

MORE POULTRY IMPORTATIONS.

Mr. JOHN FORSYTH, previously mentioned in this journal as an extensive importer of pure-bred poultry, has just received another large consignment of fowls from the yards of some of the best English breeders, consisting of 23 Partridge Cochins, 12 Buff Cochins, 6 White Cochins, 7 Dark Brahmas, and 3 Light Brahmas; in all 51 birds. The fowls were shipped from Liverpool in the end of January, and, notwithstanding the severity of the weather, arrived in Toronto in excellent condition, thus affording another instance of how birds may with safety be brought across the Atlantic in mid-winter. They arrived in Toronto about the middle of February.

This consignment consists of really magnificent birds, and far superior to any we have yet seen introduced into Canada, more especially the Buff and Partridge Cochins, and Mr. Forsyth deserves the thanks of poultry breeders and fanciers in thus bringing to their very doors, at a large outlay, some of the very finest specimens he could procure. We understand he offers a few pairs or trios of his recent importations for sale—keeping the remainder to produce hatching eggs, which he advertises for sale at very moderate prices, when his large outlay is taken into consideration. We bespeak for him many orders.

Mr. George Davidson, of Berlin, has also imported one trio Dark Brahmas and one pair Light Brahmas—all beautiful birds. They are not for sale.

ENGLISH BREEDERS.

We have much pleasure in directing attention to the advertisement of W. Varley, Esq., 13th Hussars, Edinburgh, Scotland, who offers for sale a few trios of Dark Brahmas from Birmingham—prize birds—a pedigree to accompany each pen. Breeders desirous of securing really excellent specimens ought not to lose this opportunity of securing them. Mr. Varley was for several years a resident of Toronto, and during that time took deep interest in poultry matters here, and is thoroughly cognizant of the poultry wants of our fanciers. He is a gentleman whose word may be relied upon, and one who would not forward fowls to this country unless

they were in every respect equal to what they are said to be.

Mr. John Douglas offers for sale hatching eggs of different varieties of game and other breeds. As a breeder of game fowls this gentleman is well known in England, and fanciers of this variety may rely on receiving from him hatching eggs from pure strains.

Practical Hints.

GRAIN AND ITS QUALITY.—Rice, wheat, oats, Indian corn, barley, buckwheat, millet, hemp, flour, potatoes, bran, &c., may be employed when of inferior quality, but they are of course always preferable when of superior quality. We ought to guard against the purchase of articles of food either damaged, moulded or heated; nothing should be bought without a perfect knowledge of its quality. Wheat is seldom ever given to poultry, except in screenings from the mill. Corn is frequently fed to fowls; it is important, especially for chickens, that it should be of a very nourishing quality, and not charge the stomach with too great an amount of indigestible portions. Barley meal, mill refuse, bran, potatoes, &c., employed in paste, either mixed together by themselves, or with raw or cooked vegetables, or prepared with water, whey, or sour milk, make delicious food for poultry. They are not only much relished by the fowls, but they have an enormous influence on their health, on the fineness of their tissues, and on their aptitude to fatten.

PREPARATION OF PASTES FOR POULTRY.—Potatoes should be well cooked, mashed and mixed in such a manner as to be brought to a proper consistence, with a certain quantity of mill refuse or barley-meal, or bran, or with all these substances combined to form a very fine paste for the feeding troughs; to this may be added herbs of all kinds, or half-cooked vegetables, which produce a very good effect. Barley is ground, or rather bruised, so as to preserve the flour, and keep all the parts of the grain together. Put into a bowl a certain quantity of water or whey,