

ler at Albany for the best pairs and breeding pens. At Elmira, they received 12 firsts and 3 seconds on breeding pens out of a possible 16 entries, and on single entries they got 53 firsts and 18 seconds, besides over \$40 in specials, including \$12 for the largest and best exhibit at the fair. These fairs are the most extensive and representative in the eastern states, and it speaks volumes for the breeding and varieties shown by this Canadian firm for them to receive the largest and best prizes given. Messrs. Burn and Hansler also made some extensive sales at these fairs. They have sent 200 birds to the Syracuse fair which opens to-day, and will also exhibit at Rochester and Trenton, N. J. This enterprising firm expect to attend the New York winter show in January, with a number of their birds.

MR. J. E. MEYER

is at present engaged in teaching at the Cobourg Collegiate Institute, and his brother in his absence has charge of his birds.

#### DETROIT EXPOSITION.

The books are in such a state that we have been unable to get a correct list of the winners. However, in some classes Canadian exhibitors took about all that was going. Mr. Geo. G. McCormick took almost all the prizes in buff Cochins, white Wyandottes, black Minorcas and Javas. Mr. "Billy" McNeill did well in dark Brahmas, white and black Cochins, Langshans, Dominiques, Polish, Hamburgs and Bantams. Mr. R. Oke won several cards in Hamburgs, Creve Cœurs, La Fleche, Bantams and Pheasants. Mr. H. Wallace won on white Plymouth Rocks and Mr. C. J. Stockwell on Houdans. In fact, as one exhibitor expressed it, "it was quite a picnic for the boys." The well-known Canadian judge, Mr. Sharp Butterfield, was Superintendent.

MR. T. A. DUFF, TORONTO,

bought the second prize white Minorca hen at the Industrial.

MR. C. H. HALL, KING,

at the same show bought a nice pair of white Cochin chicks which were awarded two third prizes, and in turn sold.

MR. G. G. MCCORMICK, LONDON,

the second prize buff Cochin cock at a rattling good figure. Mr. McCormick evidently means to have the best of what is going, and has secured a valuable sire in this bird.

#### AN UNPLEASANT INCIDENT

occurred to us at the Industrial. While taking notes of the birds an exhibitor slipped a package containing money into our hand with the polite request that we, when writing up the report give his exhibit of \_\_\_\_\_ (we won't mention the breed) an extra "puff." We need not say the "bribe"—it can be described by no other term,—was at once returned and with feelings of indignation. In a later conversation with this party he expressed regret and asked us if we thought he had done anything dishonorable, to which question we replied in no uncertain terms. He said he did not for a moment think he was acting in an ungentlemanly or dishonorable manner. We regret we cannot see it in this way.

#### HOW MANY TIMES

have we to impress on exhibitors the fact that we are always but too glad to mention birds as their merits deserve, on the other hand we are not at all afraid to criticise adversely, no matter who is concerned, when we deem such a course wise and just. But enough of a disagreeable subject, we trust we won't have to allude to it again.

#### SILVER WYANDOTTES.

Some breeders of this variety did not take our recent remarks in as good part as Mr. Meyer, and at the Industrial tried to persuade us that there was a marked improvement of recent

years; however, we yet fail to see it. Until, say three of each section, cocks, hens, cockerels and pullets can be selected from moderate sized classes, of a similar appearance, it cannot be said that they breed true to "type." Could this be done at the Industrial? not by any means. Three pullets might have been selected fairly alike, but even in the best three much dissimilarity appeared in the lacing. As for the old fowls, well in some cases it would be hard to say if they were Wyandottes or — what?

#### "FIXED" COMBS.

We spent a long time at these classes this year, and while looking them over an official of the newly formed Wyandotte Club was extolling a certain cockerel. We humbly pointed out several what we considered serious defects amongst which was an ugly comb with an upturned spike. "Oh, yes," he said, "but that must be fixed." Just so, and when "fixed" it will perhaps be sold to another breeder who sees amongst other points its good comb and breeds from it. What kind of progeny does he get? does this "fixing" alter its value for breeding purposes? If we are not much out several of the cocks' combs were "fixed." You don't see such sharp turns naturally formed.

#### WHITE IN EARLOBE

is another point that will need to be carefully guarded against, it is now altogether too prevalent.

#### THE WYANDOTTE CLUB.

The formation of this club should lead to a much more intelligent breeding of this fowl; on the club's list of members are names of many men who no doubt will make every effort to breed to some uniformity of type and lasting beauty of plumage.