

enough, the hens had got in and left their mark upon your fine cushions. You now express yourself emphatically; so much so indeed that you are glad upon coming to yourself again that he is not your minister.

Now, I do not mean to say that this state of things is the rule, but though it may seem like exaggeration, yet, I am sure you will recognize some of the features of this humble picture which I have drawn; for I can assure you that most of them have come under my notice. Now, my friends, for the sake of profit, and humanity, for the sake of decency and your own morality, for your wife's peace and your own reputation as an intelligent man, and for the sake of cleanliness, build a house for your hens.

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Lefroy, Jan'y. 2nd, 1880.

### A Canadian Poultry Association.

FRIEND LLEERTON,—

I was much pleased in reading the article in the last issue of REVIEW on the above subject, and fully endorse the opinion of your correspondent, that the time has arrived for forming such an organization, and if we ever wish to take a front rank as breeders of "standard poultry" we must take steps towards organizing ourselves into a "National Association" for mutual benefit and protection of our interests. Were we united as a body we should be in a much better position to advocate our interests than we now are, divided into so many small local bodies, each one in their own small way, striving to secure the support and patronage of the general public. We have only to look at the American Poultry Association to see what influence and power such an organization can wield in the country. The one thing needed to bring about such a result is the earnest co-operation of our breeders all over the Dominion: let them come forward and give us their views and ideas in the various poultry journals, over their own signature, so that it may be known who are alive in the matter, and before a great while we shall be in a position to assemble at some central place and discuss the matter, and bring about this desirable object.

A strong point in favor of such an organization is the question of judges for our exhibitions. We have among ourselves just as capable men as are the gentlemen who perform that duty for us from the States. By having such an association, judges could qualify themselves and secure a standing among the fraternity which they do not hold now. Why should we be obliged to send out of our own country for gentlemen to perform that duty for us, while we have the material with us to do it as well? But unless there are some means, or some duly au-

thorised body, to grant certificates of competency to judges, their decisions will carry no weight outside of their own immediate neighborhood. Mr. Smith may judge an exhibition, be perfectly competent; but somebody asks, who is Mr. Smith? Well, he is Mr. Smith of such a place, which simply amounts to nothing, but if he were a regularly qualified and appointed judge of the Canadian Poultry Association, how different would be the result.

Come, breeders, from east and west and let us have your views on this matter, and get it into shape; by no other means will we ever take the place we should. Our interests in poultry matters are identical, both in the Upper and Lower provinces; let us work together, and know each other better. We have the material among us to build us a powerful and influential body, which, at no distant day, would be looked upon with respect, and receive the support of all genuine fanciers, and would tend to awaken new interest in poultry matters in general, and give weight and tone to our calling, and we should hear less of such expressions as "Well, he is a hen Betty; don't amount to much," &c. It is well known that poultry exhibitions always create some new fanciers, but how much more would such a one as we could get up, were all to take hold of the matter, determined to make it a success. I believe it would be the means of making some thousands of new fanciers. I hope you will keep this matter prominently before your numerous readers until something tangible comes from it.

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### List of Awards at the National Exhibition, Indianapolis.

January 8th to 15th, 1880.

**BRAHMAS.**—Light cock, 1st, A A Walsworth, Marshalltown, Iowa; 2nd and 3rd, Joseph Pool, Greensburg, Ind.; cockerel, 1st, same; 2nd and 3rd, A A Walsworth; hen, 1st and 3rd, Jos Pool; 2nd, A A Walsworth; pullet, 1st and 3rd, A A Walsworth; 2nd, Joseph Pool; best breeding pen, any age, A A Walsworth; best do. chicks, Jos Pool; best collection, Jos Pool and A A Walsworth. Dark: cock, 1st and 2nd, Albert French, Cincinnati, O; 3rd, Chas A Sweet, Buffalo, N Y; Cockerel, 1st, Jos Pool; 2nd and 3rd, Albert French; hen, 1st, Chas A Sweet; 2nd, A French; 3rd, T Bosler, Farmer City, Ill; pullet, 1st and 3rd, Jos Pool; 2nd, Chas A Sweet; best collection, Jos Pool; best breeding pen, C A Sweet.

**COCHINS.**—Buff cock, C H Johnson & Co., Fowler, Ind, 1st; 2nd, Sid Conger, Flat Rock, Ind; 3rd, I N Barker, Thorntown, Ind; cockerel, 1st and 3rd, Oscar Doolittle, Adrian, Mich; 2nd, C H Johnson & Co; hen, 1st, C H Johnson & Co; 2nd, A Larenz, Carlisle, Ill; 3rd, Sid Conger; pullet, 1st and 2nd, Oscar Doolittle; 3rd, J Pool; Best breeding pen, O Doolittle. O Doo-