

PIGEON FLYING MATCH.

The first annual flying match of the Canadian Columbarian Society was flown on Saturday, the 20th inst.; distance from Guelph to Toronto. Birds were liberated at 9:10 a. m., but on account of the unfavorableness of the weather, only one bird (Mr. Goodchild's "Bob") arrived home during the specified time, the others arriving at intervals during the day. This being the first match of the kind ever flown in Canada, it came off most successfully, considering the state of the weather.

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Toronto, Oct. 25.

One of our local papers gives the following:—Last week, Mr. Thos. Cowie, of Nichol, missed a young duck and an old one from a flock of sixteen. During the day the old duck returned, and had the appearance of having gone through the mill. The following morning the whole flock was missing, and a vigorous and determined search was instituted. Some distance from the house a baker's dozen of the ducks were found buried in the ground, the head of each being barely visible. At no great distance off a fox was seen, which looked so self-satisfied that it was evident that he had a duck for breakfast. The flock was unearched and taken home, and appeared little worse for the interment. No doubt Reynard intended feeding the flock, and using them as the cravings of nature demanded, and must be extremely disgusted with having thus been deprived of a month's provisions.

FEEDING FOWLS IN WINTER.

We often hear complaints made of the amount of feed consumed by fowls, but generally find in such cases that a great deal is wasted, on account of its not being palatable to the fowls; and very often much more is fed at a time than they can eat up (this should not be done, as after satisfying their wants they will scatter what is left, and make it unfit to eat). The dearest food is not always the best. For the morning feed we have found nothing so good as equal parts of corn and barley ground together, and mixed with same size of wheat bran. Find what your flock will eat up clean at one feed, and on this pour sufficient boiling water to damp it all through—don't make it too wet—mix it thoroughly. Add a little salt always, cayenne pepper occasionally in winter. Boiled potato peelings, and table scraps can be added, and, twice a week, some beef scraps, livers, &c., boiled and chopped up fine. After scalding cover and let stand ten minutes before feeding. A little sulphur added to this once every two weeks will help to keep the fowls healthy and free from lice. It is better not to have too much corn and barley ground

at one time. For noon feed give either wheat screenings, barley, buckwheat, or oats, or each in turn. By covering their floors with clean sand or straw, and scattering the small grain among it you secure exercise for the fowls, and keep them out of mischief. A cabbage, or turnips cut into slices, will be greedily devoured. Gravel, charcoal, and old mortar broken small, should always be within their reach. Clean water should be given twice a day in vessels that they cannot upset. In very cold weather take the chill off it a little. Add Douglass Mixture occasionally—below will be found the receipt; don't let the big names frighten you, it is very cheap and good. Just before dark give them all the grain they can eat. Feed whole corn sparingly; and in cold weather, on no account, feed corn that is not perfectly dry.

DOUGLASS MIXTURE.—Half pound sulphate of iron, one ounce sulphuric acid, two gallons of water.—Give about a teaspoonful in each half pint of drinking water

MAKE YOUR HOUSES WARM.

Those who have poultry houses that are not sufficiently warm for our winters, can very easily make them comfortable by lining them with tarred paper, such as is used for roofing. We know of nothing equal to it for this purpose. It is easily put on, is very warm, and is said to be vermin-proof. It can be procured at any of our towns, at about three and a half cents a pound: Three pounds will cover about five square yards. Get it at once and make your fowls comfortable. They will pay for it in extra yield of eggs before spring.

SAGINAW VALLEY POULTRY ASSOCIATION'S SHOW.—The second annual exhibition of this Society will be held at East Saginaw, from 8th to 12th January. We understand a number of Canadian fanciers intend competing. The prize list is very neat and handy. All entries close January 8th. For entry blanks &c., address Steve. V. Haskell, East Saginaw.

OUR FIRST NUMBER.

On account of the non-arrival of some of our new plant, we have not been able to place the REVIEW in as attractive shape as is our intention. Our next number, which will be out promptly on the 15th of January next, will show a decided improvement. We hope to have it scale 10 points in "condition."

ALL communications should be in our hands by the 5th, and advertisements by the 8th to ensure insertion in the issue of that month.

The REVIEW will be issued on the 15th of each month.