

C. & M. FORBES, are extensive breeders, their specialties being Langshans, P. Rocks, and White Cochins.

Stratford has also a pushing Homing pigeon fancier in

MR. LEAVITT,

who is entirely devoted to Homing pigeons and fancy canaries. His flights last year were very successful, being on the Grand Trunk, his opportunities for training are all that could be desired. Arriving at the depot we just had a few minutes to say good-bye, the last hand to grasp ours, as the first, was that of Mr. Sanderson, to whom we again beg to tender our thanks for his many courtesies.

We hope ere a long time goes by to again visit Stratford on a more propitious day and renew old friendships and form many new ones. There are one or two points we could not help noticing, namely the absence of almost any variety except the exclusively useful ones, their stronghold seems to lay in Plymouth Rocks (who does not breed Rocks in Stratford?) Leghorns and Houdans; such breeds as Polands, Hamburgs, and Bantams being noticeable by their rarity.

ST. CATHARINES' FANCIERS.

On the morning of the 16th of August a REVIEW representative took train for the above city, and arrived there at 12 o'clock; and it rained, oh! how it rained, and then it rained again, if you can imagine what a shower of rain means, when an Englishman says its "only a shower," (and they usually last for a day at a time); however we were met by Mr. Crowie, and Mr. Hamill, who very kindly escorted us through the city, in fact gave up the entire afternoon to us, for which we were very grateful. Mr. Crowie's yards are well filled with P. Rocks of which he has some grand birds, and in Black Red, Pyle, and Duckwing Game Bantams if he exhibits he will make some one toe the mark, that's sure; then as

to Bob Hamill's Leghorn farm, I had the pleasure of seeing the Brown Leghorn cock which scored 98½, and a grand bird he is. After carefully examining the construction of his poultry house, and the birds it contained, I came to the conclusion that he was a true fancier, and understood just exactly what he was explaining. The apartments were exceptionally clean and sweet, convincing us that ventilation was complete. Another matter which pleased us very much; when we went out into the field, he simply took up a stick and rapped quickly against the fence, and if you had seen the chicks run from all directions right under his feet, I never before saw Leghorns so tame. We then found our way to the residence of Mr. W. H. Bessey, the celebrated incubator manufacturer, and we all know from our own knowledge that an American, or Canadian machine, is yet to be made to produce the same gratifying results. Then came a grand old man by the name of Mr. Stott, who had the finest and best constructed poultry house in St. Catharines, indeed it was an ornament to any gentleman's lawn and clean, yes, it was clean. He had also one of Bessey's incubators, in which he had hatched some hundreds of chicks, however the stock principally raised was for market purposes, but I would judge that he is going to be one of our live fanciers, in quality as well as quantity. We then wended our way to the residence of T. E. Dudley who has in all 7 yards, viz., Langshans, Buff Cochins, Black Spanish, Houdans, Dark and Light Brahmas, but we regret exceedingly that he was absent from home, and time would not permit us to return. We called on quite a number of other fanciers who were also absent, but we trust at some future day to have the pleasure of calling on every poultry fancier, in St. Kits, which by the way are very numerous.

The grand show of Plymouth Rocks particularly pleased us.

LISTOWEL NOTES.

BY R. E.

The hatching season is over, and the result has been very satisfactory as far as home eggs are concerned. All the local breeders have fine flocks of their favorites.

Mr. P. Knapp, the gentleman I spoke of in these notes some time ago as having imported a number of settings of eggs from England, had very bad luck not succeeding in getting a single chick from 56 eggs. The eggs were placed under hens at three different fanciers' places, and the hens all set well. There were no dead chicks in the shells, and many of the eggs when broken appeared as though they had not been fertilized. Better luck next time, friend Knapp.

As the fall show season approaches, the fanciers are giving special attention to their exhibition stock. Several of our local men, so I learn, intend exhibiting at the great Industrial, at Toronto, next month.

In the past, the poultry department of the fall show held in this town, has been one of the main features of the show—there being as many as 450 entries. At the show to be held here on the 30th September and 1st October, the poultrymen will, no doubt, fully sustain the reputation of that department, if a competent judge be secured by the Society. There is but little to be gained by showing where the exhibits are not passed upon by judges well up in their work.

It has not been decided yet whether the Listowel Poultry and Pet Stock Association will hold a show this coming winter or not. Both the shows held by the Association were well patronized by outside exhibitors, but did not receive that support from the townspeople that they were entitled to. A meeting of the Association will be held on the 31st inst., when I expect the matter will be taken up.