

conscientiously through the REVIEW that he believes the hen that took first prize was the best hen on exhibition. If he will please do this then Wyandotte fanciers can draw their own conclusions.

I am, yours respectfully,

W. C. G. PETER.

Angus, Ont., Dec. 15, 1887.

[As this controversy is one of little interest to the general reader we must decline to allow space for its further continuance.—Ed.]

NO USE FOR "INK SLINGERS."

Editor Review :—

I noticed with pleasure Mr. Wixson's letter relating to the manner in which all Canadians should strive to help along the only Canadian journal on poultry we receive in this Province. I have been a subscriber to the REVIEW for upwards of fifteen months, and have remarked the steady progress it has made. I don't see why every Canadian should not count himself amongst its subscribers. We must all admit that we Canadians lack a little of the "go ahead" our American cousins possess. How many poultry journals are supported in the States, and all doing well? I must admit *en passant* that our own poultry REVIEW can compare favorably with any of them. The Americans never turn their hands to anything unless it be in a strictly business way, and they generally come out of the "big end of the horn." Now, I believe that amongst the Canadian fraternity there is too much *feather picking* in the way of claiming through the columns of our REVIEW "that this Wyandotte pullet was a cockerel," and that "Mr. So-and-So scored my bird badly because he had no tail," and that "if he had scored 100 points he would have taken first prize," and all such stuff, that you don't see amongst our Yankee cousins.

Now, Mr. Editor, all this little talk should be let loose in the show-room, and not through the columns of our paper. As Mr. Wixson says, "Let us have good contributions from some of our fancy breeders of experience." We can mostly all contribute something which would really be of use to others less posted on poultry matters, and we likewise can take "pointers" from some older hands than ourselves. Let us all also try to boom the REVIEW—it certainly deserves it. I have succeeded in getting one subscriber away out in North Bend, B.C., and also a few that have expressed their intention of getting their names put on the list for January, 1888. I am not trying for Mr. Wixson's chicks; but I am of the opinion that if we want a good paper we must support it, and to do so you must not only subscribe yourself, but get others to do likewise. The poultry business is a paying one, and if properly managed is both lucrative and pleasurable, and to make the business a success we must have a good reference book in the shape of a poultry journal, and instead of going to the States to get that, encourage home manufacture.

Now, Mr. Editor, I would suggest, with your permission, that for 1888 let all disagreeable references, disputes, and fault-finding amongst breeders disappear from your columns, except where there really is fraud, then by all means show the person up, as we only want reliable breeders and fanciers as subscribers and advertisers to the REVIEW; but as far as these people are concerned who "sling ink" at each other through your columns, we must try and keep the "check rein" aboard them, and instead let them give us an article or two on poultry culture. It will be received with much more pleasure, I assure you.

Wishing yourself a very happy New Year, as also a prosperous one for the REVIEW, and hoping, Mr. Editor, that

in the foregoing remarks you may find "more truth than poetry,"

I remain, sir,

Your obedient servant,

P. T. H. ERMATINGER.

Montreal, Dec. 8, 1887.

TORONTO POULTRY, PIGEON AND PET STOCK ASSOCIATION.

The regular monthly meeting of the above Association was held on December the 8th, and being the annual meeting was pretty largely attended, the President in the chair.

The principal business transacted was the election of officers for the ensuing year, which resulted as follows:—Hon.-President, Mr. W. H. Doel, J.P.; President, Mr. J. Dilworth; First Vice-President, Mr. W. Barber; Second do., Mr. Geo. McDermott; Secretary, E. J. Otter; Treasurer, H. G. Jackson; Auditors, Messrs. H. B. Donovan and W. J. Wolfe; Executive Committee, Messrs. C. J. Daniels, Jno. Miles, R. Downs, R. Bache, J. H. Thompson, C. Bonnick and Major Salt. Delegates to Industrial Board, Toronto, the President being a member, according to new by-laws, left only one vacancy to fill, and Mr. W. Barber was selected as the man. Delegates to Western Board, London, Messrs. Donovan and Otter.

A cordial vote of thanks was tendered the officers of 1887. The names of all members in good standing are to be inserted in the by-laws.

A NEW ASSOCIATION.

We learn with pleasure that the fanciers in Port Hope have formed themselves into an association, to be known as the Port Hope, Poultry, Pigeon and Pet Stock Association. They have started with over a dozen members, and have rented a nice room wherein to hold *weekly* meetings. The interest