

We are informed that an attempt is being made to run the Victoria Show on a sort of co-operative basis. A certain number of fanciers are being asked to put up a guarantee fund to be drawn on in case of a deficit. If there is a surplus it will be divided among them. If this plan is carried out it will be watched with interest.

THE BEST BREED.

BY THE EDITOR.

It is very doubtful if the farmers of British Columbia have been guided in any particular way as to selecting the breed of poultry best adapted to their locality. It has been a matter of chance more than anything else. It is interesting to see what breeds they have hit upon under these conditions. One of the questions in the circular sent out by the Dept. of Agriculture was, "State what in your estimation are the best breeds of poultry in your district?" Three hundred and forty-two answers were received reporting on twelve varieties of standard fowls. Leghorns are an easy first with 140 answers to their credit or 41% of the whole. Plymouth Rocks come second with 119 or 35%. Black Spanish come next with 32, a big drop. From this it can readily be seen that our farmers are not far out of the way for 76% of the birds kept are from two breeds recognized the world over for their superior qualities. Fresh eggs always bring a good price here and if

any variety of fowls can be relied upon to produce them it is Leghorns. Their reputation as egg machines is world wide. Plymouth Rocks have a well proved title namely "general purpose fowls" and when eggs and meat are considered together they are always well to the front. Any farmer who has either one or both of these varieties and gives them proper care and attention is sure of good results. A table is given below which gives the figures for the whole lot. It is worth a little attention.

VARIETY.	UPPER COUNTRY.	LOWER MAINLAND.	VANCOUVER AND OTHER ISLANDS.	TOTAL.
Leghorn.....	20	66	54	140
Plymouth Rock.....	30	60	29	119
Black Spanish.....	12	10	10	32
Brabrah.....	12	7	5	24
Wyandotte.....	3	8	2	13
Minorca.....	1	1	1	3
Langshire.....	1	1	1	3
Hamburg.....	1	1	1	3
Cochin.....	1	1	1	3
Boudan.....	1	1	1	3
Dorking.....	1	1	1	3
Mexican Game.....	1	1	1	3
TOTALS.....	69	164	109	342

On account of unavoidable difficulties, Oregon will not have a poultry show this year. Her fanciers are standing well together and will be heard from later.

As old geese are better layers and mothers than young ones and young geese are always in demand in the market, a poultryman finds it will pay to keep the old ones, as they are prolific for twenty years.

BOOK REVIEW.

Joseph Wallace, Associate Editor of *Poultry Monthly*, and the Ferris Publishing Co. of Albany are responsible for two valuable additions to the current poultry literature of today. The first is, "Barred and White Plymouth Rocks: Their History, Characteristics and Standard Points: How to Mate and Rear them for Exhibition and Commercial Purposes." There is a chapter on Management, Care and Feeding, also one on Diseases and Treatment. The second book treats of Wyandottes, Silver, Golden, Black and White, under the same heads. Typographically the books are all that could be desired. The colored cuts are by Sewell and show the birds true to life. The price is fifty cents each. Another book issued by the same company and written by W. W. Richardson is, "The Rabbit, How to Select and Manage the Rabbit for Pleasure or Profit." This little book is a gem in its line. The information is boiled down and put in such shape as to be quickly understood even by the amateur. Price twenty-five cents.

"The A. B. C. of Poultry Culture" from the pen of J. H. Davis and the *Fanciers' Review* press is a book that will surely commend itself to every thinking breeder as it deals with poultry matters in a plain straightforward manner. It contains several illustrations that add to its general value. Price twenty-five cents.