

won their way into the esteem of Canadian fanciers, and our shows are usually graced with fine specimens. The general verdict as to their utility corresponds with the description given above.

They are described as follows in the *American Standard of Excellence* :—

DISQUALIFICATIONS.—Birds not matching in the show pen; primary wing-feathers twisted, or turned outside the wings; twisted combs; crooked backs; wry tails; birds without leg feathering; vulture hocks; legs of other color than yellow, shaded with black; cocks not weighing nine pounds; hens not weighing seven and a half pounds; cockerels not weighing seven pounds; pullets not weighing five and a half pounds.

THE COCK.

HEAD: Rather short and small for the size of the bird, and, in plumage black.—**Eyes,** bright, dark red, and mild in expression: **Beak,** yellowish horn-color, or yellow shaded with black.

COMB: Brilliant red, single, firm, rather small, perfectly straight and upright, with well defined serrations, and free from side-sprigs.

WATTLES AND EAR-LOBES: Wattles, of medium length, well rounded, fine in texture, and rich red:—**Ear-lobes,** large, pendant, fine in texture, and rich red.

NECK: Short and neatly curved: **hackle,** full, flowing well over the shoulders, and free from golden or reddish feathers, and, in color, a rich glossy black; gray or white under-feathers objectionable, but still permissible in adult cocks.

BACK: Broad, with a gentle rise from the middle thereof to the tail, and with abundant saddle-feathers, of a rich, glossy black and free from golden or reddish feathers,—gray or white under-feathers permissible in adult cocks, but still objectionable.

BREAST AND BODY: Breast, broad, deep and full:—**Body,** round and deep, and, in plumage, a deep, rich black.

WINGS: Small, the primaries well folded under the secondaries, so as to be entirely concealed when the wings are closed—the general plumage black, and free from golden or reddish feathers.

TAIL: Broad, short, soft and full, with numerous coverts, of rich metallic lustre, and carried more horizontally than upright,—white or gray under-feathers objectionable, but still permissible in adult cocks.

FLUFF: Very abundant and soft, covering the posterior portions of the fowl, and standing out about the thighs, and rich black in color.

LEGS: Thighs, very large and strong, and plentifully covered with perfectly soft feathers, which, on the lower part, should curve inward around the hock, so as nearly to hide the joint:—**Shanks,** yellow, shaded with black, or nearly black in the

scales, short, stout or wide apart, and heavily feathered down the outside, with deep black feathers:—**Toes,** straight, strong, and well spread, the outer and middle toes being well feathered.

CARRIAGE: Upright and stately.

THE HEN.

HEAD: Small and neatly shaped:—**Eyes,** bright, dark red, and mild in expression;—**Beak,** well curved, short and stout, and, in color, a yellowish-horn, or yellow shaded with black.

COMB: Brilliant red, single, small fine low in front, erect, perfectly straight, with small, well defined serrations, and free from side sprigs.

WATTLES AND EAR-LOBES: Wattles, bright red, small, neatly rounded, and fine in texture:—**Ear-lobes,** brilliant red, well developed, and fine in texture.

NECK: Short, carried forward, the lower part broad and full, the plumage deep black, and hackle-feathers reaching well over the shoulders.

BACK: Broad, full, and carried rather low:—**Body,** broad, round, and deep behind, and, in plumage, a rich, deep black.

WINGS: Small, the primaries well folded under the secondaries, so as to be concealed when the wings are closed, and the wing-bows neatly covered by the breast-feathers, the points well concealed by the fluff, and, in plumage, a rich, glossy black.

FLUFF: Very abundant and soft, standing out about the thighs, giving the bird a very deep and broad appearance behind, and, in color, deep black.

LEGS: Thighs, large, abundantly covered with soft fluffy feathers, curving inward round the hock, so as nearly to hide the joint:—**Shanks,** yellow, shaded with black, or nearly black in the scales, short, stout, wide apart, and well feathered on the outsides with deep black feathers:—**Toes,** straight, strong, and well spread, the outer and middle toes being well feathered.

CARRIAGE: Low, with contented and matronly appearance.

SCALE OF POINTS IN BLACK COCHINS.

Symmetry,	-	-	-	-	10
Size and Weight,	-	-	-	-	12
Condition,	-	-	-	-	7
Head,	-	-	-	-	4
Comb,	-	-	-	-	7
Wattles and ear-lobes,	-	-	-	-	3
Neck,	-	-	-	-	10
Back,	-	-	-	-	10
Breast and Body,	-	-	-	-	10
Wings,	-	-	-	-	8
Tail,	-	-	-	-	7
Fluff,	-	-	-	-	5
Legs,	-	-	-	-	7