



SILVER SEBRIGHT BANTAMS.

Owned by Ira C. Keller, Prospect, Ohio.

In color the male has a dark red hackle and saddle, an almost maroon back, wings that are red and black with a black wing bar, and has a black breast, body and tail. The female is usually largely of a cinnamon brown color, though the hackle is often striped, and the body, back and breast most beautifully pencilled. The pencilled hens are the most beautiful, but the cinnamon hens are the most fashionable, and for breeding are to be preferred.

This peculiar and striking fowl has been bantamized, through the skill of the late W. F. Entwistle, to whom are due not a few of the modern varieties of Bantams. Very good specimens have been imported into this country, specimens that exhibit true Malay character and color, but all of which have been too large to suit American ideas of what a Bantam should be. A few specimens have been exhibited as Malays, which were small in size, but which, outside of the comb, were totally lacking in Malay character, were in fact only black-red Game Bantams with a pea or an approximately Malay comb. These smaller specimens bred to the larger and more typical ones, might be useful in further reducing the size of the Bantam, but for any other purpose are valueless.

At the time of the meeting of the A.P.A., it was reported that the Malay Bantam had been admitted to the American Standard of Perfection, but it does not appear in the Standard itself. Probably the report was an error, although

it appeared in several publications edited by men who were present at the meeting of the Association or had representatives there. It deserved admission, whether it got it or not, for there is no more characterized shape among fowls than that possessed by the Malay. All that it really lacks now is smallness of size, and that ought not to be beyond the hope of obtaining in the near future. When one considers what a reduction has already been secured, a further reduction to really Bantam limits ought not to be despaired of.

TORONTO POULTRY ASSOCIATION.

THE regular monthly meeting of the above Association was held on Thursday evening, April 11th, the President, Mr. Thomas A. Duff, in the chair. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. An account was presented and ordered to be paid.

Mr. Duff reported to the meeting the result of the Industrial Exhibition Committee's deliberations. Moved by Mr. Gordon, seconded by Mr. Durston, that Mr. Brown's account with the Association for Express be paid. Carried. Moved by Mr. Durston, seconded by Mr. Otter, that Mr. Gray's report on annual dinner be accepted. Carried. Mr. Dundas proposed Mr. J. P. Eastwood for membership, and he was admitted. The meeting adjourned at 9.45.

R. DURSTON, Sec'y.