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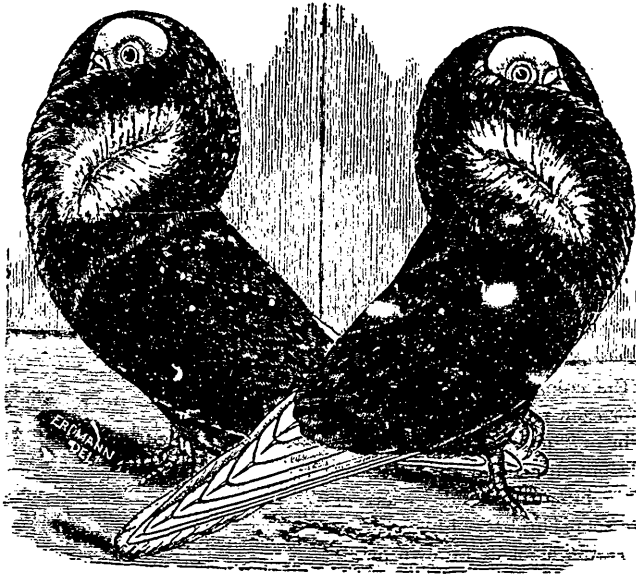
H. B. Donovan, of Toronto, has purchased Mr. James O. Weldon's entire stock of fancy pigeons and English pheasants.

It is none too soon to pick out birds for the winter shows, and begin to get them into show condition. An occasional handful of hempseed will do a great deal of good on odd days, and give a bath on fine days—the opportunity for this will soon be past.

Mr. Thomas Black is going entirely out of pigeons, and has sold most of his stud. He has still a few Fan-tails, Owls, and Turbits left.

Mr. McLean Howard, Toronto, has several varieties of pheasants, but has been unable to raise any young ones. His experience, coupled with that of Mr. Jeffries, leads us to suppose that there must be something radically wrong in the feeding or treatment. Perhaps Mr. Weldon could enlighten us. We understand he has had better luck with some of his, being successful in raising quite a few golden and English.

The illustration of Jacobins given on this page represents a pair of red cocks imported by G. E. Peur, Rochester, N. Y., from H. C. Hurst, Eastbourne, England, in March, 1883.



Mr. Jeffries, Bowmanville, has had poor luck with his pheasants this season—hatched fifteen chicks and only raised one. He attributes his non-success to improper feeding, and hopes to do better next year.

We believe the Bowmanville association intend to offer quite a list for pigeons and pet stock at their show to be held this winter.

Mr. Chas. Massie, Port Hope, has been very successful with his pigeons this year and has raised a number of birds. We noticed a fine forward pair of young blue-pied Pouters, which are good, in fact better than his old stock. This is a step in the right direction. He has also some nice whites and several good yellow and red Turbits. He shewed us a white Barb cock with good head and wattle for this color.

At the great Dairy Show in England, which opened on October 7th, the entries for pigeons were as follows:—Pouters, black or blue-pied, cocks, 17, hens, 13; red or yellow-pied, cocks, 13, hens, 7; whites, 12; bred in 1884, black or blue-pied, 20, red or yellow, 8; whites, 10; any color pied hen, 1884, 17; Pigmies, 6. Carriers: champions, 2; black, cocks, 12, hens, 17; dun, cocks, 10, hens, 11; blue, cocks, 9, hens, 9; any other color, cocks, 4, hens, 3; bred in 1884, cocks, 29, hens, 23; 5 guinea selling class, 21; blue, 13. Dragons: blue or silver, cocks, 22, hens, 20; red or yellow, cocks, 18, hens, 16; white, cocks, 14, hens, 8; any other color, cocks, 18, hens, 7; bred in 1884, blue or silver, 39; red and yellow, 20; any other color, cocks, 18, hens, 21. Tumblers: short-faced almond, cocks, 16, hens, 11; flying, short-face, bald or beard, 18; long-faced, mottled or rose-wing, 14;