

fair by all, that they will be pleased to know that the whole responsibility is not placed upon them. We have tried judging and have made mistakes on the varieties we knew best, in our hurry to get through in a limited time where there are several hundred birds scattered about as they usually are. A judge, in any case must feel the obligation lighter when there is a jury to back his decision if right, or take the responsibility off him if he has made a mistake. I am sure there are other breeders like myself anxious for reform and if you could give space in your valuable monthly to all fanciers I would like to hear what they think on this question.

Yours respectfully,

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[Though freely giving space to above we are not able to coincide with Mr. Paton's views. To begin with, the interest is now far greater than ever before in fancy poultry breeding. This we have ample evidence of from our own books and correspondence. Because one breed, no matter how useful and good, suffers from depression for a time, is no guide as to the general state of the fancy. As we have often remarked, living birds are not like so many manufactured articles each and every one of the kind almost exactly alike. Every bird has some distinguishing property which gives it an identity or personality all its own. It may excel in one property and fail in another. Its neighbor may be super-excellent in the property or point deficient in the first bird. The value of these properties will vary according to the judge, exhibitor or spectator, and though each may be in his own opinion correct, there still remains the doubt. We don't believe that judging will ever be done entirely satisfactorily to everybody, no matter who officiates, the loser is frequently bound to feel aggrieved, generally without cause. Ed.]

TORONTO POULTRY, PIGEON AND PET STOCK ASS'N.

THE above association held its regular monthly meeting in Temperance Hall, March 8th, there being a large attendance. The following changes were recommended in the Industrial prize list for 1894: 1st. That skylights or windows be placed where the Leghorns are exhibited. 2nd. That white Langshans be added to the list. 3rd. That the medals in class 61 be abolished. 4th. That \$5 be given for the largest and best collections of poultry in each of the sections as in class 63 (breeding pens), and \$5 for the largest and best collection of pigeons and or-

namementals, changing the word or to and, wherever it occurs at present in class 63. 5th. That the prizes in classes 60 and 62 (single entry) be \$2 for 1st, \$1.50 for 2nd, \$1 for 3rd, and v.h.c. for 4th. 6th. That the prizes in class 63 (breeding pens) be \$3 for 1st, \$2 for 2nd, and \$1 for 3rd. 7th. That the prizes in sections 11 to 20, both inclusive (chicks), be \$2 for 1st, \$1.50 for 2nd, and \$1 for 3rd, and that the 3rd prize in class 65 be \$1. 8th. That the same judges be appointed and, the same classes. 9th. Leave off the letter s in breeds, the end of name, as Brahma, instead of Brahmas. 10th. In class 63 section 36, change Bantams, Pekin or Cochin, to Cochin, any color. 11th. That Ferrets be added to the list. 12th. That R.C. Leghorns of class 63 have a section of their own. 13th. That a 3rd prize of 50c. be added to pigeons, cage birds and pet stock. 14th. That all persons entitled to admittance ticket to have the same sent with their entry tickets. Mr. Charles Benson was accepted as a member.

The following were the prize winners.—D. Brahma cock, 1st John Miles, 2nd R. Fox and W. Brown, 3rd C. J. Daniels. Hen, 1st Jas. Brown and J. Powell, 2nd Jas. Powell; 3rd John Miles. Partridge Cochin, hen, 2nd Jas. Brown. Cochin or Langshan, cock, 1st Jas. Brown, 2nd Benson; 3rd Chas. Benson and Jas. Brown. Hen, 1st John Gray and Jas. Brown; 2nd Chas. Benson.

Receipts, \$5.85.

E. J. OTTER, Sec.

NOTES.

MR. JNO GLASGOW,

AN exile from "the land o'cakes," writes as below in the *British Fancier* of London, England. The gentlemen referred to, are of course, well known to all show-goers:—"Fanciers we had at New York, with their string of exhibits both in poultry and pigeons from all parts of the States, and even from Canada, some coming over 1,200 miles. We spent quite a nice time with one Canadian fancier, Mr. Barber, of Toronto, who was in force with his Game and Game Bantams, and some good ones he possesses; but having to compete against direct importation from England of many of your noted winners, perforce, in some instances, he was compelled to play second fiddle. Mr. Barber is an Englishman, and took his defeat like a true Briton; but his back is up, and some of them had better look to their laurels when another New York Show comes round, as he was making enquiries respecting what I consider the best strains extant amongst the Game fanciers in the Old Country. I was also introduced to Mr. McNeil,