

POULTRY.

(Under this heading, all questions relating to poultry will be answered.)

THE new executive of the B. C. Poultry, Dog, and Pet Stock Association held their first meeting last Saturday for the purpose of receiving the books, etc., from the retiring officers. Vice-President Geo. Jay took the chair in the unavoidable absence of the president. The former secretary was not present; but sent in his statement, which, with the treasurer's report, was referred to the auditing committee. Some communications were attended to and the meeting adjourned for a week, when a complete statement of the financial standing of the society will be presented.

The society intends to hold monthly meetings open to all members, and expect by this means to arouse increased interest in poultry and dogs. Already several schemes have been outlined calculated to improve on the last show.

We will give as full reports of the meetings as our space will allow, and while being careful not to print anything liable to cause discussion, yet we shall not hesitate to expose any practices inimical to poultry interests.

Severe comments have been made on the fact that at the last show, three leading directors won a majority of the special prizes that they themselves had rustled up. We are assured that under the present regime this will not be allowed.

A man cannot sell thoroughbred chickens if he does not advertise them. The breeder may know he has good stock but the purchasing public does not.

For broilers, the breeding pens should be mated at the beginning of December. Choose a fine vigorous cockerel with well developed pullets or two year old hens. An Indian Game male is the best and the females should be, Partridge Cochins, Brahma, Wyandottes or Plymouth Rock. The Indian Game—Partridge Cochins cross, we have proved the best, having had chicks weighing 2 lbs at 8 weeks old and showing great breast meat. To make a success of the broiler business, artificial incubator must be resorted to and the breeding stock well looked after. The feed should consist of some grain, fresh meat, green stuff and plenty of grit should be on hand. The fowls must have plenty of exercise or they will lack vigor and you will find many unfertile eggs. In selecting eggs for the incubator use only those of perfect shape and medium size, and have them as fresh as possible. Get the temperature of your machine under control and to the point where you want it before placing an egg in. The best results are got with the temperature at 101 the first week, 102 the second, and 103 the third. We believe in the no moisture plan for the first two weeks, then put in a little, increasing as the hatch progresses, till the nineteenth day, when all eggs should be dipped in a basin of water at

90 degrees, and all that float perfectly still may be thrown out as dead.

A machine that has much ventilation needs more moisture than one with little ventilation. The incubator should be put in a room that can be kept at an even temperature as even the best makes are very susceptible to outside influences. We know of no better place than a dry cellar. The eggs should be tested on the third day and all clear ones removed. If there is a large proportion of these, the incubator should be replenished. Commence turning the eggs the second, and we advise cooling off after the fourth day by lowering the temperature to 90 degrees for five minutes. Do not bother with any chicks that have to be helped from the shell as they seldom live, and a broiler raiser can't afford to waste any time on non producers.

We are willing to conduct a question bureau in connection with this department, and any fanciers in need of information are requested to send in their queries. We will do the rest.

Vancouver fanciers are talking of organizing a society and holding a show. We shall be glad to get reports of their doings.

Bantams can be kept where other breeds cannot, and are most fascinating and useful pets. The Black Red Game Bantams is our favorite and we offer a few points for the many breeders of this prince of pigmies.

The cock should have a sprightly air, narrow and long in head, their neck standing out of square, prominent shoulders, hackle carried well back and not falling on each side of his neck, short back, and body tapering to the stem, tail well whipped up and carried low, tail feathers short and narrow, the top feathers free from bend, wings short and close fitting, a long, straight wing being very objectionable; thighs and shanks long, and feet free from duckfootedness. The hen is similar in shape and both must have very close plumage.

In mating, care must be taken to see that no bad faults are introduced in purchasing new stock, and any faults in one must be counterbalanced by excellence in that point in the other. Three females are enough for one male.

When hatched, the chicks are very delicate, and it is poor policy to stint their food with the idea of keeping them small. Feed them all they can eat of boiled rice mixed with middlings, with dry chit rice to peck at. When two weeks old, wheat once a day may be given. The most critical time is when they are changing their first feathers, and a little raw meat is then a great help. They may be hatched from now on to the end of June. We do not advise hatching later, as they are undeveloped when the rains come.

There is a great opening here in the Polish classes. These beautiful birds have been absent from our two last shows, and as they are good layers and hardy if given

a covered run, we hope to see some at next year's show.

If your back yard is too small for chickens, borrow a setting hen and get a setting of duck eggs and raise them. Ducks hatched early will fetch one dollar each at eight weeks old.

The Cochins or Brahma that is hatched on January 1st has a mortgage on the first prize at next winter's show.

Like will Beget Like. At Victoria, '93, won 1st on breeding pen. Victoria, '94, 1st on pen (tie) 1st and 2nd cockerel, 2nd cock, 2nd pullet (tie.) **Like Did Beget Like.** Pen No. 1 Cockerel Pacific of Ajax strain—Eggs, per setting, \$3.50. Pen No. 2 by cockerel "Golden West" mated to six pullets selected from 89 choice pullets bred by me—Eggs, per setting, \$2. Pen No. 3 by cock "Max," sired by "Prince William I," he by "Ajax 4," he by "Ajax 1"—Eggs \$2.

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