

we remember seeing on birds of the same age. No doubt, these birds will be heard from at the winter shows, even if to young too catch a place at the fall exhibitions. Mr. Hern also has some fine golden Polands and Langshans, of which we saw several chicks, which with age will be hard to beat; Pekin ducks and a fine lot of Fantail pigeons.

In addition to the above we saw a nice little flock of a dozen Pekin bantams.

*Mr. W. Johnston's*

chicks we were unable to see, but understand he has a fine flock of Andalusians and a lot of good chicks.

The last name on our list was

*Mr. J. W. Dutton's,*

who breeds Pekin bantams exclusively, but owing to removal, his stock is not now very extensive.

This wound up the pleasantest day we have spent in Bowmanville for some years.

On the following Monday we travelled by the Canadian Pacific Railway to

INGERSOLL,

and were met at the depot by that prince of good fellows,

*W. F. Wixson,*

in whose hands we placed ourselves for the day, and who proved to be a most entertaining companion and guide. We also beg to tender our most sincere thanks to Mrs. Wixson for her kind care of us during our stay.

After trying several varieties Mr. Wixson has decided on the Leghorn family as the one most suited to him and his requirements. In conversation with him we were surprised to learn the extent of his business the past season; he shipped eggs to England, New York, Tennessee, Massachusetts, Indiana, Dakota, North West Territories, Los Angeles, California and Michigan, besides numberless settings to all parts of Canada, and all with a most satisfactory result.

He uses for packing, the ordinary chip baskets, in the bottom of which is

laid a strip of paper, on this one inch of bran, on this is again placed another paper, and on this the eggs wrapped in paper are laid and tightly packed between with bran; over all is laid another inch of bran, and factory cotton sewed down tightly on top. This method, Mr. Wixson has never known to fail in giving a satisfactory hatch. From 21 eggs (black Leghorn) sent to England 19 chicks were hatched.

This gentleman's old birds were of course not looking their best this season of the year, but are without doubt, a grand lot all through, black, white and brown.

Mr. Wixson's system of breeding shows itself plainly this year in the quality of his chicks, of which he has some 300; the shape and style of the young birds being particularly catching. Amongst many other good birds we noticed some white pullets with splendid color legs and beak, and well on for their age and in the pink of condition. The white cockerels are also particularly neat in comb, and in fact, in all points that go to make up the ideal Leghorn. His blacks this season show more lustre of plumage than ever we remember to have seen before on this variety, which as a rule are not unusually good in color. His browns are likewise good in all points, the pullets large and well matured.

Mr. Wixson breeds two strains of each variety, one on his own place, "Homewood Poultry Farm", which is peculiarly adapted to the raising of fancy fowls, having abundance of shade and a never failing stream of flowing water; and one on farms in the country. His object in this is to send his patrons unrelated pens for breeding.

The poultry house was beautifully clean; the passage being scrubbed out every week, and the birds both old and young were in grand health, not a sick one amongst them, to which Mr. Wixson is indebted to the "partner of

his woes and joys" in whose care the fowls mostly are.

Mr. Wixson also intends giving the Minorcas a trial, and has now on the way from England a trio of both young and old, blacks.

Mr. Wixson kindly accompanied us to

*Mr. H. W. Partlo's,*

who has some really good birds in white Leghorns, and some nice fairly well matured chicks, but whose yards we must say would please us better if they were kept in a cleaner condition.

We had a lively chat with

*Mr. G. E. Perkins,*

but unfortunately he could not spare the time to show us around his place, which is some little distance from the town. He breeds Langshans, dark Brahmas and Plymouth Rocks.

LONDON

was the next place we "struck," and of course here we are right in the home of the fancy. Mr. Richard Oke would not permit us to go to an hotel, and during a visit of some 36 hours we were entertained most lavishly by Mr. Oke's father and mother. Mr. Oke also had the kindness to place a horse and buggy at our disposal and to act as our guide to the yards of the numerous fanciers in London.

The first on our list was that veteran fancier and exhibitor

*Mr. Wm. McNeill,*

who probably breeds and shows a more varied stock than any man in Canada, His birds were as usual in show condition, and every one of his large flock in as good health as it is possible for birds to be, not a sick or ailing one in the lot.

He has this season over two hundred chicks and many of them well advanced in size and feather, and without doubt will make a name for themselves this fall. Amongst dozens of others we noticed several buff, black and white Cochins of grand color, all over Cochin points, large and and in beautiful fettle, Polands of all kinds, a grand pair of