

POULTRY ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO.

SECRETARIES REPORT TO THE MINISTER
OF AGRICULTURE.

TO HON. CHARLES DRURY, MINISTER OF
AGRICULTURE.

SIR: I beg to submit to you my annual report as Secretary of the Poultry Association of Ontario. The sixteenth annual exhibition was held January 7th to 10th 1890 in the City of St. Catharines occupying the floor of the Empire Mills, being fitted up with five hundred coops of uniform size elevated two feet from the floor, leaving a four foot alleyway between. Being lighted by electricity it gave the public an opportunity of attending night and day, which they were not slow in appreciating as the door receipts exceeded that of our last exhibition.

The exhibits in quantity showed a slight decrease from last year, but in quality surpassed those of all former exhibitions. There were 1068 entries divided into 57 classes representing 73 varieties of Poultry and 27 varieties of Pigeons, including in Poultry, Brahmans, two varieties, Cochins, four varieties, Langshans, Dorkings, three varieties, Plymouth Rocks two varieties, Wyandottes, three varieties, Games, seven varieties, Leghorns four varieties, Minorcas, two varieties, Spanish, Andalusians, Javas, Creve-Coeure, La-Fleche, Polands, six varieties, Hamburgs, five varieties, Game Bantams four varieties, Bantams, other than Game six varieties, Turkeys, three varieties, Geese, three varieties, Ducks, four varieties. Pigeons, fourteen varieties. The prizes were \$2 for first premium, \$1 for second and Highly Commended for third in the Poultry class. In Pigeons, \$1.50 for first and \$1 for second, awarded to single specimens in both classes. The awards were governed by the American

Standard and scored by the following judges: L. G. Jarvis, Port Stanley, Sharpe Butterfield, Windsor, T.H. Smelt Guelph for Poultry and H. Cooper of Hamilton for Pigeons; 100 points constituting a perfect bird. The highest scoring bird on exhibition was 99 points, being a duck owned by Allan Bogue of London. The highest price attained for a single specimen was \$40, a black Minorca cockerel sold by Geo. G. McCormick of London.

The following is a synopsis as to quality and quantity of exhibits:

Light Brahmans, 44 birds, in quality extra, considered by the judge to be the best that he ever judged. There was a slight increase in numbers of this variety over last exhibition. Dark Brahmans not well represented and birds in quality medium, just half the number of last year. Buff Cochins 24 birds quality fair, number larger than last year. Partridge Cochins, 10 birds, quality medium, quantity same as last show. Black Cochins, 11 birds, being a little on the increase from last exhibition, quality, extra. White Cochins, 9 birds about the same quantity last year. Langshans, 13 birds, quality good, falling off in quantity from last year. Silver Grey Dorkings, 12 birds, quantity not so large as last year, quality about the same. Colored Dorkings, 9 birds falling off in numbers, in quality good. White Dorkings, 12 birds, quantity same as last year, quality not so good. Black Red Games, 17 birds, quality better than last, quantity not so large. Brown Red Games, 6 birds, quantity short of last year, there being but one exhibitor, quality medium. Duckwing Game, 4 birds, falling off in numbers from last year, quality better than former exhibitions. Pyle Games, 20 birds quantity in excess of last year, quality in advance. Any other variety Game, 12 birds, quantity the same but quality a little in advance. Malays, 8 birds, quantity and quality about the same as last season.

Plymouth Rocks, 64 birds, quantity in excess of last show, and quality far superior. Wyandottes, 48 birds, quality extra, quantity larger than last exhibition. Javas, 21 birds, quality medium, quantity far in excess of last year. Spanish, 9 birds, quality and quantity same as last year. Minorcas, 29 birds quantity larger and quality better than last year. Leghorns 71 birds, quantity in excess of last year, and improvement in quality. Andalusians, 8 birds, falling off in quantity, quality about the same as last season. Houdans, 11 birds showing a falling off in both quality and number. Creve Coeure, 8 birds quality and quantity the same as on former occasions. Polands, 42 birds, all colours being represented, quality extra, quantity slightly deficient. Hamburgs, 61 birds, all classes being represented showing an improvement in quality, and numbers about the same. Any other Standard variety, 12 birds, falling off in quantity and quality about the same as last year. Game Bantams 49 birds, not very good in quality, quantity in excess of last year. Bants other than Game 56 birds, quantity not so large as last year, but showing an improvement over last season in quality. Turkeys, 8 birds, falling off in quantity and showing improvement over last season in quality. Geese, 8 birds, quality good, quantity not so large as last year. Ducks, 44 birds, quantity larger than last season, quality showing a slight improvement over last season. Pigeons, 144 birds, quality better than last season but quantity not so large. The amount of \$396.32 was received for entry fees, about \$130 for membership fees (exact returns of members tickets sold, not yet received) \$57.30 door receipts, \$48.50 special cash donations. \$370.30 including Merchandise from city merchants, Eggs and Stock from the Poultry fanciers of the United States and Canada also subscriptions to the different Poultry Journals through