

PIGEONS AND PETS.

PIGEONS

MR. Geo. Bell, Toronto, on his return from England, brought back with him some black Jacobins said to be extra in quality. They are being kept for him in Belleville.

Mr. Chas. Currier, who has judged so many shows in the east, is to officiate again at the Montreal winter show.

The editor of the REVIEW at the last meeting of the Toronto Association had put through a resolution petitioning the Minister of Customs that pigeons for the improvement of stock be placed on the free list, and calling on other Associations for their help. We trust that all pigeon breeders will see that this is brought up at the meetings of the Associations with which they are connected, and have the President and Secretary sign an appeal on behalf of each Association. We see no reason why poultry should come in free of duty and pigeons be debarred from a like privilege.

We have added good bright buckwheat to our pigeon *menu* this winter and the birds appear to like and thrive on it. This grain with barley makes a good combination.

Boston pigeon show, just closed, had 1,500 entries, Pouters alone 150. When will Canada have a show like this? While we have been retrogressing the United States has made progress by leaps and bounds.

This is the season, so Messrs. Geo. Hope & Son, Toronto, informs us, that most of the English and other song birds are received in Canada, and a recent visit to their store bears this out. While there we saw a grand lot of Mocking Birds, Cardinals, Skylarks, Gold and Bull Finches, Linnets and various other breeds in grand feather and all healthy looking. In Canaries, the cages shown us disclosed trained Rollers, German, Norwich, Fancies, etc., while Pigeons, Rabbits, Guinea Pigs and Ferrets were present also. Goldfish in a neat globe make a nice present, and Messrs. Hope assures us that they can be shipped quite safely. Several extra fine grey Parrots caught our eye, as well as other varieties of the Parrot tribe. To anyone visiting the city this store is well worth a visit at this season.

CAGE BIRDS

AT the show of the Toronto Cage Bird Society, to be held Jan. 1st, forty classes are offered for Canaries and eight for other birds. The prizes are in all classes \$1, 50c. and two cards, but six entries must fill to gain first money, otherwise the firsts will carry second money only. Color fed birds will be disqualified. The entrance fee to members is 15c. for the first entry, or two entries for 25c. To non-members the fee for each bird is 25c.

Mr. J. Bertie, of Toronto, is to judge the cage birds at the coming Woodstock show.

Being a bit of a Scotch fancier, I was sorry to read about the Scotch Fancy entries being on the decline. Might I suggest giving fewer prizes to first cross, and paying a little more attention to circle and well-set-back shins? It is nothing but high shoulders and long necks which win at present. Surely once and for all it should be settled that no judge exhibit at any show where he judged. Things might improve thus. Yours, etc., WILLIAM M'CAA, Garrallan Smithy, Old Cumnock, Scotland.

Dr. A. Boulton, Toronto, has imported two pairs of Crests, and Messrs. A. Atkinson, J. Park and W. H. Naylor a pair each of Lizards from a reverend gentleman of New Lowell, Mass., U.S.A. Some of the above are said to be tiptoppers and will, if entered, no doubt, stand to the front at the coming exhibition of the Toronto Canary and Cage Bird Society.

The regular monthly meeting of the Toronto Canary and Cage Bird Society was held in Forum Hall on Oct. 2nd, with two thirds or more of the members present. The Management Committee's progress report on matters pertaining to the annual show, which will be held, as usual, on New Year's Day, was fully endorsed. Judging by the plunge they are making and the enthusiasm with which they work, the Committee are endeavoring to make the coming show outdo all previous attempts. The cup donated by the Society to the Toronto Industrial Exhibition Association for Canaries, was presented to the winner, Mr. J. Naylor. The annual meeting takes place on Monday, Dec. 7th, when the nomination and election of officers will be held.