

## MERITED CONDEMNATION.

There was a nice racket amongst the stockmen with regard to accommodation. Horses and sheep were jumbled together, and hackney horses and Shropshire sheep were found together in the same stall. This should be remedied by more efficient supervision.

The poultry department also came in for a share of condemnation, on the grounds that two-thirds of the prize list went to breeds which had no use outside of a poultry and pet stock association. Then the men who looked after the Western Fair poultry interest were the exhibitors, controlled the whole prize list and appointed their own judges to judge their own stock. How many farmers are receiving any prizes at the Western Fair?—none of them. A farmer would starve to even breed the useless Bantam and other fancy breeds which the Ontario Government is giving grants for. It was publicly expressed in the poultry building yesterday that certain prizes were the willing tools of those who appointed them, and these were those who won the prizes.

The last three lines seem particularly hazy as to their meaning and appear to have been written by some individual suffering from—what?, we cannot say. The prizes give prizes to the birds and these were those who won the prizes. Does the *Free Press* intend this for a new variety of Chinese puzzle!

This continual appealing to the prejudices of the farmer is played out. Farmers are an intelligent class of men, well read as a rule and laugh in their sleeves at such trash.

Does the Ontario Government exist for the good of the farmer alone without consideration of the interests of any other classes? Are taxes paid by the agriculturist alone?

It has yet to be proved that the breeding of Bantams is not a commercial benefit, under certain conditions, and for their meat and eggs alone, especially for the use of invalids and the young. A pen of Bantams can be kept where it would be impossible for the individual to enjoy the pleasure and profit at all if none but the large breeds were in existence. Every variety has its proper place and a right to life in the affections of its breeders.

## CORRECTIONS.

TORONTO.

**M**R. Oke writes we did him an injustice in stating he took two seconds on golden Sebright chicks. Two firsts were his awards in this section. The Industrial books however show the awards as we have them. Cochins should read:—Buff, cock, 1 G G McCormick; 2 F C Hare; 3 G G McCormick. Hen, 1 F C Hare; 2 and 3 G G McCormick. Partridge, cock, 1 W G Lovell; 2 L G Pequegnat; 3 Thos Cockburn. Hen, 1 L G Pequegnat; 2 A Bogue; 3 Thos Cockburn.

Mr. Pequegnat won 2nd on brown Leghorn pullet and 3rd on black cockerel.

Mr. Geo. Bogue says he still owns the first prize silver Wyandotte cock, and he ought to know. We are positive however that a card stating the sale as we gave it was on his pen.

LONDON.

W. McLoud, London, won on barred Rocks, 3rd on cock, 2nd on hen and 2nd on cockerel; 1st on black red Game cock.

KINGSTON.

Mr. Jno. Gray writes: In the Kingston prize list silver Wyandottes should read 2nd cock, 2nd hen, 1st cockerel, 1st pullet, John Gray, and not as published.

SHERBROOKE.

Mr. Roy's initials should be J. R. and not as we gave them. He won in Brahmas, Wyandottes, Spanish, Ducks, etc.

QUEBEC.

Mr. B. F. Loiselles' name was omitted from the list of winners, he won nine firsts and two seconds on poultry and pet stock.

## POULTRY AND EGGS.

SPECIAL REPORT FROM THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE.

**B**Y instructions from the Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Mr. Angers, a lengthy report, valuable in many ways, has been issued on the above subjects. The report is divided into two parts, *i.e.*, Statistical by Mr. George Johnston, the Department Statistician and Technical by Mr. A. G. Gilbert, already well known to our readers.

The Hon. Minister is to be congratulated on the efforts being put forth under his sanction to benefit this already extensive branch of home and foreign trade, and deserves the hearty commendation of all breeders of fowls.

A brief look through the work has shown it to be of great value and has also demonstrated that it is not strictly accurate.

The average produce of eggs per hen is put at 150 per annum a high estimate we fear. 100 would be more like it, taking the average stock *as it now exists*.

The statistician gives the following extracts from the U.S. Consular Reports of 1893. The Consular at Riga, Russia, say " . . . nothing is done here for improving the size of the eggs, which are small and of poor quality." The Consul at Helsingfor, Finland, says, "The genuine Finnish race is small." Mr. Johnston then sagely remarks "These crosses may be found of value by settlers in the northerly and colder parts of Canada," which shows how valuable advice is from a man who known nothing of the subject of his text. Use "small" Finnish birds or those