

love enough to make it your companion to keep it on your study table or in your boudoir, talk to it, whistle to it, feed it with tit-bits, and teach it to love you.

"When you have won its confidence, which with gentle perseverance on your part will not take long, your care and attention will be more than rewarded by the *empressment* with which it will greet your return from your business or your pleasure. It will hop down to the door of the cage as soon as it sees you enter the room, and invite you with the most fascinating of bows to let it out and perch upon your finger, where it will talk to you in its sweetest tones, and rub its dear black velvet poll against your cheek, or on your hand, purring the while with purest and most unalloyed pleasure. It will even try to feed you, and instead of feeling offended and annoyed—one lady who wrote to me used the word 'disgusted'—by this profoundest mark of its affection, feel correspondingly grateful, and bless your stars that you have indeed a friend—one who would die for you, and will, too, if you are cruel enough to slight it or forget it.

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NOTES ON HAMILTON SHOW.

(Communicated)

Hamilton never witnessed a finer display of poultry than that at the late Central Fair, some classes being exceptionally fine. Light Brahmas were out strong, thirty-one pairs in all. The winners in old birds were the best on exhibition for some time. Darks counted up to twenty-one pairs and were certainly the finest lot of this variety shown in Canada for years past. Plymouth Rocks were out strong, thirty-one pairs and several breeding-pens competing for a special prize offered by Thos. Gain, Esq.

Wyandottes were fair, one pullet in the second prize pen a very fine one. Games and game bants were good in numbers and quality, in golden and silver Sebrights there were two or three pairs of fine birds, the rest only fair. Some fine bronze turkeys were shown, also geese and ducks of various kinds. The other varieties were medium in numbers and in almost every case good to very fine in quality. Here we saw a pen of Silkies six in number which to say the least are novelties and elicited many curious remarks from visitors. The Association purposes enlarging the building and the prize list as well, we were informed by one of the officials.

Mr. Mitson, the superintendent was indefatigable in his efforts to give the birds proper attention, but as there were not nearly enough coops and still fewer water dishes and second rate attendants to help him he had his hands full.

Mr. W. H. Doel acted as judge and actually went through the judging of the entire show of some fourteen hundred birds in the incredibly short time of four hours. Mr. Doel had to get through Tuesday night to judge Brampton next day, hence the haste. As might be expected under the circumstances there was much dissatisfaction, one exhibitor suggesting that in future the exhibitors cast lots for the prizes as the results could not be less satisfactory. Just here we would suggest the propriety of the various associations publishing the names of the judges in their prize lists as has sometimes been done by the Industrial, as it is only fair that exhibitors should know who is to judge their birds.

POULTRY AT THE WESTERN FAIR.

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The thanks of poultry men are due the above association for the excellent building provided for their exhibit in

this line. There is probably not another building in America and certainly not in Canada, built exclusively for poultry to equal it. The coops placed in the centre and facing both ways gives plenty of light and sufficient room to move about with comfort, and but for the very small prizes offered, the Western would lead the van in the poultry department. It is generally felt that the committee made a mistake in placing new breeds not recognized by the *Standard* on the prize list instead of making the prizes larger for the recognized breeds and especially so when the list did not and does not yet comprise all the recognised breeds. The exhibit was on the whole a good one and in most varieties good specimens were shown. Light Brahmas were very fine as were the darks also.

Plymouth Rocks good; but not up to some previous years. Wyandottes only medium and hardly that in young birds in general, while one pullet was extra fine. In old birds there were two excellent cocks and some fair hens. White Wyandottes, white and black Minorcas made their first appearance at the Western this season. There were some very fine rabbits, pigeons and other pet stock on exhibition. Messrs. Jarvis and Griffith adjusted the prize tickets, giving general satisfaction.

GUELPH FAIR.

In poultry the exhibit was a very fair one. It was shown in the old carriage building, west of the palace. Some classes are wanting, and others not very well filled, but some kinds, notably Plymouth Rocks, make an excellent showing. The local fanciers are well to the front, and several exhibitors from a distance have also a number of entries. In Games John Fairburn, Wm. Verney, Jas. E. Keough, P. Spragge, Chamberlain Bros., Alex. McDonald and Henry Sallows show different varieties. Brah-