

chairman, bringing the experience gained by long familiarity with the position to bear in his management and rulings. For four years he has filled the position, at a great sacrifice of his valuable time, and we are sure the knowledge that every show under his presidency has been a success, and that fanciers appreciate his services, will be very gratifying to him. *He* can rest assured that the words used in presenting to him the gold-headed cane could but feebly express the respect in which he is held by all fanciers who know him, and are aware of the magnitude of his services to the society. The REVIEW pays its tribute of respect to integrity, ability, and worth.

EXHIBITION OF STRATFORD AND SEAFORTH POULTRY ASSOCIATIONS.

The above associations are to be congratulated on the success of their joint show, held in the City Hall, Stratford, on the 26th to 29th January. The entries reached about 750, and the quality of the stock throughout was excellent we have seldom seen all classes represented by such fine specimens. The City Hall is an excellent room for a poultry show, and gave ample room for a good display of the fowls. It is well lighted by large windows on three sides, and several large stoves kept the temperature at a suitable degree for the health and comfort of the birds. The coops were arranged in several double rows in two tiers, across the hall, and around the walls where space was available; the pigeons and bantams occupied the stage at one end, while the gallery at the other afforded an excellent place for the disposal of the shipping hampers. The attendance of visitors was very good on each day, and the receipts from this source must have been very satisfactory to the officers.

Seaforth fanciers sent in about 150 birds, and large entries were received from London, Ingersoll, Woodstock,

Lucan, Norwich, Mitchell, Listowel, Chatham, Toronto, and other places.

The breeding pens were quite a feature of the show, there being 28 in all; Plymouth Rocks leading in number with 9 pens, White Leghorns next with 4, Brown Leghorns with 3, while there was competition in all but four varieties.

The birds were scored by Abel F. Stevens, of Massachusetts, who worked faithfully from early morning until darkness made further work impossible. We never saw a judge more diligent in his work, and we never saw one who so strictly applied the disqualification clauses. Thirteen out of the 21 Light Brahmas shown were disqualified, mostly for black in feathers of back, and in many cases it was only after a long and careful search that the owners succeeded in finding the disqualifying feather, which, in some instances, did not show a spot of dark color larger than a pea. In Black Hamburgs and Brown Leghorns the disqualifications were also numerous, the slightest sign of gray or white in plumage proving fatal. One unfortunate exhibitor predicted that it would not be long before neither the judges' nor exhibitors' outfit would be complete without a microscope. Exhibitors in most cases accepted these decisions good naturedly, as useful in teaching them a lesson that would save them from similar humiliation in future. We would be glad to say that the judging all through was as strict and close to the standard as were the disqualifications. It is generally expected that when the score cards and birds are compared, the score-card will note the value of the difference in quality of the points in the several birds in a class. In several instances this was not the case here—birds differing greatly in quality in a given point being cut the same. This was most noticeable in Hamburgs, Polands, Dorkings and Games. Evidently Mr. Stevens was not so much at home in judging these varieties as the others.

The show of Pigeons and pet stock was not very large, but the quality was pretty good. In Pouters there were several very fine pairs; one pair of Runts, of which the cock was particularly fine; Antwerps (long-faced) 2 pairs, fine in face, but off in color; several fine pairs of Homing Antwerps, with records of flights attached to cages; Turbits and Fantails completed the list worthy of mention. There were several cages of song birds, parrots, etc., and a few pair of fine lop-eared rabbits.

The arrangement of the show was good in every particular. The birds were well attended to, and the officers and members of the association succeeded in making visitors feel very much at home during their stay in Stratford. We hope the exhibition will prove as great a success financially as it was otherwise.

PRIZE LIST.

Brahmas—Light Brahma Cock—J. Finch, Seaforth, 92; R. B. Ferguson, Listowel, 89 1-2. Light Brahma hen—R. B. Ferguson, 90 1-2. Dark cock—J. M. Macpherson, 92 1-2; A. J. Wilson, Seaforth, 92. Dark hen—J. M. Macpherson 95 1-2; A. J. Wilson, Seaforth, 93 1-2. Light cockerel—J. Finch, 93; J. Finch 93. Dark cockerel—A. J. Wilson, 93 1-2; J. M. Macpherson, 93. Dark pullet—J. M. Macpherson 93 1-2; A. J. Wilson, 93.

Cochins—Buff cock—W. McLoud, Lucan, 93; W. McNeil, London, 92. Buff hen—W. McLoud, 92 1-2; W. McNeil 92 1-2. Partridge cock—W. McNeil, 89½. Partridge hen—W. McNeil, 94. White hen—C. & M. Forbes, 92; W. McNeil, 89 1-2. Black cock—W. McNeil, 90 1-2. Black hen—W. McNeil, 91. Buff cockerel—W. McLoud, 87. Buff pullet—W. McLoud, 93. White cockerel—W. McNeil, 92 1-2. White pullet—W. McNeil, 93 1-2.

Langshan—Cockerel—G. Bartlett, London, 95; W. Sanderson, Stratford, 90. Pullet—G. Bartlett, 95; Carman & Brady, Norwich, 92 1-2.

Game—Black-breasted Red, cock—W. H. Martin, Woodstock, 94½; E. Collins, Stratford, 94 1-2. Hen—W. Sanderson, 90; W. H. Martin, 93 1-2. Duckwing cock—W. H. Martin, 91 1-2; W. McLoud, 90. Hen—W. McLoud, 92; W. H. Martin 92. Pyle cock—W. R. Cawston, 94; 2; W. R. Cawston, 91 1-2. Pyle hen—L. McIntyre, Norwich, 94; W. R. Cawston, 92 1-2. Any other variety, cock—W. McLoud, 94 1-2; L. McIntyre, 91 1-2. Any other variety, hen—L. McIntyre, 93 1-2; W. McLoud, 95. Black-breasted Red, cockerel—W. H. Martin, 94 1-2; J. D. Woods, 95; C. Aetzel, 95; W. H. Martin, 95 1-2. Duckwing, Cockerel—C. Mullen, 94½; L. McIntyre, 92. Pullet—L. McIntyre, 92 1-2; W. H. Cawston, Pyle cockerel—Carman & Brady, 93 1-2; L. McIntyre, 92 1-2. Pullet—Carman & Brady, 94 1-2; L. McIntyre, 94. Any other variety, cockerel—L. McIntyre, 95; Carman & Brady, 93 1-2. Pullet—L. McIntyre, 94; Carman & Brady, 93 1-2.

Hamburgs—Golden, cock—Geo. Bartlett, 94; W. McNeil, 92 1-2. Hen—Geo. Bartlett, 95; W. McNeil 91 1-2. Silver, cock—W. McNeil 93; A. Charlesworth 93. Hen—W. McNeil 93 1-2; G. Bartlett, 93. Black cock—A. J. Wilson, 94 1-2; Thorpe & Scott, 93 1-2. Golden, cockerel—G. Bartlett, 95 1-2; W. McNeil, 94. Pullet—G. Bartlett, 95; 2; G. Bartlett, 94. Silver cockerel—A. Charlesworth, 93; W. McNeil 90. Pullet—W. McNeil, 95 1-2; G. Bartlett, 94. Black cockerel—W. McLeod, 95; G. Bartlett, 93 1-2. Black pullet—Thorpe & Scott, 95; W. McLeod, 94 1-2.

Leghorns—White cock, F. Wixon, Ingersoll, 91 1-2; 2, John Welsh, 91. Hen, F. Wixon, 94 1-2; 2, R. Paterson, Stratford, 91. Brown hen, F. Wixon 95. White cockerel, F. Wixon, 94; 2, G. Bartlett, 93 1-2. Pullet, F. Wixon, 96; 2, F. Goebel, Mitchell, 93 1-2. Brown cockerel, F. Wixon, 94; 2, W. Davis, Stratford, 94. Pullet, John Sanderson, 95; 2, W. Davis 94 1-2.