

shown the utmost leniency, and have even allowed the rules to be violated rather than have any dissatisfaction among the tardy ones, who might in justice be shut out altogether. When fanciers become fully alive to the fact that they, as well as the management have duties to perform, and that on their faithful performance depends much of the success of the shows, there will be fewer complaints, and better managed exhibitions.

We do not by any means advocate the doctrine that the management of our shows should always be regarded as perfect, and never amenable to criticism. We only ask fanciers to consider both sides of the question, and do their fair share, and then if the committee have neglected their duties, they have a perfect right, in the proper manner, through the proper channel, and at the right time, to express disapproval. On the other hand, if the committee have faithfully performed their duty, fanciers should not be niggardly in showing their appreciation. Always bear in mind that success is secured only by great efforts, that your approval is their only reward, and that a just acknowledgement of their services will encourage them to continue at succeeding shows, their unselfish labors and exertions.

### The Shows

The show at Indianapolis will again offer our fanciers an opportunity of testing the quality of their stock against that of their American cousins. Although Indianapolis is not so convenient for Canadian fanciers as Buffalo, still we may expect them to put in a good exhibit. The Indiana fanciers are making every effort to secure the most successful show yet held on the continent. and as there has always been close friendship between Western and Canadian fanciers, the latter will do the best possible to assist them in their laudable ambition. The address of secretary, and other information, will be found in advertisement on fourth page of cover.

The Annual meeting of the American poultry Association will be held during the week of the show, and matters of vital importance to the fancy will be brought up for consideration.

The exhibition of the Ontario Poultry Association, on account of its provincial nature, will in future, rank first among our Ontario shows. The exhibition of 1880 will be held in the city of Guelph, on the first week in February, opening on the 3rd and closing at noon on Friday, the 6th. The regular prize list is out, and a large list of valuable special premiums will be issued about the middle of January. Society's prizes for single birds. Ample opportunity is given fanciers to secure prize lists and make their entries, and we

would remind them that on no consideration will entries be received after January 27th. Reduced fares on Grand Trunk and G. W. R.; also reduced express rates. Get your prize lists early and be fully posted. See ad. on 4th page of cover.

The Annual Exhibition of the Montreal Poultry, Dog and Pet Stock Association, will be held on the 4th, 5th, and 6th of Feby. They offer a splendid list of prizes on dogs and nearly all varieties of fowls, pigeons, birds, rabbits, squirrels, cats &c. Birds shown in pairs. We understand that the society has received from England, a lot of the most approved wire exhibition coops, and will have all the details of the show complete and attractive. We would urge on our Western fanciers each to send a few pairs of their best birds to this show. The address of the secretary is J. R. McLaren, Jr., 63 College Street Montreal, Q.

It is to be regretted that the time of holding this show and that of the Ontario Poultry Association should clash, as many of our western fanciers would undoubtedly have exhibited at Montreal had this not been the case, and it will preclude some of our Montreal friends, who have generally helped us here, from attending. A little correspondence between the officials of our societies before fixing their dates would be an advantage to all.

The Midland Central Poultry Association will hold their annual show at Peterboro on 10th, 11th, and 12th of Feb., thus giving those who exhibit at Guelph and Montreal an opportunity of showing here also. The society is full of enterprize and always offers an attractive bill of fare. Those who can possibly exhibit here should, but they must not expect easily earned honors. The Secretary James Sautler, will send prize lists on application.

The Saginaw Valley Poultry Association hold their fourth annual exhibition from January 22nd to 27th, inclusive. Canadians generally contribute large exhibits to this show, and have always been well pleased with the result. Daniel Allen, Esq., of Galt, Judge; C. T. Beatty, Secretary-Treasurer, East Saginaw, Mich.

We would recommend every fancier to send \$1 for a member's ticket of Midland Central Poultry Association. The ticket is a beautiful piece of lithographic work (ahead of some of our contemporaries' chromos). It was designed by Jas. Sautler, Esq., Secretary of the association.

### Shows to Occur.

National Exhibition, Indianapolis, Indiana, 8th to 15th January, 1880. H. C. G. BALS, Secretary and Treasurer, Indianapolis, Ind., U. S.

Nov. Scotia Poultry Association, on the last Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of Feby., 1880.