

of July, last, and taking all things into consideration, it was a decided success. I send you herewith a full report of the show from one of our leading newspapers, which will give you a better insight into its real merits than any words of mine could convey. My experience in the poultry line has been so short and so recent that I feel somewhat diffident about expressing any opinion on a subject I know so little of, but as this is somewhat necessary under the circumstances perhaps you will excuse it. The best fowls in the show were the Games, all the other varieties taking a somewhat lower place, and sometimes it was really hard to see how the judges could make their awards, but as there were no better, only one course was open. Just before the show a gentleman of this city imported by the steamer from San Francisco 10 Plymouth Rock fowls, 2 cockerels and 8 pullets. He exhibited them here, and as these were the first I had ever seen I was of course delighted. I believe they cost \$150.00 to import, and as the owner values them at \$250.00, this would be very likely. To import fowls of any kind is so risky and expensive that many people who would like to go into the thing properly are deterred from the cause before mentioned. A good breeder coming out from England or America, and bringing a good assorted stock with him, would do well in this colony, as there is only one such in this city of 50,000 inhabitants, and those kept by him are of the poorest description, being half-breds and mongrels of all kinds, and these he attempts to pass off to verdant poultry fanciers with a zeal worthy of a better cause. I send you his advertisement, which looks really well (upon paper), but very poor when judged by the yard. Mr. E. T. Cartwright, whose advertisement is in the catalogue I send you, has a really good stock of Black-breasted Red Games, and took all the principal prizes in the show for this variety.

The exhibition as an educational medium did a great deal of good, and many are now keeping poultry (both for fancy and profit) who before this had not the slightest interest in such matters. A great many sales were effected, both during the show and after, and I think that breeders and exhibitors on the whole are well satisfied. Next season it is thought the show will be better on all points, as several people have determined to introduce new strains (which are badly wanted) at any cost.

Should you deem this communication worthy of space in your valuable journal, I shall be glad to send you from time to time such scraps of information as you may think would interest your readers.

H. J. EDMISTON,  
Young Men's Christian Association Rooms,  
Auckland, New Zealand, Sept. 16th, 1884.

### Meeting of Directors of Poultry Association of Ontario.

A meeting of the Directors of the P. A. of Ont., was held in the Board room of the Industrial Exhibition Association, on the fair grounds, Toronto, on Thursday, September 18th, at 10 a. m. There were present: Messrs. Thos. Gowdy, Guelph, President; A. Bogue, London, 1st Vice President; Jas. Fullerton, Strathroy, 2nd Vice-President; R. Mackay, Hamilton; L. Thorne, Seaforth; Jas. Main, Boyne; and S. Butterfield, Amherstburg, Directors.

The following resolutions were carried:

Moved by Mr. Thorne, seconded by Mr. Main, That the next show for the year 1885 be held in Guelph, from the 20th to 23rd of January, inclusive; the show to be opened on Tuesday morning and closed on the Friday evening.

Moved by Mr. Thorne, seconded by Mr. Bogue, That the prize-list of 1885 be the same as that of 1884, with the exception that Rabbits receive \$2.00 for first prize and \$1.00 for second.

Moved by Mr. Fullerton, seconded by Mr. Butterfield, That all protests be made in writing, giving full particulars, and accompanied by the sum of 50cts., (which sum will be returned if protest be sustained, and retained by society if not) and handed in not later than ten hours after the completion of the judging.

Moved by Mr. Thorne, seconded by Mr. Mackay, That all the birds be judged by the *American Standard of Excellence*, and score-cards be placed on all winning birds, showing the number of points attained; and that 1st prize birds must attain to 90 points, 2nd to 85, and 3rd to 80.

The judges were then appointed, subject to favorable arrangements being made for their services.

After the transaction of some minor business the Board Adjourned.

### Black Spanish.

Editor Review.

That the Black Spanish fowl is very much neglected at the present time, both by our Canadian and American breeders, is very apparent when one peruses the advertisements in the Review and other similar periodicals. This, fanciers, ought not to be the case.

No one will deny the fact that the Spanish fowl, generally speaking, have more good qualities than any other variety we have in the *Standard*. I regret very much to see this valuable, and I may say venerable, variety passing slowly out to make way for comparatively new breeds, such as Leghorns, Plymouth Rocks, etc.

Now, I have bred both Spanish and Leghorns, and by careful attention and study have found the former superior almost in every particular to the latter. Fanciers give this valuable variety consideration.

Yours sincerely,

G. BOGUE SRMAT.  
Brockville, Oct. 8th, 1884.