

regret to say now, that the fowl was not forwarded to Prof. Wesley Mills, as Mr. Gilbert intended, and the bird died before the nature of the ailment was determined, much to Mr. Swales' disappointment." We also regret this as the case was a peculiar one and worthy of thorough investigation.

#### "UNCLE SAM" GONE MAD.

We recently made an enquiry regarding some fowls we wanted of an American breeder with whom we had some previous transactions. This is part of his reply:—"I would accommodate you if I could but do not care to send birds to Canada, it is too much trouble, the last ones I sent you I had to go before a Notary and take oath about them which cost me \$1.25 There is a law about shipping outside of the States, the Express Co. will not forward them unless this law is complied with." We can understand taxing imports of fowls, but the idea of hindering the export of birds in exchange for good Canadian gold is something beyond our ken.

#### A SNAKE STORY.

A correspondent sends us the following newspaper clipping. The trials of the early chicken raiser must now succumb:

"Milledgeville, Aug. 25.—The champion snake of the season has been brought to this city by a gentleman down the river. A few muscadines, a bushel of shriveled peaches and the dried skin of his snakeship were the only occupants of a "piney wood cart," which was leisurely drawn by a little mule, frescoed with Confederate war brands. The snake was about six feet long, and his superiority to the other snakes comes from the fact that his career was flavored with a romance that cost him his life, and yet it had an important part in the hatching of a dozen chickens. The snake was killed about ten days ago and three days after it had swallowed a dozen eggs which were under process of incubation. The snake was cut open and the eggs removed and put back into the nest under a faithful hen. A day or two ago the little chickens crawled from their shells, and it is a strange fact that they make up a covey of fully developed chickens, so far as bodies are concerned, but stranger still that their heads are exactly like the head of a snake."

Wonder what brand of corn juice they use down there?

#### THE HAMILTON POULTRY ASSOCIATION

will hold a Show on December 12th, 13th, 14th and 15th. Mr. M. Richardson is Secretary.

#### WORLD'S FAIR SHOW.

Mr. George Seeger, Jr., the Superintendent of the Show writes as follows:—"You will doubtless be interested in the following: The original entries represent nearly 5,500 specimens, including poultry, pigeons and pets. I wish you

would call your readers' attention to the fact that single birds cannot compete as part of breeding pen, and no one can enter more than nine birds in any one section, viz.: one cock, one hen, one cockerel, one pullet, and one breeding pen, (one male and four females.) Spratts' Patent, Limited, of New York, has charge of the cooping. Judges will be appointed by Hon. John Boyd Thacher, Chairman of Committee on Awards. Canada has very nearly one-half of the entries. Richard Twells, of Logansport, Indiana, has been appointed Assistant Superintendent of Poultry and will report for duty September 20th. Mr. Twells is Ex-Secretary of the American Poultry Association."

#### MONTREAL EXPOSITION.

The following letter was addressed to the Secretary of the Exposition Co. at the close of the Show:

DEAR SIR,—We, the undersigned exhibitors of poultry at the Montreal Exhibition take great pleasure in testifying that Mr. W. H. Ulley, the Superintendent of the Poultry Department is entitled to great credit for the efficient care and management of this department. We also wish to express our appreciation of his kindness and courteous conduct to the public during the exhibition, and can safely say that we consider that he is the right man in the right place. Haycock & Kent, A. W. Garrett, W. H. Reid, J. Marshall, Geo. C. Howison, J. Brown, W. M. Osborne, Oldrieve & Nichol, J. Bedford, Thomas Hall, A. Thompson and others.

#### MR. ROBT. SCOTT, LONDON,

has sold the white Minorca cock, winner of first both at Toronto and London. Mr. C. F. Wagner was the buyer, and he will head one of his pens next season. We understand Mr. Wagner also secured the white Leghorn cock, likewise first at Toronto and London.

#### MR. J. E. MEYER,

owing to over-study is obliged to leave the city for a year and has gone home to his farm at Kossuth to recuperate.

#### A VISIT TO PORT HOPE.

Accompanied by Mr. Wagner we paid a flying visit to Port Hope a few days ago. Mr. Charles Massie being apprised of our coming kindly met us at the station and took us the rounds of the various yards and lofts. The fancy has grown to large proportions in this prettily situated town and the men seem of the right kind—stayers. It is not so long ago that on our periodic visits, Mr. Massie was the