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NOTES AND COMMENTS

CLASSES AT THE ONTARIO FOR CROSS-BRED FOWLS.

IN last issue we mentioned the fact of Mr. Browne's endeavor to have a section opened for cross-bred fowls in lieu of the display of dressed poultry, which did not turn out satisfactorily. We can now announce this as an accomplished fact and a circular worded as below has been sent out to all exhibitors :

As you are aware, we had a class in the Association Prize List of 1893 for "Dressed Poultry," which proved a failure. Why? was asked by many of the members present. After discussing the matter the general opinion seemed to be that we should first produce suitable fowls for such an exhibit.

Upon considering this matter I decided to get the views of our Directors as to the advisability of opening a class for "Cross Breeds" at the show of 1894 to meet the requirements, and at the same time introducing varieties much better adapted for table use, and more prolific egg producers, and in this way will we meet the demands of the farmers and others who raise and keep fowls for marketable purposes.

The replies received enable me to say that such a class will be opened and suitable prizes offered. I, therefore, appeal to you, on behalf of the Directors, to assist in making this portion of our next show a grand success.

Besides the general rules and regulations of the Association, the underwritten conditions will govern the competition. *Age and weight will govern the awards.*

Yours very truly,
 THOMAS A BROWNE,
 Secretary

Answers to the following question, to accompany the Entry Paper.

Name the Pure Breeds used in the cross.

Cock Hen

Date of hatching

Give weight of birds monthly from date of hatching in form below.

Here follows a tabulated form with blanks for sex and each month from April to January inclusive, and a blank for method of feeding.

A NEW SUBSCRIBER WRITES.

"Mr. Editor, please let me know through next REVIEW if there is such a fowl as the Cochin Williams, my neighbor

has a trio of very fine fowls that he calls Cochin Williams and claims they were bought in Toronto three years ago for \$15. They look very much like the dark Brahma with pea comb."

No, there is no such breed as Cochin Williams, nor Cochin Thomas nor Patrick, nor any other name for that matter. Your friend's fowls are pea-comb partridge Cochins, possibly Mr. Philander Williams *strain*. Cochins were originally called Cochin Chinas, but the latter part of the name is not now used. The colors are buff, white, black and partridge. Cuckoo or Plymouth Rock color used also to exist but this color is almost, if not indeed quite, extinct.

THE WORLD'S FAIR.

On March 15th, Mr. Allan Bogue and the Editor of the REVIEW were accorded an interview by Mr. N. Awrey, Commissioner for Ontario to the World's Columbian Exposition. The matter of the selection of poultry from Ontario was pretty fully gone into and Mr. Bogue was given *carte blanche*. The selection will be made at the large fall shows but it is likely in many cases the exhibitor (if well known) will be permitted to send the birds he considers best and in best plumage at the time of exhibition. The birds will be collected at central points and sent forward in full carloads with attendants in charge of each car. The exhibitor will be put to absolutely no expense, as all charges will be paid from the time the birds leave their owners hands until they reach home again. The Ontario Government will also insure against all risks of fire and accident. We may tell our readers that full announcement of all particulars will be made known through the REVIEW.

MR. W. J. BELL,

formerly of Banda is now residing in Angus.

MR. H. H. WALLACE, WOODSTOCK,

writes us in wrathful terms, and certainly with just cause, referring to an advertisement appearing in last REVIEW of Mr. James H. McKee, Norwich. In Mr. McKee's announce-