

and that he decided in favor of judging by comparison.

MR. COLGATE'S CHIEF COMPLAINT

against scoring is that it occupies too much time. Well, say New York next winter will have four thousand entries. (a liberal estimate) and that eight judges be appointed, giving to each judge an average of five hundred birds. One man can easily score these five hundred birds in two days, or two hundred and fifty per day, in fact we have frequently seen it exceeded by such men as Felch, Bicknell, Pierce, &c., amongst the U. S. Judges, and by Butterfield, Jarvis and Smelt amongst the Canadians. To accomplish this each judge should have an assistant to mark down his "outs" and all birds should be weighed by a weighing committee and brought to the judge for his decisions. In other and fewer words the judges time should be occupied in *scoring* alone.

JUST AT THIS TIME

there seems to be a few malcontents who have decided that scoring is a failure, but they will have a very large contract to prove this to be the case to the great majority of exhibitors. Noone claims that the methods of applying the score-card are perfect, far from it, absolute perfection is not attainable in this world, but intelligent application of the scoring system by a competent judge is as near the perfection of judging as is possible. We regret that New York above all shows should take the initiative in this step and can but regard it as we said before as—"a step backward."

MR. W. C. G. PETER,

Angus, was in Toronto for three or four days last month. In conversation with him he informed us that he had

about three hundred chicks, some of them well advanced and which will be ready for the fall fairs.

AMALGAMATION.

The subject of amalgamation of the Poultry Association of Ontario and the Eastern Ontario Poultry Association is not dead, but has been slumbering for the past few months. Mr. Dilworth's letter in another column is to the point, and open discussion of the subject as proposed by him may, and we trust, will lead, to an amicable solution of the matter.

THE EAST YORK POULTRY ASSOCIATION tendered, on Saturday, July 19th, a complimentary pic-nic to their *confreeres* of the Toronto Association which we had the pleasure of attending. The convivial gathering took place in McKinnon's Grove, Chester, and a large number of visitors as well as local fanciers were present. After a number of games, etc., had been indulged in the hosts and their guests, presided over by Ald. E. A. McDonald, with Mr. E. J. Otter, in the Vice-chair, sat down to a bountiful repast which it is needless to say was done full justice to. The usual toast list was proposed and responded to and all went "merry as a marriage bell." When full justice had been done the good things provided, a visit was made to Alderman McDonald's grounds and conservatories where each one present was decorated with a rose by the genial owner. After a pleasant stay, an adjournment was made to the street cars, and "all home" was echoed through the wilds of Chester.

BY THE WAY,

the "Crestertites" stated that the tramp from the street car line to the place of meeting was but twenty minutes walk,

which statement some of the party whose best gait is about two miles an hour, repudiate, emphasising their refutation with, when near the end of the journey, such jocular remarks as "are we near Kingston yet." "Isn't that the mountain of Montreal in the distance," and others of like ilk. At any rate it is a very long twenty minutes walk, and this no doubt, accounted in some part for the rapidity with which the viands disappeared when the invitation to "come to table" was given.

MR. JNO. GRAY,

the Secretary, of the East York Association, we are sorry to say was unable to join the gathering owing to a rather severe attack of sunstroke which befel him a few days previously. We trust he may soon be able to undertake his wonted duties.

CHESTER.

Chester is a village in the north-east portion of suburban Toronto, and clustered there is a regular hive of poultry fanciers. We visited several of the yards and found chickens without number, but all rather late, Mr. John Gray's being the best advanced in this respect. Mr. Otter has some three hundred, which look strong and healthy, of various breeds amongst them are rose-comb white Leghorns, dark Brahmas, etc. Mr. Bache has a nice lot, Mr. McKinnon also, and many others whose names at the moment have slipped us. There is plenty of room for all, and chickens with any fair amount of care cannot fail to be strong and healthy.

MR. F. C. HARE,

Whitby, has been elected on the committee of the Buff Cochon Club.