

the association, held on the evening of the 31st January, he seems to have capped the climax, as the following paragraph which appeared in one of the city dailies will show:

"DINNER OF CANADIAN POULTRY ASSOCIATION. —Last evening some of the members of the association enjoyed a few hours very pleasantly at the 'Queen's' Restaurant. The chair was occupied by Mr. R. Mackay, and the vice-chair by Mr. J. G. Buchanan, one of the secretaries. There was quite a number present, and the proceedings were of the most pleasing character imaginable, with the exception of the obnoxious presence of one Dr. Merry, of Toronto, who brought down upon himself, and very properly, the displeasure of the chairman and the pity of the assemblage from his highly idiotic conduct. This man Merry belongs to the *Poultry Herald*, and from his remarks last night the fanciers are not likely to forget the fact."—*Spectator*.

We have spoken to many who were present, and all agree that this was a mild report of his conduct.

That his career throughout has been little better than that chronicled above we have evidence in the fact that from Toronto fanciers, who should know him and his journal he received very little support; indeed some of them refused advertisements in his paper when offered gratis. We are credibly informed that at the Toronto Industrial Exhibition, the officials declined to furnish him with the ordinary press badge.

We have the best evidence that he solicited subscriptions and advertisements *in advance*, at the same time that he knew that he was not able to carry on his paper. There may be some difference of opinion as to the proper name for such conduct, but we think most people would call it deliberate fraud. How many medals he has donated to societies as prizes we do not know, but we do know the winners of some that he has promised have never received them. He has found that in Toronto the printers and fanciers had all the dealings they want with him. By a strange mixture of irony and cheek he published in his journal a list of dead beats! Montreal is now to be the theatre of his operations, and it requires very little discernment to see that similar results will follow.

The blackened name of Merry has been dropped from the pages of the *Herald* as now published, and no doubt it is intended in this way to dup some to whom his name would have been a sufficient warning. We have evidence that Merry is as much in control of that journal as ever he was, and the "Herald Publishing Co." is evidently only a convenient mask to hide the features of a character which, if exposed in all their ugliness, would repel rather than attract patronage. If there is such a company the Montreal fanciers know nothing of it, and supposing it to exist, the partners are certainly in bad company, as they will find to their cost.

Our contemporary, the *Dominion Bazaar* of Toronto, thus refers to the *Herald*:

"The *Poultry Herald* is out again just in time to catch subscriptions for the new year. Its former record does not warrant us in putting it on our clubbing list, however. Still those who intend to get it should subscribe right away to be sure of getting something. It may run for a few months during advertising season, but the editor says, 'It

does not pay to run during the quiet summer months,' so hurry up with your yearly subscription. An old subscriber tells us he has not the courtesy to send him a copy, though such should be first supplied, according to our notions of square dealing, but as they would not bite again, of course it would be sheer folly on the publisher's part to send them what they have paid for."

With consummate cheek the fanciers of the Dominion are now asked to send subscriptions to the *Herald*, \$1 strictly in advance, and "positively no orders taken for advertisements unless payment is received in advance." Does the past history of the journal justify it in making such a demand? We opine the fanciers of Canada will agree with us that the man who, under the circumstances, would make such a demand is devoid of all sense of shame, and takes the fanciers to be little better than fools. We have now done with the subject for the present, and would only say in conclusion that, in the light of unquestionable facts, the man and his paper are as unworthy of confidence as they are unfit to represent the poultry fraternity of the Dominion.

### Our Shows.

The show of the New Brunswick Poultry and Pet Stock Association will be the first held, Jan. 18th to 21st.

The Montreal Association expect this year to hold the most successful show of the many they have held. The date is 2nd to 4th Feby. We have a few prize lists which we will send intending exhibitors on application.

A letter from Brantford informs us. "Everything indicates a large and successful show." Feby. 8th to 11th

The Eastern Townships Poultry, Dog and Pet Stock Association hold their first show in Sherbrooke, P. Q., on 16th to 18th Feby. The Society seem to be full of energy and push.

Midland Central Poultry Association will hold their annual Show on 15th, 16th and 17th February. The prospects of a good show were never brighter.

VICK'S FLORAL GUIDE.—This work is before us, and those who send 10 cents to James Vick, Rochester, N. Y., for it will be disappointed. Instead of getting a cheap thing, as the price would seem to indicate, they will receive a very handsome work of 112 pages, and perhaps 500 illustrations—not cheap, but elegant illustrations, on the very best of calendered paper, and as a set off to the whole, a beautiful colored plate that is worth twice the price of the book.

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