

thought better to forego the show this winter, and it was universally decided by the members present to strongly support the Bowmanville exhibition. The by-laws of the Association were read and corrected, and the Secretary was requested to report finally on same at the next meeting.

AMERICAN HAMBURG CLUB.

At the request of the President we have pleasure in publishing the following rules. Canadians are cordially invited to join the Club.

RULES.

1. An Association was formed in Boston, January, 1887, named the American Hamburg Club.

2. The object of this Association is to encourage the breeding of the different varieties of Hamburgs throughout the United States and Canada.

3. To accomplish this object the Association will offer such prizes to be awarded at exhibitions, selected annually by the Executive Committee, as the funds of the Association will warrant.

4. At some leading exhibition a badge will be awarded by the Association for the best male bird in each variety, the birds so winning to be known as the Hamburg Champions for that year. No bird scoring less than ninety-three points shall receive a badge.

5. The Association will endeavour to have competent judges appointed for the Hamburg class, at the leading exhibitions of the season.

6. The Association will see that a proper committee on Hamburgs is appointed, whenever a revision of the American Standard of Excellence is made; one of said Committee, if possible, to be a member of the Association.

7. The officers of the Association shall consist of a Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer, and there shall be an Executive Committee of seven, of which the officers are *ex-officio* members, and three of the committee shall constitute a quorum for all the ordinary

business of the Association. The officers and Executive Committee shall be chosen annually by the Association, and all the business of the Association, including the election of members, shall be entrusted to them.

8. The annual membership fee shall be \$1, due and payable to the Treasurer on the first of January of each year, and in lieu of a receipt for the same a membership card shall be sent signed by the Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Executive Committee shall have the right to levy an annual assessment of not more than \$1 in addition to said annual membership fee whenever they deem it advisable to do so.

9. An annual meeting shall be held, the time and place to be fixed by the Executive Committee. The Secretary shall call special meetings at the request of three or more members of the Association, or whenever the Chairman and Secretary deem it advisable.

10. A book shall be kept by the Secretary, in which minutes of all the meetings shall be written. The Secretary shall also keep a record book, in which shall be entered the award of all prizes offered by the Association, and in this book shall also be written whatever records of Hamburgs the Executive Committee think will most advance the object of the Association.

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DORKINGS.

As so many of your correspondents are either questioning or advising as to the best varieties or variety of fowls, I propose to say a few words about the characteristics and qualities of one really desirable breed now to be found in England. Years have passed since I recorded my opinion of each

known variety fully and systematically. Then Plymouth Rocks were the novelty or latest manufacture. Now we have the Wyandotte just getting established in this country; although, it seems to me, without any remarkable promise of public favor. The Langshan, too, has been so well cared for and managed, that it gradually is getting a more discernible line of separation between the black Cochin and itself; at all events, so much has been done for and with the Langshan fowl that it is now recognised fully at exhibitions, and may even be distinguished in poultry runs.

Looking back upon our experience of over forty years, and writings of over thirty years, I find that my views of the various breeds are but little changed; there is scarcely a recognised variety that I have not owned and tended, and the opinions I have formed are consequently the result of a long experience and careful study, whilst my convictions are honestly stated by a sincere lover of the live stock of a farm rather than as one who would make merchandise or gain. It may be suggested that I am prejudiced or blindly enamoured because old opinions are so persistently held and advanced in defence of what I believe true and in condemnation of what I regard as a mistake. The Dorking, for which pen and mouth have worked ceaselessly, still occupies the position it did forty years ago; it has passed through a crisis, verily, but now stands prince of the farm-yard, though not of the narrow fancier's pen. Avaunt egotism! but I do boast that I believe myself to be the only man in England now in possession of a strain of Dorkings owned and bred by him for more than forty years. My good friend Mr. Harrison Weir will tell his tale much better as a breeder of Dorkings, and represent his favorites of auld lang syne in life-like form as I cannot; but if occasionally on with the new, I have never been off with the old love—there is not a single break in our