

Thomas Gains ad. this month draws attention to the fact that he has articles for sale that fanciers have been enquiring for for years.

### The Yorkville Poultry Association.

One or more exhibitors at the late show of this association complain through the Toronto daily papers that the prizes they won have not been paid, and that no satisfaction can be obtained from the officers. We were much surprised at this, as a large number of exhibitors have informed us that they received their prize money before leaving Yorkville, and were well pleased with their treatment. To get at the bottom of the affair we wrote Mr. Charlesworth for information and received his reply, which, together with the complaint, we give below. It is the duty of the officers of a society to wind up the business of a show just as quickly as possible, and let the result be known to those interested. But only those who have had experience in such matters know how difficult it sometimes is to get the officers together, and get in returns. However, the fact that there are always some exhibitors to whom their winnings are quite an object, should prompt those who have it in their power to let no time to be lost in giving them what they are entitled to. The officers are deserving of censure when payment is unnecessarily delayed.

*Editor Evening News,*

SIR,—Perhaps you will allow me space in your valuable paper to put before the public the scandalous manner in which the officers of the Yorkville Poultry Association have conducted affairs with the prize-winners. The fact is not generally known, but the truth is, the moneys have not yet been paid. Having waited nearly two months to give them an opportunity to give us a statement, and as they have not done so, I now ask your assistance in the matter, as I am only a poor man who cannot very well stand the loss of his prize money. It is stated on good authority that over \$600 was taken in for admission. Besides this, they received the entry fees, subscriptions, and free use of the Town Hall. Perhaps the worthy President will come forward with a statement. If not, we will have to publish some startling facts in connection with the show.

Yours, &c.,  
AN EXHIBITOR.

Mr. JAMES FULLERTON,

Dear Sir,—As I am informed a report is in circulation that the Yorkville Poultry Society has not paid its prizes. I would just like to contradict that report in strong terms.

I presume no exhibition of a similar kind was ever so speedily arranged for, or so successfully carried out, and in spite of numerous drawbacks, was eminently a grand success.

Our new association,—in existence only about a month—numbered over 200 members, and it seem-

ed to be the universal wish to have a show. We went to work with a will, with the result stated.

In arranging for a show we decided that as we had no grant, or help of any kind whatever, it was just possible we might not be able to make it a financial success, but it was decided that we would, at all events, pay all outsiders, and if there was any deficiency we should pay *pro-rata* amongst our own members.

Now for the result. We held our show, and that it was a good one, all will admit; that it was well arranged and ably conducted, was conceded by all. That the judging was ably and honestly performed by well known and highly respected gentlemen, was evidenced by the fact that there were but few complaints (you know there always will be some.) But to the matter in hand: on the *last evening* of the show all exhibitors outside of Toronto, with but *one exception*, I believe, were paid in full. Our worthy treasurer going so far as to arrange to have all checks cashed up to twelve o'clock at night, to allow exhibitors to get away on the morning trains.

The executive committee then decided to pay all outside liabilities in the way of expenses, before paying any of our own people. This we have done, and further we have paid all prizes but a few small amounts, altogether amounting to about \$80. This we shall pay in full, and have only asked for time to get in small amounts out from the sale of tickets before doing so.

Now, Mr. Editor, do you think we have done badly. If so, I do not agree with you. We have now on hand a splendid lot of coops, all ready for the next year's show, and all paid for this year, without a Government grant or aid of any kind.

If you think it well you may publish this letter, as it may correct a wrong impression.

Yours fraternally,

H. G. CHARLESWORTH.

Yorkville, May 11th, 1882.

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