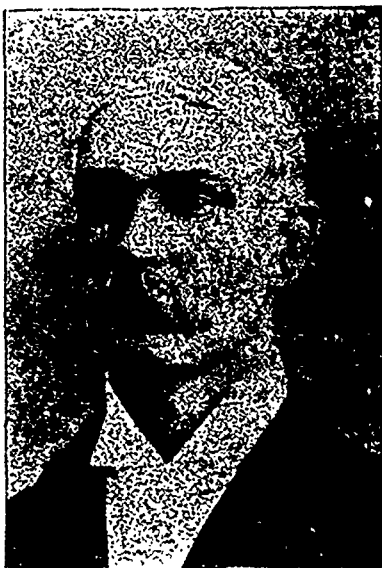


number of last year, and were a big show in themselves. Polish, few, and shut out of sight, Hamburgs better than usual. We thought the rose-comb white Leghorn classes better than before.

Cochins, especially buffs were grand. In this color the winners were shapely and smothered in feather, but Mr. Butterfield certainly chose in some instances birds several shades higher in color than he has recently fancied. Partridge were a nice lot as were the small classes of whites and blacks.

The best Andalusian pullet we have seen in some time was the winner of first a smart well laced bird, as indeed was her pen mate, but unfortunately when we saw him the long confinement had sent his comb over. Langshans were also splendid, really grand in shape and lustre of color, and many good enough to win in high company had to stand back. Black Javas were good, especially females, they deserve more attention.



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The Ontario Show of '97 is over and the verdict on all sides was that it was the grandest lot of birds ever brought together in Ontario. The classes were not only well filled but quality was excellent all through. *Langshans* were a grand lot, winning cock the most typical in the lot, 1st, 2nd and 3rd cockerels especially fine, winning hens also extra quality, grand in shape and color; pullets a fine lot, competition keen for places, in fact all through the *Langshan*

classes many birds left out that are good enough to win in strong company. *Wyandottes*—White were out in full force and a better lot would be hard to get together. In males the winners were the best we have seen for some time, competition keen and several good ones left out. In female: the 1st hen and 1st and 2nd pullets especially, worthy of mention. Goldens, a grand lot, not a poor male bird in the lot. Cockerels especially fine. Hens the best ever shown at the Ontario; 2nd hen the best in the lot but loses on weight, she is a typical Wyandotte and almost perfect in wing and back color. Pullets, winners rich in color but not such well defined lacing as last year's winners. Silvers a good class, winners in each section grand birds but we still look for great improvement in this class. Blacks show a decided improvement, winning cockerels and pullets were especially fine. *Plymouth Rocks*—Whites were a splendid lot, winners almost pure in color of plumage; probably the cream of the lot is the 1st hen, she is a gem and fit to win anywhere. *Leghorns*—Whites were out in force and not a poor bird in the lot; 1st cock is the best ever shown at the Ontario, good head, pure in color and very stylish. Hens grand, 2nd probably the best but not in as good fit as 1st. Cockerels all grand and white as snow. Pullets grand shape and style, good size and pure color. Browns a splendid lot all through and hard to beat anywhere. Buffs made a splendid display. Cocks were a small class but in cockerels there were sixteen good ones; the winner of 1st is especially worthy of notice, good head, perfect symmetry, splendid style and good color all over. Winning hens and pullets good all through in color. Blacks quite a large class but in quality not what we would wish to see, heads too coarse, combs too nearly approaching the Minorca shape in many instances, tails carried altogether too high, and leg color very poor. We hope to see a big improvement in this class, as they are really a beautiful variety if up in fancy points. Rose comb whites a nice lot, competition close; 1st pullet is the gem of the lot, pure white, grand style, probably a little small. Rose comb browns the best display we have seen at the Ontario for years in point of quality; 1st cock is a good one in color, a little coarse in head; 1st cockerel would be hard to beat anywhere, rich color, grand style and good head; 2nd cockerel a grand color, not quite so stylish as 1st; hens 1st and 2nd good color, off on head points; 1st and 2nd pullets the best shown for years; 1st pullet almost perfect in color, grand style and very neat in head. *Andalusians*—A decided improvement on exhibits of former years, all winners so free from that Leghorn type which to my mind entirely spoils our Andalusians. Males were grand birds but special mention must be made of the 1st and 2nd