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## NOTES AND COMMENTS

### INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION.

Through some misunderstanding some exhibitors have been charged one dollar entry fee for breeding pens, and others but twenty-five cents. We understand that some have been refunded the over-charge (if such it be) and would advise all who paid the larger amount to apply for a rebate.

### MR. JAS. FULLERTON,

formerly publisher of the REVIEW and now a resident of California has not forgotten his old love as will be seen from the following item which we clip from Mr. Fullerton's paper the *Orange News* :—

"The editor of *The News* on Monday evening received by express from Montreal, Canada, a trio of excellent Light Brahmas, presented to him by his old friend, Mr. Thos. Hall, originator and breeder of the noted "Lansdowne" strain of this variety. The birds were shipped in a large and light hamper, and arrived in excellent condition. They made the California dust fly when given their liberty, and one of the hens got right down to business and laid her first egg in California thirteen hours after her arrival."

### IMPORTATION OF ROUENS.

In looking through the (English) *Fanciers' Gazette* we noticed that Mr. H. H. Wallace, of Woodstock, had been shipped a trio of Rouens by Mr. D. Bragg, probably the best known water-fowl breeder in England.

### OUR CONTEMPORARY

says they were shipped to Mr. H. H. Wallace, Woodstock, Ont., "America." Kindly remember Mr. *Fancier*, that though we are certainly in America we are also in Canada.

### JUDGE AND "SCALES?"

The same paper must have rather a comical idea of a judges avocation on this side, it says in a critical revision of the *Standard of Perfection* :

"One thing our brother fanciers across the Atlantic study, and which we rather ignore, is the weights of birds. Much stress is laid on the "standard weights," and it would appear that those much below the authorized weight get disqualified wholesale. For instance, in white Cochins the standard weights are : Cock 11 lbs., cockerel 9 lbs., hen 8½ lbs., pullets 7 lbs. ; and the disqualifications are . Cocks not weighing 9 lbs., cockerels not weighing 7 lbs., hens not weighing 7 lbs., and pullets not weighing 5 lbs. The work opens with "Instructions to Judges," and one of the most important is : "All specimens shall be judged according to their *standard* weights, provided, however, that the disqualifying weights for chickens shall not apply until December 1st. In all breeds of fowls having weight classes, except Bantams, deduct two points per pound for any deficit from *standard* weights, or in that proportion for any fractional part of a pound. In Bantams deduct one-half point per ounce for any excess over *standard* weights." Such clauses as these are of course theoretically right : but are they practically so? We venture to say that it would be quite impossible for a judge to walk about with a pair of scales and weigh each specimen ; consequently, the weight can only be arrived at approximately, and where such is the case, the decision of the judges is and will always be open to the severest criticism and comment, for the reason that one man judging the weight, so to speak, with his eye will give it a different value to

another judge ; even supposing the judge were to handle the bird, the same difference would occur.

Certainly the judge does not "weigh each specimen," but a committee of show officials, frequently called the "weighing committee" does. It is their duty to weigh all exhibits where such is required, and mark the weight on entry card ; the judge afterwards in his decision "disqualifies," or "cuts," as the case requires.

### MESSRS RENWICK & MOMENT,

Orono, have dissolved partnership. Mr. Renwick will continue to breed fowls.

### MR. J. B. LAING,

Guelph, is about moving to Pushlinch Lake, where he has purchased a summer hotel. Mr. Laing extends a hearty welcome to visiting fanciers. The distance from Guelph is but ten miles, and three miles from Hespeler.

### MORE ROOM.

A petition to the Dominion Government praying for more land was being extensively signed by exhibitors at the Industrial Exhibition.

### FOR ENGLAND.

Mr. Wm. Hodgson, Brooklyn, Ont., during the Industrial Exhibition sold several birds to go to England, including a Plymouth Rock hen and a Bronze Turkey Gobbler.

### INDUSTRIAL DINNER.

On the Thursday of the show week