

were imported, and others were bred here; some are very good, and others are only so-so. The best cows I have are yellow fawn; my experience with this and with other breeds leads me to favor that color, and I happen to know that it is also the choice of good judges in the Channel Islands. I have an imported cow which took the first prize at the Show of the Royal Agricultural Society, a few years since. She is a choice milkor, a light yellow fawn in color, with a skin like an orange. It will be a pity if breeders lose their butter, and consequently their bread, by any unfounded theory about a black tongue or a white tail.—*Cor. Co. Gent.*

SPRING SHOW OF THE ONTARIO POULTRY ASSOCIATION.

The fourth exhibition of poultry, under the direction of the above Association, was held in the Agricultural Hall, in this city, on the 21st and 22nd ult. It was quite equal in most particulars to its predecessors, and in some respects was superior to any former show of the kind. The arrangements were admirably made, and the rules faithfully carried out. The judging was completed before spectators were admitted, and no birds ticketed with their owner's names until the prizes had been awarded. Colonel Hassard and Mr. Finch acted as judges, and we must accord them great credit for the manner in which they discharged their duties. Their decisions gave satisfaction to all persons who were competent to form an opinion upon them, and took the trouble to compare the rival birds with the "standard of excellence," according to which the honours of the Association are bestowed. There always will be disappointed exhibitors and superficial critics, who make the office of judge a thankless one by their contemptible censorship, and some of this class were pleased to air their folly and vent their spleen in some of our newspapers, which, having no person conversant with poultry matters on their editorial staff, are too easily gulled by interested complainants. It were too much to expect infallible correctness in any judges, but patient scrutiny, careful comparison of points, and strict impartiality, are the chief judicial virtues, and they were certainly displayed at the recent poultry exhibition.

The prize list narrates the story of the show pretty fully, and leaves little more to be said. We may observe, however, that the Buff

Cochins, Dark Brahmas, Grey Dorkings, Red Games and Hamburgs, were specially excellent classes; the Light Brahmas were scarcely so good as at the previous Shows of the Association; the Black Spanish were not so numerously represented as we have seen them, but the specimens were uncommonly fine; the Golden Polands were in advance of any previous show; the Sebright Bantams were below par, the well-marked birds being beyond the standard weight, and the small sized birds poorly-marked; the ducks fair; the geese few as to number and very ordinary samples; and the pigeon display very good, considering that Col. Hassard's fine collection was conspicuous only by its absence. Two pens of the new French fowls were shown, one containing Creve Cœurs, and the other Houdans.

We are glad to learn that the attendance of visitors was good, and that pecuniarily, as well as otherwise, the exhibition was a success. The Association deserves, and we trust will have, a long career of usefulness and prosperity.

PRIZE LIST.

Class 1—Cochin China (buff or cinnamon)—12 entries. 1st prize—\$4, George Sangster, Avenue Road, Yorkville; 2nd prize—\$2, R. Smith, Front Street, Toronto; highly commended, John Peters, London; commended, A. McLean Howard, Toronto; commended, J. H. Feeley, Hamilton.

Class 2—Cochin China (white or any other colour)—10 entries—1st prize—\$4, J. H. Feeley, Hamilton; 2nd do—\$2, J. H. Feeley, Hamilton.

Class 3—Brahma Pootra (dark)—10 entries—1st prize—\$4, Sheldon Stephens, Montreal; 2nd do—\$2, H. M. Thomas, Brooklin, Ontario; highly commended, A. McLean Howard, Toronto; commended, Sheldon Stephens, Montreal.

Class 4—Brahma Pootra (light)—16 entries—1st prize—\$4, Joseph Lamb, London; 2nd do—\$2, Joseph Lamb, London.

Class 5—Dorkings (Coloured)—8 entries—1st prize—\$4, Joseph Lamb, London; 2nd do—\$2, John Bogue, London; highly commended, John Peters, London; commended, Joseph Lamb, London.

Class 6—Dorkings (white)—6 entries—1st prize—\$4, Joseph Lamb, London; 2nd do—\$2, John Bogue, London; commended, John Plummer, junr., London.

Class 7—Spanish—8 entries—1st prize, \$4, T. Shivers Birchall, Toronto; 2nd do., \$2, T. Shivers Birchall, Toronto; highly commended, T. Shivers Birchall, Toronto; John Peters, London.

Class 8—Game, black breasted and other reds—22 entries—1st prize, \$4, James Beswick, Toronto; 2nd do., \$2, John Hendrie, Toronto; highly commended, James A. Ellis, Toronto; John Plummer, junr., London; John Peters, London; James Beswick, Toronto; Joseph Lamb, London; whole class commended.

Class 9—Game Duckwing, greys and blues—15 entries—1st prize, \$4, John Bogue, London; 2nd do., \$2, James A. Ellis, Toronto; highly commended, R. C. Smyth, Brantford.

Class 10—White, Pile, and other variety—9 entries—Given by A. McLean Howard, Esq.—1st prize, \$4, James A. Ellis, Toronto; 2nd do., \$2, A. McLean