

lets. First cockerel won the special for the best specimen.

Buff—The finest ever shown at the Ontario, in both old and young extra fine birds were on exhibition. First cockerel, the winner at Toronto for the best bird in show, is a hard bird to beat, a little coarse in comb, and might be a little better in color of tail. Second and third also good. First and second pullets, grand in color and all Rock in shape. The same might be said about the first and second hens.

Water fowl made an immense showing and the competition close. It required considerable time to compare the different specimens in all varieties. Any fancier could feel proud to win a piece in such a competition. I considered it the finest display of water fowl by far ever shown at the Ontario show, both in geese and ducks.

Turkeys were simply grand, both in bronze and white. I also noticed a fine pair of Naragansetts. Time will not permit any further comment.

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#### SOME NOTES ON THE BIRDS BY THE EDITOR.

Mr. Jarvis has so fully written regarding the general appearance of the show, it is unnecessary for us to do more than heartily endorse all he says. The show was all right and so were the officials who conducted it. The meat in a nutshell.

Light Brahmas opened up well. First cock a big bodied, good colored, low set bird with but a moderate comb. Second not so good in top color, big body. First hen a neat one of good color, nice hackle, well feathered. Second a nice bright one hardly so good in color. First and special cockerel a fine one, beautiful hackle and well spread good colored tail, neat head and comb, a bit yellow in cushion. Second also good, not up to first in shape. Third handicapped by his bad top color. Pullets a nice lot. It is pleasing to see a greatly enlarged entry. Dark Brahma cocks a fair lot, the first wins well, grand solid breast, silvery white on top, a very bad comb spoiling the appearance of the head. First hen none too big but nicely pencilled. Second larger, not so bright in color. Others fair. First cockerel a big good colored bird, on good legs, well feathered, comb rises a bit at the back, a too common fault. Second a good, all round one. Others fair. Winning pullets nicely pencilled.

Partridge Cochins a really decent lot. First cock very bright in color but lacks rounding out in shape. Second more shapely, but duller in color. First hen a good colored one, poorly shown, badly in moult. Second larger, in good feather. First cockerel wins well, a well grown, bright colored bird in fine fit, low down. Second loses to him in color. Third excels in leg and toe feather. First pullet is nicely pencilled and true Cochin shape, in this she beats second. First buff cock very feathery, good even color except in foot feather, which shows some white, grand shape. Second also good, short in back, tail carried rather high, immense feather. Third good, not quite even in breast, good sound tail. First hen very shapely well filled up, grand color. Second very feathery, a bit mealy in color. Third higher color, good shape. First cockerel good even top color, a bit weak in breast both in color and shape; we liked second better, sounder in color with a neat head piece. Third a trifle high up, narrow in tail, which has also considerable black. We made an unnoticed one (Bell) sound color all over, lots of feather, rather straight hock feather and weak comb, a winner somewhere. First pullet very sound even color, feathery. Second a really nice one, but a trifle mealy. Third, close up. Both blacks and whites were grand all through, the special going to Millard, who showed both colors.

Black red Game a good lot. First cock a fine reachy bird, hard as nails and tight in feather, good color. Second and third, good all round. Hens a nice class, as were the cockerels in which the winner was a reachy well cut away bird, good breast and neat tail. Second a bit loose in feather and carries more tail. First and second pullets, pen mates, very tight upstanding birds, hard and good in feather, quite dark enough and long enough in back. Third better color and shorter in back but would not get up. An unnoticed cock (Close), might have been in it but for a sore foot, which sadly handicaps a Game. Bad top color, good breast. First brown red cock deserves a special word, a rangy, good bodied one, excellent in color on top and nicely pencilled breast, well placed limbs on which he stands like a gladiator. Second a good all round one. Hens a nice class. Cockerels good, especially first. Pullets extra nice. We understand all winners bred from the winning cock. Duckwings a bit on the up grade, nice classes. Pyles good all through. First old pair win