

afraid. But I can speak from my own experience, that I have yet to meet the first Canadian breeder who is afraid to show his birds against any other breeders living, and I have found when they meet defeat, they take it in a true fancier's spirit, and give the victor all the credit he deserves.

Now, in conclusion, let me say, "smoke up," ask for an unlimited entry, at one dollar each. Bring your best birds to the great and only Pan-American, in 1901. Hire a special train to take back all the medals and cups you may win, and spend your cash winnings on the greatest Midway this country has ever seen.

Yours truly,

FRED. MAUNDER.

Buffalo, N.Y., October 15, 1900.

After all Mr. Maunder has written, and we are glad to hear from him, we must still stick to our original opinion. By the small breeder we don't mean the specialty breeder, who can raise 100 to 1,000 of one variety, but the man whose quarters are limited, whose birds are few and who cannot compete in a fifty to one chance of winning. The entry fee at Toronto is twenty-five cents, the two prizes given amounting to \$3, and in the larger classes much more, thus the fee is but one-twelfth of the money offered, while the Pan-American proposes to ask a fee amounting to one-seventh of the prize money, or almost twice as much as asked for at Toronto. Boston and New York are shows of a different class, and bear no comparison to a fall show held under the auspices of such an organization as the great and wealthy Pan-American.—Ed.

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## PROPOSED REVISION OF THE RHODE ISLAND RED CLUB STANDARD.

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### REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

To the Executive Committee of the Rhode Island Red Club.

GENTLEMEN,—After careful consideration, this committee unite and agree on the enclosed revision of the Rhode Island Red Standard, and recommend its adoption.

Our object has been to prepare a standard that will not only definitely govern judges and exhibitors but that will thoroughly inform beginners, buyers and breeders. Therefore, we have not confined ourselves to the usual skeleton standard plan and do not dread criticism for having been too profuse and long winded in the description and explanations.

We have endeavored; first, to make uniform and more firmly establish the most important characteristics of the Rhode Island Red fowl, the typical and most useful shape, and to lay such stress on this feature as shall prevent all further departure from it. Second, to preserve the natural Rhode Island Red color and prevent the adoption of an artificial standard for color, that will call for the same color in both sexes and result in the necessity for a double mating system, which has been such a curse to other breeds. Therefore, we have called attention to the fact that the females are naturally much lighter and less striking in color and that the breed takes its name from the male. We also wish to prevent color of plumage ever becoming the most sought after feature, to the neglect of shape, size or other useful qualities.

In disqualifications we have aimed high, to keep trash and even good breeders out of the showroom and compel rapid improvement of the breed. Some of these disqualifications will be and must be permitted in very good breeding birds for some time but should not be in birds exhibited to the

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