

MR. ESSEX LEAVES FOR THE U. S.

JUST as we go to press we learn that Mr. R. H. Essex leaves Toronto on October 31st, for Quincy, Ill., where he goes as sub-editor of the Reliable Poultry Journal. We regret his departure, as he does, but as the position is an excellent one financially, it has its bright side. We feel sure our readers will unite with us in wishing him all manner of success.

Mr. Essex will be obliged to dispose of a great part of his well known buff Plymouth Rocks, and doubtless they will be picked up readily. His regular ad. would contain this announcement, but the news was not received in time to change it, hence our noticing it here. Prospective buyers should write him for particulars at once.

BUFFS AT TORONTO SHOW.

Editor Review:

I WAS greatly amused in reading in the October edition, an article by "A. W. B.," (Dr. Bell of Toronto, I presume) on the judging of buffs at the Toronto Show. Particular reference was made to the first prize buff Cochin cock, of which I am unfortunate enough to be the owner. The way the Dr. described him, one would think that his eyesight was beginning to fail him, probably it is, if he finds fault with him now and not at last Ontario, last winter, for he wore

the same suit at both places, being in good condition still.

Now he is not as "red as fire," far from it. He may be a dark buff, but he is buff never-the-less and buff to the skin and buff all over, and of the same shade.

Now it is not my principle to praise my own stock at the expense of a fellow fancier's, but since the Dr. started it, I'll finish it, by just publishing just this one item. If the Dr. thinks his is a better surface color than mine, and I agree with him in that respect, what about the under color on his 2nd prize bird? It will stand a good cut, while mine won't. Where is his bird in shape compared to mine, and where was the tail of the Dr's. bird while at the Toronto Fair? He left it down in Kansas! All these points are taken into consideration when judging a bird, which Mr. Butterfield did I presume, and I think he knows his business. Thanking you Mr. Editor for taking up so much of your valuable space.

I remain yours in the fancy,
HUGH WYATT.

London, Ont.

It is due to Dr. Bell, to state that it was through a misunderstanding that his name in full was not appended to his letter, such was his intention. At any rate, "A. W. B." is no disguise.—*Ed.*

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