

vision of the *Standard* and other business from January 18th to 25th next. We should like to see more Canadians have a say in this matter, as it concerns us equally as much as our trans-border friends. Mr. H. P. Clarke writes us that they hope to see numbers of Canadians present, which hope we reiterate. Our idea is that each society or association should arrange to send one or more delegates to the convention. Will any fanciers who purpose attending kindly write us at once? Arrangements might be made so that all might travel together.

While on this matter we may say that we have been semi-officially notified that a great many members of this body are in favor of Canada for their next meeting-place, and would support such a motion if put to the vote. Could not the Black Spanish, Andalusian and Minorca Club unite with the Toronto Bantam, Pigeon and Pet Stock Club in offering their hearty services to the Toronto Association if the latter would offer an invitation to the A.P.A. to meet in Toronto next year? And the combined forces make an effort to get up a gigantic exhibition, worthy of Canada. We are sure such an exhibition would receive the support of the whole country and a considerable "Yankee" attendance. Of course we have no reason in advocating Toronto as the place of meeting, other than its being the most central point. We should be very glad to see the A.P.A. meet in any part of Canada.

Mr. F. Wixson writes us that he lately shipped several birds to England and also to Kamloops, B.C.; all arriving safe and in good condition.

Mr. C. J. Odell has received from Samuel Matthews, Esq., one of the most noted Game breeders in England, one black red Game stag and hen.

They arrived by the "Parisian," Allan Line, in care of Captain Smith, in splendid condition. Both birds are very fine, costing, laid down, \$51.

We regret that Mr. A. Hobbs, of Bowmanville, has been very ill with inflammation, but is now considerably better.

Mr. C. Bonnicks, Toronto, has also been laid by through a rusty nail accidentally running into his foot, but is now able to be around again.

A special egg train of twenty-four cars passed over the Grand Trunk on Saturday for New York, *via* the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western railway. These trains are guaranteed to make the run from Hamilton to New York in twenty-eight hours. The shipment was a single consignment from Strathroy, and the total number of eggs in the consignment is over 31,000,000.

At a meeting of the Directors of the Industrial Exhibition it was decided that the Exhibition of next year be held from September 10th to 22nd. Secretary Hill read the financial report, which showed that the receipts for the year from all sources amounts to \$77,022.30, and the total expenditure to be \$65,718.15, leaving a cash balance of \$11,304.14, which goes to reduce the Association's indebtedness to the bank. The amount of the debt at the last annual meeting was \$19,695.77, which will now be reduced to \$8,391.62.

We have received a sample prize card from the Montreal Association same as are to be used at their next show in January. They are certainly the handsomest tokens of this kind we have ever seen and are sure to be preserved by the fortunate winners. They are of stiff cardboard about 6 inches

square, covered with leather and embossed and gilt, with the name of the variety, name of Association and date of show on each card. In the centre is a handsome colored chromo, which at first glance we took to be a water color.



THE LIGHT BRAHMA FOR UTILITY.

BY STANLEY SPILLETT.

Size in my opinion is the rock upon which many of our amateurs have split in raising Brahmas. I find that overgrown birds of this variety fail in egg production, and that the eggs are deficient in vitality. I may state that my mind was first called to these facts by the writings of I. K. Felch, Esq., than when no better authority exists in America, and my own experience has verified his statements to the letter.

A bird that will, when in prime condition tip the scales at *Standard* weight is the best for all economic purposes.

But in the past, as at the present, there is a great demand for large birds, and breeders are compelled to pander to the popular taste. Yet I think there are some exceptions, for example, Mr. Felch and Mr. Williams. I recollect I had the same desire to obtain overgrown stock during my first years of breeding, but out of some fifteen birds obtained from Mr. W. I never got a monstrosity in this respect, and now feel thankful that I did not. Now it is apparent that this first point of usefulness does not interfere with suggestions for mating for *Standard* birds given in my last.

But I will now refer to the most critical point in breeding fowls, etc., *inbreeding*, and it is this necessity inbreeding to *Standard* that militates most strongly against usefulness, ac-