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DATES.

Stratford, Jan 26th to 29th.

Listowel, Jan. 19th, 20th and 21st.

Ottawa, 26th to 29th Jan.

Bowmanville, Feb. 3rd 4th and 5th, J. V. Bicknell, judge.

NOTES.

Twenty-six thousand dollars worth of poultry was disposed of at the turkey fair held at Smith's Falls, Ont., on Friday and Saturday, December 11th and 12th.

We beg to tender our thanks to Mr. H. G. Jackson, secretary of the Toronto Poultry, Pigeon and Pet Stock Association for using such despatch in furnishing us with the prize list of the late show. As the show closed on the 11th of December, and we got the prize-list on the 5th of January, it will be seen that the Secretary is a hustler.

Mr. I. K. Fetch, at the Toronto Show, said that the young birds, especially in the Asiatic and other classes where weight is an object, suffered to the extent of at least, two points in the scores on account of the early date of that show. The majority of them will score two points more with a months additional age. Many of the old birds suffered from not being fully over moult.

POULTRY SHOWS YET TO OCCUR.

The next show to occur is that of the Listowel Poultry and Pet Stock Association, at Listowel, on Jan. 19th to 21st. Birds shown in pairs. The regular premiums are 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize tickets, but special premiums of \$1.50 for 1st, \$1.00 for 2nd, and 50c. for 3rd, are offered on fowls and chicks in 48 sections; \$1.00, 75c. and 50c. in 16 sections on Bantams, Turkeys, Ducks and Geese; \$1.00 and 50c. on Pigeons in 10 sections, and the same on pets in 10 sections. Besides these, valuable special premiums are offered for breeding pens, and for single birds and pairs. Genial, capable and obliging, Robert Elliott will look after the books, and L. G. Jarvis will score the birds.

The Eastern Ontario Poultry and Pet Stock Association hold their show in Ottawa on the 26th to 29th of January. Single birds, the premiums are: 1st \$2, 2nd \$1, 3rd h. c., in fowls and chicks all through their 32 classes. Pigeons have 16 classes, at \$1.00, 50c, and h. c.; Pheasants, cage birds, and Rabbits have 14 classes. A large list of specials is promised later. C. N. Crosby, of Bridgeport, Conn., will score the birds; T. A. Willits is secretary. We would just say to exhibitors, go to this show if you can. Ottawa is a good market for good stock and a more whole-souled, gentlemanly lot of fanciers are not found anywhere than are those in the capital of the Dominion.

Stratford and Seaforth Associations

hold their joint exhibition in Stratford, on the same dates as the above. Poultry: single birds, 36 classes; 1st \$1.50, 2nd 75c., and a few 50c.; pigeons, 14 classes, \$1 and 50c.; cage birds, 8 classes; also rabbits and pheasants; breeding pens, 21 sections, 1 male and 4 females, \$2 and \$1, and 55 good special premiums. Abel F. Stevens, of Mass., will score the birds; Wm. Sanderson, the veteran secretary, has charge of the books, and his experience and well-known ability will secure the confidence of fanciers to a greater extent than is usually the lot of first exhibitions.

Next in order comes the exhibition of the Bowmanville Poultry Association on February the 3rd, 4th and 5th. Poultry has 73 sections, 59 of them receiving \$2 for 1st, \$1 for 2nd, balance \$1.50 and \$1; pigeons, 12 sections, \$1 and 50 cents. All in pairs. 1st and 2nd prize breeding pens in each variety will receive diplomas, as will also highest scoring cock or egg-cherel, and hen or pullet of each variety, which must score over 90 points, and for best collection of poultry, and same of pigeons. J. V. Bicknell, of Buffalo, N. Y., well and favorably known to many Canadian fanciers, will score the birds. T. H. Smelt will keep the books. This association is pledged to pay outside exhibitors before closing the show. This show heretofore has given good satisfaction to exhibitors, and with the scoring system applied by an experienced judge, they feel confident that all exhibitors favoring them this year will be well satisfied with the result.