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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

THE business of the PIGEON FANCIER having grown to such proportions that my entire leisure time must be devoted to it, it became necessary for me to see what measures could be taken to increase the value of this journal without impairing its usefulness in any way. After giving the matter mature thought I concluded to purchase a certain number of pages each month in the *Canadian Poultry Review*, a journal now in its eighteenth year, with an immense circulation distributed all over Canada and the United States and with many readers in England and the European Continent, and even a few in far off Australia and New Zealand. The PIGEON FANCIER of course remains under my control, and will, as in the past, be kept right up to date, bright, newsy, instructive and honest. The efforts put forth in this way I hope will be appreciated by a large increase in subscribers as well as advertisers. Owing to the change of date of publication (now the first of the month) all matter should reach us by the 20th at latest.

C. F. WAGNER, *Editor*.

OUR ILLUSTRATION.

OUR frontispiece this month is taken from the *English Pouter's Gazette*. It will be remembered we illustrated a pair of Pigmy Pouters in last issue, and this time we present our readers with the cut of an English Pouter, which we trust will meet with approval, having written so much on breeding Pouters.

NEWS OF THE MONTH.

IT is pleasant to receive so many congratulations on our improved paper. It having the largest circulation of any paper of its kind is enjoyed by many new subscribers. It is acknowledged to be the best dollar's worth put in print. Some of our readers wish to pay \$2 per year

if we would accept, but all we wish our genial friends to do is to tell their neighbors where they can get the most value for a dollar.

Mr. Twonbly is the only one who thinks we have taken a step backwards in purchasing the space we have for the PIGEON FANCIER in the *Poultry Review*. It having a paid up subscription list of about 5,000, it looks like it doesn't it? We hope he did not draw his conclusion from the combination of the paper he is editor of.

Two of Canada's greatest exhibitions have passed and gone, the Toronto Industrial Exhibition and the London Fair, both were a great success and add two more to the list.

We had much pleasure in meeting Dr. E. S. Hayward, of Rochester, N.Y., Mr. P. G. Keyes, of Ottawa, Ont., Mr. Chas. Massie, of Port Hope, Mr. Geo. Duffield, of Norwood, Prof. Wesley Mills, Montreal, and many others to numerous to mention.

There were some 300 pigeons on exhibition at Toronto Industrial. Among the winners were some very fine Carriers, tall racy looking fellows with immense beak wattles and large circular eye-wattles and lengthy necks.

Among Pouters were some excellent specimens and a good lass it was. Fantails were not so numerous but good in quality. We thought the first prize bird might have given away to the second winner and one in the same class not noticed might have had second place, however, we do not wish to find fault with the decision of the judge, who handled the birds, but we are entitled to have a say. Jacobins were a small class, all of the birds being in bad moult they did not do themselves justice. Among the Owls we noticed some rare specimens especially a black-chequer cock. He having an immense round skull and short thick bull-finch beak and very full gullet made him very attractive. He has yet to be beaten on this side of the fish pond. We also noticed some very fine blues and silvers and one or two good