

the cry against members of the Executive entering dogs for competition at shows held under their management. Now this is all very well, but as these gentlemen are the most active doggy men of their section, as a rule, and take a corresponding interest in keeping the best of dogs, it would be distinctly hard upon them to debar the dogs from competition, simply because their owners were unselfish enough to undertake the immense labour of organizing and conducting a Dog Show.

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They win a large share of the prizes frequently 'tis true, but then they are the men who have the best dogs and the best should win. Because *some* judges judge the man's end of the string it does not follow that *all* do.

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Unfortunately they (members of the executives) are between two fires. If they show and win there is a howl of "favoritism," while should they enter for exhibition only the common talk will be that So & So, & So & So are "afraid to show their dogs."

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You must allow a judge a certain amount of rope, and if you start out with the idea that every one is a rogue, why, you will be an unhappy man for life, that is all.

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An event that should be of especial interest to Torontonians has just occurred, namely the death of the celebrated St. Bernard, Champion Otho. Otho was born at the Toronto Railway Station, on the arrival of his dam, Lady Abbess, from England. The sole survivors were Otho and Hermit, both Champions afterwards, and now both dead. Their breeder was Mr. F. W. Rothera then of Simcoe, Ont., but I believe he has since returned to England whence he came.

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A Torontonian recently sent a St. Bernard bitch over to England to be bred to Mr. T. H. Greene's Champion

St. Bedivere, There's enterprise for you.

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St. Bernards! St. Bernards! Still they come and Englands' best at that. Mr. J. C. Anderson of Tennessee has just imported the celebrated son of Plinlimon, Prince Regent at a cost of 750 guineas. Baron Truro too has been sold to an American, but to whom has not yet been announced.

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The American Field publishes a superb engraving of Prince Regent by Mr. G. Muss Arnolt, the R. H. Moore of America. In point of fact Mr. Arnolt is an even better portrayer of dogs than Mr. Moore I think, for while he catches likenesses just as well he "finishes," his work with much greater care and effect. Mr. Arnolt does all the illustrations of the American Kennel Gazette now, and his portraits of the Fox Terrier Champion Valet, Bull Terrier, Champion Cairo, English Setter, Champion Cora of Wetheral, Clumber Spaniel Champion Johnny and Pointer Champion Bracket are masterpieces. Only "champions" are illustrated.

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Like all specialists there is a sameness in Mr. R. H. Moore's work. You can recognize one of his dogs just as readily as you can Du Mauriers society skits, Sturgess, or Carbaulds' horses, the Temple brothers fishing and shooting scenes, Dadd's Athletic pictures or Ludlows poultry. Their individualities are stamped upon their works.

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Mr. James Watson, well-known to Torontonians, is now editing a new paper called "The Fancier's Journal." It is a good paper, but that goes without saying, for Mr. Watson has shown by his management of other publications that he is ably fitted for the post, of editing the kennel department of a journal. The Journal is newsy, well printed, well illustrated and nicely gotten up generally. I trust it will meet with the success that is its due.

The Brooklyn Kennel Club was refused admission into the A. K. C. at the last meeting and there is tribulation in Brooklyn's camp. While both sides have a good deal to say in the matter, it is clear to me that the Brooklyn organization was not a desirable one to encourage.

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The Elmira (N. Y.) Show, for some inexplicable reason, was given the go-bye by exhibitors. The prize list was liberal, judges popular and the Superintendent, "Uncle Dick," Fellows, does not need an introduction to doggy men. Still there were few dogs entered, less than 150 in fact.

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The lions share of the prizes went to the Hornell-Harmony Kennel of Covert and Hornellsville N. Y. They made a clean sweep in Greyhounds and Spaniels and almost the same in Beagles, as well as taking several prizes in other classes. Mr. Martin Barney sent the Pointers, Tom Pinch and Lady Pinch all the way from California and deservedly scored two firsts.

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## CANADIAN KENNEL CLUB.

### SECRETARY'S REPORT.

To the President and the members of the Canadian Kennel Club of Canada.

Gentlemen:—

I beg to submit the first annual report of the Canadian Kennel Club.

As most of the gentlemen here assembled are aware, the club was organized last September, during the last London Bench Show, and it was not until the 7th of December following that the first meeting of the executive committee was held, the following gentlemen being present—R. Gibson Pres. Delaware, C. M. Nelles Brantford, Dr. J. S. Niven, F. C. Wheeler, T. G. Davey and C. A. Stone London.

At the meeting I was appointed Corresponding Secretary to the club, and