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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

THE business of the PIGEON FANCIER having grown to such proportions that my entire leisure time must be devoted to it, it became necessary for me to see what measures could be taken to increase the value of this Journal without impairing its usefulness in any way. After giving the matter mature thought I concluded to purchase a certain number of pages each month in the *Canadian Poultry Review*, a journal now in its eighteenth year, with an immense circulation distributed all over Canada and the United States and with many readers in England and the European Continent and even a few in far off Australia and New Zealand. The PIGEON FANCIER of course remains under my control and will, as in the past, be kept right up to date, bright, newsy, instructive and honest. The efforts put forth in this way I hope will be appreciated by a large increase in subscribers as well as advertisers. Owing to change of date of publication (now the first of the month) all matter should reach us by the 20th at latest. C. F. WAGNER,

Editor.

OUR ILLUSTRATION.

WE take much pleasure in presenting to our readers the cut of a pair of Pigmy Pouters from the *Feathered World*, both are English winners. We also publish standard for same in another column.

NEWS OF THE MONTH.

OWING to the change in the PIGEON FANCIER we have been obliged to skip one number. Our readers, however, will lose nothing by this as twelve issues will be given the first volume.

We regret to learn of the demise of the *Pigeon World*, the short lived successor of the defunct *Fancier*. It was a

great improvement on its predecessor and well worthy of support, which we are surprised was not afforded it.

Many have been the enquiries for the PIGEON FANCIER the last month. We had no idea it had gained such a hold on fanciers generally. We must apologise for not answering each one individually as it would take us some time and make lots of work to do so. Our readers will see the reason we were delayed. We have made a very expensive change for the benefit of our advertisers and readers too, as many who love pigeons have a liking for poultry.

We hear brother Hazledine, of Terre Haute, has been raising some very fine Pouters this season. It will be remembered he is the gentleman who purchased that crack pair of blues at Baltimore last winter. He says he has bred some even better than they. We hope you have, old boy.

The Homing pigeons of Mr. Tyrell's exploring party which left Winnipeg, Man., about eight weeks ago to explore the barren lands in the north were drowned. They were both in their cage in a canoe that upset, and the half-breeds finding the coop floating in the lake below, made a meal of the unfortunate birds. It was the intention of Mr. Tyrell to have flown one shortly above the Saskatchewan river and the other at a distance of 500 miles away.

Mr. Twombly has forwarded us a copy of the new proposed standard for the adoption of the American Swallow Club. It is well compiled and we think covers the ground well, though we cannot agree with the disqualification. Where are we to draw a line at "decided mismarkings," this looks to us very indefinite and as for "lacking in flights and tail feathers," will very often throw out young birds in their moult and old birds too in the fall of the year.

We hear the boys from Port Hope are coming up to Toronto Industrial Exhibition next week with a strong team of birds.