

# THE INDIANAPOLIS SHOW.

## Editor Review:

You are right; Canadian fanciers should come forward and let themselves be heard in the meetings of the A.P.A. The *Standard* is for them as well as for the breeders on this side. I am also in favor of holding the next meeting of the A.P.A. in Canada, and think that if your fanciers will come out and show that they really take an interest in the organization the A.P.A. will be glad to accept of their hospitality next season.

Your Montreal correspondent regrets that the meeting is not to be in Rochester. It may be a little the worse for him; but think of the breeders who live in Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Louisiana and Texas. This is the most important meeting ever held, and ought to be in a place where the fanciers of *all* sections can participate. If there is a more central location than Indianapolis I do not know it. Your correspondent says that a meeting at Rochester would be an international one. Our Association have made arrangements with one of the steamship lines whereby fowls for the Indianapolis show may be sent over from England at one dollar per head. Only two dollars total transportation charges on each bird, from the docks in Liverpool to the Exhibition Hall in Indianapolis. Now, tell me, could Rochester have done half so well? Could any other association have done better? I am sure that this will be a show both national and international, such as was never before held on this continent, and will not be again for several years.

And there is one other point to be considered. This is the first important meeting of the A.P.A. ever held outside the extreme East. Heretofore the Association has been "run" by a set of local eastern bosses, and if you will inquire into the workings of the machine you will find that it was not run

for the public good. Just look into money matters of the Association, and find where the funds have gone. But I will not dwell upon these evils; suffice it to say that Western and Southern breeders were getting tired of that sort of thing. They wanted to see the Association a *national* one, and worthy the name. The eastern bosses shouted for Rochester and strived to retain their hold, but, as you know, the executive committee decreed otherwise. And now the fanciers of all sections will be represented; not the East alone, but the North, South and West. All will join together and hold the best meeting and grandest show ever known.

I would offer a special invitation to the breeders of Game and Game bantams, for this is the direction in which my own taste runs. In this department alone there will be two judges, which are more than some associations have for a whole show. Standard Game and Game bantams will be judged by E. R. Spaulding, of Jaffrey, N.H.: pit Games by Tom Ware, of East Point, Georgia. These are names so well known among Game fanciers that no further comment is necessary. Over \$75 worth of special prizes are offered on pit Games alone, and other classes are well provided for.

Hope to meet you all at the show, January 18 to 25. It will not be necessary for exhibitors to accompany their fowls, but all who can will find themselves well repaid for the trip.

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## REPLY TO MR. SCOTT.

## Editor Review:

In reply to friend Scott's remarks *re* my comments of award on Wyandotte hen at the Industrial, I would call his attention that my objection was on hen obtaining first prize only, and not on Mr. Butterfield's other decisions, and

was done simply in the interest of this particular breed, and not, as he asserts, to "belittle other exhibitors' stock."

Mr. Scott says his hen has never scored less than 93½ and as high as 94¾ by Messrs. Butterfield and Jarvis. This is a clear proof that my gentle reminder was necessary; that this variety needs to be studied by these gentlemen, for how a hen having poor black lacing, and even the white in breast feathers pencilled, besides back and wings, and having coarse legs, could mount to this score is a marvel. Why, if this score were a true one the *Standard* does not contain enough points to score my hen.

Now, our judges have the ability just as much as our American friends, if they would only put themselves to the task and study thoroughly.

As Mr. Scott says, I admit that my hen is light on shanks, but the back of legs and feet are yellow, plainly showing that she is not a white legged bird, and faded legs are allowed on old birds.

He goes somewhat out of his way, and quite off from the point at issue to draw attention to a wry-tailed cockerel that I had on exhibition. Good gracious! Wonderful! The bird was very young, and as is usual with this breed tail small for age, and having a very large range, viz., a thirty acre field, this actually escaped my notice, and might, perchance, have done so even to the keen eyes of Mr. Scott, as Mr. Butterfield, to make sure that this was the case took him out of the coop to make certain. Had it not been for this defect in form Mr. Scott would not have taken the red ticket on cockerel. He should thank Dame Fortune for this happy circumstance. Regarding Mr. Scott's challenge—it is quite foreign to the subject, for whether he has better chicks than me, or whether he possesses the most perfect birds in creation, it does not affect the award on the hen in question. It will be far more to the point and interesting to Wyandotte breeders if he will state candidly and