

prize hen a good bird a year or two ago, but too small to go into such large and good company. First prize cockerel similar to the first and second prize cocks in every particular. The second and third prize cockerels were great birds to score for color, and if they had been more massive in appearance I think I should have had to award three first prizes. I noticed a beautiful model for a Cochin cockerel, but most of his tail was gone, which marred his beauty. Pullets, 1st, 2d, and 3d, large and about perfect in color, and there is not much wanting in them, only a little higher in cushion would make them nearer perfection. Oh! if Theodore Sternberg had been at New Hamburg he would have spent one day sure looking at the buffs, for I am sure our Ontario show never held so many good ones before.

Partridge Cochins—Cocks made rather a poor showing, still there was one pretty good old cock, but the remainder only medium. Cockerels much better. First prize bird the best in shape, but a little too dark in color. The best colored cockerels were lacking in shape, hence had to take second and third places. Hens, one fairly good old hen, balance of class only medium. Pullets, 1st was a grand shaped Cochin and was well pencilled on cushion, and that is nearly always a weak place in partridge Cochins. Second and third good pullets, but not distinct enough. I noticed quite a lot of light shafting on a good many of the pullets' breasts, and one pullet I had to disqualify for vulture hocks, a very unusual thing in partridge Cochins, but no doubt bred to our partridge Cochins it will help us much in getting good leg and toe feathering. Though she be disqualified for vulture hocks, she is worth much more than a bare middle toed Cochin, for in the New Standard bare middle toe on Cochins is a disqualification, and ought to have been so always. I think we find to-day that the partridge suffers more for light leg and toe feathering than any other Cochin.

Black Cochins—Cocks were fairly good. The prize winning cocks very high in color and very good in shape, and while one had almost too much feather on legs and feet the other one was lacking; still quite an improvement as a whole. Hens, first prize hen was rich in color and very large, but almost getting too old to do much winning, and if a little higher in cushion would take a real good one to beat her. Second and third prize hens looked small compared to her, still they were better in shape but not so high in color. Cockerels, the winning cockerels were good in shape and very highly colored, but lack looseness of feather, still they were good birds and may yet develop, for they looked quite young. Pullets, the same about them as cockerels, 1st, 2d, and 3d all very much alike. Taking the blacks as

a whole, they were much higher colored birds than we usually see.

White Cochins—First prize cock a Cochin all over and pearly white plumage, with grand leg and toe feathering, and if larger in size would be hard to beat. Second prize cock not so good in shape, but very fair in color. Hens, first prize hen a Cochin from feet up, but lacks size. Second very good; third fairly good in size, but lacks Cochin shape. First prize cockerel a good Cochin, but loses all over for color, being of a yellowish tinge. Second prize cockerel much better in color, but away off in shape. First prize pullet, I think I judged her at the World's Fair, and Mr. Sternberg made the remark that she was Cochin from feet up. She is certainly a gem, neat head, short in neck, and grand in breast and back shape. Second prize pullet very similar, and third prize pullet close up. Third was not quite so good in beak color as the other two, but she was really fine.

Barred Plymouth Rocks—Seventy-four in number makes quite a Plymouth Rock display. First prize cock a very good bird, with a nice medium-sized comb, but lacked enough serrations; still he was a really good bird except deficiency in tail, being short of barring, his breast was very even and very straight in barring, each feather ending with a nice bar. Second prize cock was a good bird all over excepting breast, being a little on the light side, tail very good for an old cock. Third prize cock very evenly barred, but the bars did not run so parallel as first and second. In most old cocks their weakness lays in tail color, and in balance of class showed their tail was the worst deficiency. Hens, first prize hen was very straight in barring and very clear in color, and showed none of the brown tinge so commonly seen on Plymouth Rocks; she would have been better if black bars had been a little narrower. Second prize hen very similar, but not so clean in color. Third prize hen grand in barring, but whether from age or being out of condition her feathers showed a slight brownish tinge. There were lots of good barred hens, but the greatest fault lay in the brown and grey tinges. Cockerels, first prize cockerel grand in shape, nice comb, and probably one of the best barred birds in Canada, barred right to the skin, and as parallel in barring as was ever seen on a Plymouth Rock cockerel. If he keeps healthy and well, he is a bird that will often be heard of when shown. Second prize cockerel probably the best combed bird in the show, about perfect in body, back, and tail shape, but too light on surface color, still very parallel in barring, and from outside appearances don't look near the first prize cockerel. Third prize cockerel a very similar bird to first prize, but lacked the cleanness of