

FROM FAR AWAY NEBRASKA.

Editor Review:—

AFTER constantly reading the REVIEW and GAZETTE since you took charge, I cannot refrain from writing to tell you that I find more sound information in your journals than in all others published in America. I used to read nearly all the journals published in the United States, but finding there was so much strife between fanciers in certain journals, I could find no time to read them. Life is too short to be loading ones self up with the particulars of other peoples scrapes; there is nothing to be learned from these battles, and what we want in poultry journals is information. It would, in my opinion, be a good thing if your REVIEW had as good a circulation in these Western States as it has in the Eastern States, it would enable fanciers to buy better birds and at less expense than they can anywhere else on this continent. Two years ago I bought a trio of W. F. B. Spanish from Vidal Bros. of Sarnia, for half what I could get them for in the United States; some Dorkings from Allin Bros. of Newcastle; some golden Sebright Bantams from Mr. Freeman of Milton; two Cockers from Mr. Nott of Brantford; one from Mr. Curtis of Simcoe, of which I must say, the quality was better than I expected, and I feel that I can recommend the stock offered in your journals, which indeed I am often charged with by members of our kennel club, to the exclusion of other journals. Therefore, Mr. Editor, if you wish to send me any of your old copies I will send them out where they may do your subscribers some good, or perhaps it would be better to send you a list of names.

I have often thought of giving the fanciers of Canada an idea of what our climate was for raising poultry etc. west of the Mississippi river, our winters are very mild as compared with your winters in Canada. Having lived many years in lower and upper Canada, I know what your Quebec winters are, and as Western Ontario is superior to Quebec, so is our western country superior to Ontario as far as mild winters go. Winnipeg, which is over 500 miles north of Omaha, is I am told, about the same as Toronto. For poultry raising there is no better place in America excepting Utah, than either Iowa, Nebraska, Missouri, or Texas. I don't believe Illinois is nearly as good as Nebraska, but Utah is the flower of them all. In Iowa and Nebraska the winters begin about Dec. 1st and last till about March 10th. The cold days are not continuous however, during this time, it is very changeable, two to five days quite cold, and then five to seven days nice weather, but never so cold as Toronto weather at any time. Northern Iowa is an exception to the above, being

so near Minnesota and so far north, it is colder than southern Iowa. We have the best kind of market for poultry in Omaha, for ordinary quantities it is as good as Chicago. A 7 to 9 pound fowl will sell for 75 cents, a cheap restaurant will charge you 50 cents for a small chicken, and a first class restaurant will charge \$1 for a whole spring chicken or 50 cents for a half. The greater part of the poultry sold by the jobbers or commission houses is shipped in from all over Nebraska, and the very poorest stuff at that, I failed to see any first class dressed poultry for sale at any place in town. With land and feed so cheap, I don't understand this sort of affairs.

At some future time I will give you some particulars of the Mormon country, Utah. Wishing the REVIEW success.

Omaha, Neb., Sept. 19th, 1893. RICHARD FRANCIS.

[We are gratified at our correspondents praise and shall be glad to get his experience in poultry matters. We can place any quantity of back numbers at his disposal.—ED.]



SHERBROOKE POULTRY SHOW.

(By our own correspondent.)

THE weather and the Montreal Exposition unfavorably affected this show but the officers especially Mr. H. R. Fraser, the energetic Secretary, however, did everything in their power to render the show a success, and with commendable liberality engaged the services of Mr. I. K. Felch as Judge who it is needless to say gave entire satisfaction. The following is the prize list.

POULTRY.

Light Brahmas—1st H. W. Heath, Piermont; 2nd J. B. Goodhue, Rock Island; 3rd W. Paterson, North Catcook. Langshans—1st F. B. Wilson, Sherbrooke; 2nd H. E. Baldwin, Catcook. Plymouth Rocks—2nd Guy Carr, Compton 3rd H. N. Burton Lennoxville. No first prize awarded. Wyandottes, white—2nd Wm. Patterson. Golden laced 1st Robert Patterson, 2nd Wm. Patterson. Minorcas black—2nd H. L. Page. No first awarded. White 2nd Guy Carr, Compton. No first awarded. Red Caps—2nd F. J. Fuller, Sherbrooke. Leghorns, white—1st Wm. Patterson; 2nd J. B. Goodhue: hon. mention. Blacks—2nd R. Patterson. No first awarded. Brown—1st Wm. Patterson; 2nd and 3rd C. N. Norris, Newport, Vt. Andalusians—1st F. J. Fuller. Polands, silvers—1st H. W. Heath. Hamburgs, black—1st H. E. Baldwin. Game, black and brown breasted red—2nd Percy Johnston. Bantams, black African—1st and 3rd F.