

PIGEONS AND PETS.



PIGEONS ETC AT WINNIPEG.

PRIZE LIST.

Pigeons—Pair Pouters blue or black pied 1 Ling & Co, pair Pouters any other color 1 Kennedy; Tumblers short-faced, mottled, clear-legged 1 Ling & Co.; long-faced, mottled, clear legged, 1 Ling & Co.; long-faced, any other color, 1 Hilton; Jacobins, red, 1 Hastings; English owls, blue, 1 Warren; any other color, 1 Warren, 2 Anderson; Trumpeters, mottled, 2 Ling & Co.; Fantails, white, 1 Hastings, 2 Ling & Co.; Homing, blue, 1 Hawkins, 2 Ling & Co., 3 McArthur; black, 1 and 2, R. and A. Williams; black check, 1 Maw, 2 Ling & Co.; any other color, 1 and 2 McArthur; Oriental Frills, 1 Fortier. *Guinea Fowl*—Pearl, 1 Midwinter, 2 Maw; white, 1 Midwinter. *Rabbits*—Himalayan, 1 Keyes; any other variety, 1 Keyes, 2 Simmons. *Belgian Hares*—1 Braddick, 2 Fortier. *Canaries*—Belgian, 1 and 2 Alston; Scotch Fancy, 1 and 2 Alston; Lancashire, 1 and 2 Alston; Norwich, 1 and 2 Alston; Yorkshire, 1 and 2 Alston; lizard, 1 and 2 Alston; cinnamon, 1 and 2 Alston; green, 1 and 2 Alston. *Parrot*—1 Mrs. J. H. Oldfield, 2 Alston. *Cockatoo*—1 Alston. Any other variety of cage bird, not included, 1 and 2 Alston. For best collection of canaries shown by one exhibitor, 1 Alston. Best exhibit of stuffed birds, 1 and 2 Grieve.

CARRIERS.

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The Carrier is supposed to be a descendant of the Turkish pigeon (or Arabian) crossed with the Bagadatten or Scanderoon or some other long-billed, wattled East Indian variety of pigeons. Carriers were introduced into America about seventy-five years ago, but from what country we are not certain. The Carrier race is divided into several subdivisions, but when speaking of Carriers we generally mean and have reference to the bird bred for exhibition and not for homing qualities. The exhibition Carrier is perhaps better known as the English Carrier. To describe fully the many important "points" in a good Carrier would require a very lengthy article, but a short description will perhaps be

beneficial to a few readers. Head qualities are par excellence. The head should be narrow, flat and long. It should also be of equal width from front to back. The bill or beak should be very nearly two inches long, measuring from centre of pupil of the eye. It is impossible to produce a heavy wattle on a short faced bird. The nose wattle is almond shaped and should be well and evenly developed. The "Jew" wattle is another point that should not be overlooked, as a good Carrier judge will disqualify a bird possessing no Jew wattle. The eye cere should be as near perfect as possible as a small defect here mars the appearance of an otherwise good bird. It should be about the size of a twenty-cent piece. A Carrier should measure about five and a half inches across the shoulders and nearly eighteen inches from "tip of beak to end of tail." Neck, long and slender, showing no signs of a dew lap or gullet. Breast—broad and full, not projecting too far outwards. Legs—long, stout and free from feathering. The leg of a Carrier gives him station, and to have a stylish bird a long leg is essential. Feet—stout and coral red in color. A Carrier to meet with success in the show room must have deep and rich plumage. The favorite colors are blacks and duns. Blacks are very good, generally, in color of feather if they have a flesh-colored beak. Blacks should be very deep in color and glossy throughout and no signs of a wing bar of a darker color. The duns may be classified into two shades, the "light" or "soft" dun and the hard dun. For breeding purposes the "light" dun is preferred. Blues should be of a deep blue color with black bars across the wings and a black bar across end of tail. The whites, reds, blues or yellows are never as good specimens as are the blacks or duns. Why is this so?

QUEEN CITY HOMING PIGEON CLUB.

The regular meeting of the above club was held in their rooms, 140 Front street west on Tuesday, March 16th. The following schedule was adopted for the season of 1897:

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