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Head and Comb	10
Colour and Markings of Hackle ...	10
Colour and Markings of Wings and across Shoulders	10
Colour and Markings of Back ...	10
Colour, Markings, and Carriage of Tail	10
Colour and Markings on Breast and Thighs	10
Legs and Feet	5
Want of Size	15
Want of Symmetry	10
Want of Condition	10
	100

OUR ILLUSTRATIONS.

WE give this month, two of Mr. J. Henry Lee's well known productions. Mr. Lee's engravings are all finished with scrupulous care, and are correct in all details.

White Wyandottes and light Brahmas are both well known and popular varieties and need no recommendation from us.

THE PRINCIPAL FALL FAIRS.

POULTRY Departments of the fall fairs this year will we think, prove more than ever the great strides which this industry has taken within the past few years.

THE MIDLAND CENTRAL, KINGSTON, leads off this year from Sept. 1st to 6th. The poultry classes are numerous and money offered fair, but one absurd rule prevails, *i.e.*, the deduction of 25 per cent. from all prize money. Why not offer the net amount and be done with it? Mr. R. Meek, is Secretary.

THE INDUSTRIAL, TORONTO, comes next Sept. 15th to 20th. The list contains a large number of sections,

in fact all are provided for. Single birds are of course to be shown and the entry fee is 25c. Money is offered this year for breeding pens an innovation long looked for and which should, and we are sure will, lead to a grand exhibit of this most useful branch of poultry exhibitions. Mr. H. J. Hill, is Manager, and will be happy to mail prize-lists on application.

THE CENTRAL FAIR, OTTAWA, takes place from Sept. 22nd to 27th, and it is unfortunate that Hamilton and London are also to be held on the same dates. Such clashing of dates cannot fail to tell against all three in the number of entries. At Ottawa all birds are shown in pairs, list is a very fair one and the entrance fee but 25c. For prize-lists write Mr. F. A. Jackson, Secretary, Ottawa.

THE WESTERN FAIR, LONDON from Sept. 18th to 27th. The entries in the poultry department, however, need not be in place till Sept. 22nd, but will be received on the 20th if so desired by exhibitors. Fowls have fifty sections of \$2.50, \$1.50 and \$1.00. Chicks a like number of \$2.00, \$1.50 and \$1.00, 16 sections of \$2.00, \$1.50 and \$1.00 are provided for Turkeys, Ducks and Geese, and diplomas *ad lib.* are offered for breeding pens. Entrance fee 30c per pair. Mr. T. A. Browne, Secretary.

GREAT CENTRAL FAIR, HAMILTON, Sept. 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th and 26th. All fowls shown in pairs, old birds having \$3.00 and \$2.00 and chicks \$2.00 and \$1.00. The list is behind the times and needs a thorough revision, Mr. C. R. Smith, is Secretary.

THE INTERNATIONAL FAIR, St. John, New Brunswick, has an excellent list indeed, plainly compiled on that of the Industrial, Toronto. The extent of sections surprised us, and all are for single birds, 1st, \$2.00; 2nd,

\$1.00. Entrance fee, 25c. Fowls have no less than 110 sections and chickens a like number, besides 40 for Turkeys, Ducks and Geese. Mr. Ira Cornwall, is Secretary.

THE REDCAP FOWL.

PERHAPS no breed has been more maligned than this, or received such a small amount of encouragement, and had it not been for the assistance it has received at some of the Derbyshire shows there would not now probably be a Redcap to be found in the country. I am well aware that many judges and fanciers have pronounced them ugly, and done their best to write them down, but in spite of all opposition the breed makes progress, slowly it is admitted, but none the less surely, and will doubtless in due time, when better known, be more appreciated, and take its proper place as one of the most popular British varieties.

The Redcap does not, as a rule, succeed well on a clay soil or on low-lying ground, but requires a dry run where any wet quickly runs away. Thus it is that birds thrive so well on the limestone and gritstone hills of the north of Derbyshire. They seem to be able to withstand any amount of cold, and I have never known the frost even effect their combs, even in the most severe winters, but they cannot bear damp wet runs, and require ample shelter in rainy season.

They will succeed very well in confinement, supposing they are properly matured before being placed in small runs. It is, however, of little use trying to rear chickens unless they are allowed a considerable amount of liberty. Chickens are quick in feathering, but a careful watch needs to be kept for insect vermin; they should be examined at frequent intervals to make sure they are free from these pests. I