

the sections, and adding the following new sections in both the young and old classes: - Buff Leghorns, Ornamental Bantams, Golden Pheasants, Silver Pheasants, Pekin Ducks, Nun Pigeons, Dutch Rabbits, Angora Rabbits, Guinea Pigs, and diplomas are offered for breeding pens. Sharp Butterfield and L. G. Jarvis, have been selected as judges in the poultry classes, and Mr. Bogue will attend to the Pet Stock and appliances.

Entrance fee, thirty cents a pair for fowl, and fifteen cents for pigeons. Prize-lists are now ready and I will be pleased to mail one on receipt of application.

THOS. A. BROWN,
Secretary.

THE TORONTO EXHIBITION.

\$150,000 TO BE EXPENDED IN IMPROVEMENTS.

THE Directors of the Toronto Industrial Fair intend expending one hundred and fifty thousand dollars on improvements on their exhibition grounds, which should make them second to nothing of the kind on this continent. The improvements contemplated are as follows:— new grand stand 675 feet long to seat 12,000 people, new horse ring, track, fencing, draining and grading, etc., \$58,752; 800 new horse stalls, 600 cattle stalls, new sheep and pig buildings, \$78,000; 2,000 feet of fencing to enclose new ground, \$1,000; rearrangement of fencing in old ring, \$4.00; enlargement of carriage building, \$5,500; 1,700 feet of new fencing on Dufferin street, and 3,600 feet along Grand Trunk Railway, \$2,100; architect's fees and sundries, \$4,246; total, \$50,000.

The erection of the new grand stand

and some new stables, the enlargement of carriage building and the construction of the new half-mile track and horse ring, will be done in time for this year's Fair, which opens on the 5th of September, but it is probable that the balance of the work will not be commenced until the fall, as there would not be time to complete the whole of it previous to the Fair. It is proposed, however, to carry on the work day and night by electric light and with different gangs of men to get it completed in time, if possible. The new grand stand will be 675 feet long, by 100 feet wide and two stories in height, the lower floor seating 8,000 and the upper floor 4,000 persons. It will contain 12,000 chairs and 26 private boxes, and will be provided with every accommodation for the comfort of visitors. The basement will be asphalted and fitted up with refreshment counters, cloak rooms and wash rooms, etc. In front of the stand and between it and the track will be a lawn for the use of the occupants of the stand 700 feet long by 75 feet wide, with a gradual slope down from the stand to the ring fence. The track itself will be the standard half-mile track, 70 feet wide in front of the stand and 60 feet on the back stretch. Inside the outer track will be a second track for the exhibition of harness and saddle horses when the outside track is in use for speeding purposes. The new stables, cattle stalls, sheep and pig buildings will be on the latest improved plans, and will have every known convenience for exhibitors. The old ring will be converted into smaller rings for the judging of cattle and the heavier classes of horses.

The proposed improvements have given a great boom to this year's Fair, as already the number of entries and applications for space at this time are far in excess of the same period in previous years. The new Lieutenant-

Governor of Ontario, Hon. G Kirkpatrick, and Mrs. Kirkpatrick, will formally open the Show on the 6th of September.

The prize-lists for this year have been mailed to all parts of the country, but should any of our readers have failed to receive it and would like to possess a copy, a post card addressed to Mr. H. J. Hill, the manager at Toronto, to that effect will promptly secure them one. Intending exhibitors are reminded that all entries in the Live Stock Department have to be made before the 16th of August, and in the Agricultural and Horticultural Departments before the 24th of August. The work of the Secretary and his staff and the compilation of the official catalogue would be rendered much easier if exhibitors would be prompt in making their entries. The Toronto Association are determined to refuse any entries not made by the above dates.

ON THE MATINGS OF ROUENS FOR THE PRODUCTION OF EXHIBITION STOCK.

BY D. BRAGG.

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THERE should certainly be the same care exercised in selecting the breeding ducks as there is in selecting the drakes, but this is not generally carried out so strictly. There is no doubt fanciers breed from the best ducks they have, and the majority of them may be properly mated too, but they are very apt to put a duck into the breeding-pen which has some glaring fault, because it also possesses one or two good points, and they trust to the drake, which we may presume is a fairly perfect bird, to counteract the fault. The idea, no doubt, is that, having already two or three fairly per-