any one with a fair amount of intelligence can run successfully without being a certified engineer. No, no, that won't do, simplicity is what we want. I take this opportunity of putting myself right as far as the Gerred Incubator in concerned.

I am, yours respectfully,

JOSEPH DILWORTH.

Toronto, Jan. 24th, 1893.

#### NOTES.

### LOST! STOLEN! OR STRAYED!

NE Poultry Association with its Secretary, etc., last heard of at International Bridge, in the Province of Ontario. A liberal reward will be paid for authentic information as to its whereabouts. Address Canadian Poultry Review, Toronto.

Joking apart, is it not too bad that the Secretary declines to reply to repeated enquiries for a copy of the prize list? We believe that exhibitors are still anxiously enquiring after their prize money.

## PORT HOPE SHOW.

Since writing the previous paragraph regarding this show we have received further information and a copy of the prize list. The latter is very neat indeed and the classification liberal. \$1.00 is offered for first and 50c. for second prize all through. A nice list of specials is added. Mr. Sharp Butterfield is to judge all classes of poultry. The Association now numbers one hundred and fifty paid up members and its funds have been augmented by a grant of \$50.00 from the town. The show will be held in the Town Hall, a most suitable place, large and well-lighted and will be tastefully decorated with flags and bunting. Port Hope being quite nautical in its tastes. The entries are already coming in well.

# MR. C. F. WAGNER, TORONTO,

just now may be called the "plunger" of the Canadian poultry-world. In addition to his purchases mentioned elsewhere he has bought all Mr. Bonnick's white Plymouth Rocks (twenty-three) and four black Leghorns. These include the birds Mr. Bonnick has been winning on at the recent shows. A pen of white Leghorns from Mr. Rice comprising several winners at the late Ontario Show are also now in Mr. Wagner's yards.

# BRITISH COLUMBIA FANCIERS.

A few extracts from two letters recently received from

breeders in British Columbia will prove interesting reading. Both gentlemen complain of the excessive express charges from Ontario and Quebec and ask for a combined effort on the part of shippers in these provinces. We need hardly say, that we shall be only too glad to take part in any movement made for the purpose of endeavoring to have rates reduced:

Dr. Walkem, of Nanaimo, writes:

"First let me wish you a prosperous and a happy New Year, both as regards your family personally and next your pets and live stock. You are the first person to whom I have addressed a letter this year and on that account I have, a total stranger taken the great I berty of wishing you the compliments of the season, in a strain that one usually adopts to more intimate acquaintance.

In your poultry paper I think the advertizers make a great mistake in not stating the prices of any birds or stock they have to sell. It takes such a long time to write backwards and forwards before you get any satisfactory reply to any questions you may put.

I would ask you as a favour to bring the matter of express charges' before each and every Eastern Poultry Association. The charges of expressage from the East to this province are simply ruinous, both to the "fancy" here and also to the fancy in Ontario and Quebec. If the charges were anything in the proximity of moderation a greater trade and exchange would spring up between us, but instead of seeking investment with you people, we are compelled to seek for what we w nt in San Francisco and California, generally-the freight and carriage being so much more reasonable-but I fear we do not get such good stock-on six small bantams from New York I paid \$20 freight the other day. To escape weight the coops are made small to be sure. but no matter what precaution you may take, the Express Co. have a faculty of "salting" you somehow. Express messenger's should also be strictly forbidden to examine or handle poultry in transit, and forwarders should put some private mark of recognition on their stock. known only to the purchaser besides the seller, to guard against the birds being changed in transit."

Mr. John B. Carmichael of Victoria renews his subscription to Review and kindly sends us a new subscriber. He writes as follows:

I send you a Prize List of our Show, which will this year be a record breaker for quantity and quality. Close on fifty birds, costing in England from \$30 to \$50 a trio, have arrived in this city and vicinity during the last few month. Owing to the heavy coops in which most Canadian breeders send their birds it is cheaper for fanciers here to send to the Old Country. Ten Indian Game in one coop and five in an other arrived this morning 17 days from Cornwall and the expressage was \$3.50 per bird; while on six Plymouth Rocks which came from near Hamilton the charge was \$5 per bird. If properly cooped a bird should come from the East for \$2.

#### PRIZE-MONEY ALL PAID.

As we go to press a card dated Jan. 23rd, from Mr. Mc.