

## Poultry Department

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### Notes.

The following list of Fairs may be found useful :

Toronto, Sept. 7th to 19th.  
 London, Sept. 7th to 12th.  
 Berlin, Sept. 8th 9th and 10th.  
 Hamilton, Sept. 21st to 25th.  
 St. Thomas, Sept. 22nd to 25th.  
 Lindsay, Sept. 22nd to 24th.  
 Stratford, Sept. 24th and 25th.  
 Whitby, 28th and 29th.  
 Guelph, Sept. 28th to 30th.  
 Chatham, Sept. 29th to Oct. 1st;  
 St. Catharines, Sept. 29th and 30th.  
 Perth, Sept. 30th to Oct. 2nd.  
 Orangeville, Oct. 1st and 2nd.  
 Bowmanville, Oct. 1st and 2nd.  
 Ingersoll, Oct. 5th to 7th.  
 Cayuga, Oct. 6th and 7th.  
 Paris, Oct. 6th and 7th.  
 Walkerton, Oct. 6th to 9th.  
 Picton, Oct. 7th and 8th.  
 Brantford, Oct. 7th to 9th.  
 Simcoe, Oct. 13th and 14th.

We are happy to announce that an article on Lang shans, from the pen of A. C. Croad, Esq., will shortly appear in the REVIEW.

Mr. Breiding, of Berlin, writes us that he is leaving for Goshen, Indiana, and that he has sold his Dark Brahmas to Mr. A. J. Wilson, of Seaforth.

We hear from Mr. O'Neil, of Brantford, that he has moved to Oshawa, where he intends to make a business of Poultry raising—we wish him every success.

The United States took from us, in the year ending 30th June, 1884, 11,384,856 dozen eggs, for which they paid us \$1,950,561, and sent us back 289,187 dozen, valued at \$59,449.

We hope still to hear from many who have imported eggs this season, the result of their hatching ; we ourselves have had poor luck—out of four sittings from England, hatching only two chicks, both of which have since died.

In another column, we reprint, from the "Live Stock Journal," what we believe to be a new theory on the colour of skin question. We would point out, however, that the Leghorn is not a manufactured breed.

We regret to hear from Mr. Costen, of Montreal, that on account of ill-health, he is compelled to retire from active participation in the Fancy. We hope, however, to see him shortly regain his health, and take up his old position in the fraternity.

We are growing pretty large sunflowers this season. Two heads, not fully grown, measure across the face, 18 and 18½ inches respectively, and heads 12 and 16 inches across are very common. The alternate rows of corn and sunflowers make a splendid shade for the poultry, and as the land is sandy loam it is never long wet after rain. In a couple of weeks the seeds will be ripe, when the fowls will have the benefit of them.

On account of the backwardness of hatching operation last spring, and the earlier dates on which the shows are held this year, the awards will not have as reliable an index as usual to the winners at the winter shows. The early hatched birds have always a great advantage at the fall shows, but many birds not yet out of their baby feathers will supplant the winners of this fall when brought together at the winter shows.

For enterprise and determination to excel, the manager of the Industrial Fair and his staff take the lead. This year they offer a programme of attractions that should, and will draw a large crowd to their show, especially during the last week when the live stock will be on exhibition. The prospects are bright for an excellent display of poultry, pigeons, etc. The well lighted poultry house, with its clean coops, give opportunities not provided at any other fall show in Canada for the examination of the stock. We have attended all the shows held by this association, and have found each one an improvement on the previous ones.

Mr. Chatterton, the honorary secretary of the Spanish Club, is well known as a most successful exhibitor of Black Spanish, and his fowls are usually sent out in first-rate order, which many would suppose could only be secured upon large runs in this country. We were surprised, therefore, the other day, on paying a visit to Mr. Chatterton's residence, to find that all the fowls are kept and bred within the limits of a London back garden, and within half a mile of Holborn Circus. This fact is an evidence of the great zeal of the owner, who overcomes by close attention the great difficulties of poultry-keeping under such circumstances. To keep two or three pens of breeding fowls and rear 20 or 30 chickens on a place 100 ft. by 20 ft., and yet have them in good health, shows what can be done with care and thought.—*Live Stock Journal*.

### The Best Breed.

*Editor Review.*

Poultry interests in this neighborhood are booming. Everybody wants to know how his neighbor's chickens are thriving, and thereby ascertain what his own prospects are of capturing a red ticket next winter. The show held here last February has created a friendly rivalry among fanciers to own the best specimens of their favorite breeds, and not a little discus-