but a miniature Field Spaniel all except in head, which still retains some of the Cocker qualities. In the Standard, which should be used in judging these dogs, the Cocker is said to be essentially an active, merry little dog. Look at your picture and show me how a dog so built could be either active or merry? His body is too thick and too long to be either the one or the other, and if the picture is correct I should say that in order to get the long, low, dog the straightness of the fore-leg has been sacrificed.

The Field Spaniel is not described as an active looking dog, but one rather to be used for slow work as hunting Partridges in turnips or Pheasants in the cover, where a certain amount of caution is necessary. The Cocker is particularly the Woodcock and Snipe dog where it is necessary to be quick to flush the bird in order to give the shooter a better chance of getting his bird high up, rather than if he went slow it would get off, low down, just skimming the ground or the bush. I know many of your readers will doubt this, but I give it as my experience and that of others who have used these dogs in England.

What I contend is that the modern show dog has been so improved that he is useless for anything except the show bench or taking ease at the fire-side. When I first went into Cockers they were all too high in the leg, but they were goers and stayers, now they cannot be either the one or other, as their bodies are out of all proportion to their legs, and besides this, they cannot be judged by the Standard of the American Spaniel Club which gives as length a little over twice the height, the dogs that are winning now I should say are