

The Prize List.

Editor Review,

I would take the liberty of asking the Directors of Poultry Association of Ontario, through your journal, how it happens that in the prize list Langshans are treated with a \$2.00 prize, while every breed of remark, excepting the bantams, have a \$3.00 prize offered? Why not class them among the bantams at once, or leave their space with a blank? Do you object to them as being a distinct breed? Or do you say that they are an inferior breed to any on the \$3.00 prize list? If you do you are much mistaken, as I can prove by other breeders of this variety, as well as myself, that there is no variety in existence that is their superior, and very few their equal in good qualities. They have that prepotency of power to produce their like, no matter what blood it meets, and will overcome many objections in their way to produce their like, that many other breeds are unable to do. I mated a Langshan cock each half day at a time, with a yard of other breeds, on purpose to see what there was in him, and I am happy to state that every offspring was nearer his kind than anything I ever saw transmitted before; many of them were so perfectly clear his own like that an adept would be put to the test to distinguish the cross. We slaughtered the cockerels and can say that no fowl (except the Silver Dorking) has a better flavor or is its equal, the meat being rich, tender, juicy and sweet; and they put on fat very fast, being ahead of anything in this line except Cochins. As for laying qualities, there is no variety in the Asiatic class that can equal them, either for numbers or good qualities of egg flavor. For their hardiness in rearing: after a week old they will stand ahead of anything in the feather line, and develop rapidly; the only objection that can be raised is a very small one, the young cockerels do not feather up quite so quickly as some other breeds.

Now, Sir, I wish to say that if the directors had known the superior merits of this very valuable class, they would not have been treated so shabbily, and if they are alive to the interest of the Poultry Association they will make them on an equality with other meritorious breeds. If they do not, all I will say is that they are short sighted.

R. A. EROWN.

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As each director of the P. A. of Ont. may think it likely that another member of the board is the proper one to answer Mr. Brown's questions, in this way they might go by default. Let us say a word here for the directors. The board of the P. A. of Ont., are supposed to be largely influenced by consideration for the benefit of the Society when

preparing the list, and consequently place prizes where there is likely to be sufficient competition to bring a return proportionate to the outlay as compared with other breeds on the list. Langshans are a new variety with us, and were very popular, apparently, last year, but the entries, right we believe, did not encourage the directors to make the prizes equal to that offered on other Asiatics. Langshans, as compared with other varieties of Asiatics on the entry list, were as 8 to 25½, so you see friend Brown, that breeders of Langshans have no cause to grumble. Bring out birds this year that will make good your claim to excellence, and in sufficient numbers, and you will find that the P. A. of Ont. will not discriminate against your favorites.—Ed.

Poultry Association of Ontario

The annual meeting of the Poultry Association of Ontario will be held in the Kirby House, Brantford, on Thursday the 1th February, at one o'clock p. m. for the appointing of the place of holding the next exhibition and the election of officers for the ensuing year.

A meeting of the present board will be held on Thursday, the 9th February, at one o'clock, to start the judges at their work.

All specimens must be forwarded and cooped by noon on Thursday the 9th, to enable the judges to begin their duties.

All entries must be made with the secretary, according to the rules of the association, by Thursday the 2nd February. Intending exhibitors and members will please note.

The prospects of our having a good exhibition are most favorable. Several prominent breeders of the United States have expressed their intention of being present with us, with their exhibits; and I am in daily receipt of letters from all parts of Ontario to the same effect, as well as from Montreal and Sherbrooke P. Q.

Yours truly,

W. SANDERSON, Secretary,

Brantford, Jan'y 6th, 1882.

"Now, young people," said a professor of natural history to his class, "now then, for the hen. A hen has the capacity of laying six hundred eggs, and no more, and she finishes the job in just about five years; now, what is to be done with her after that?" "Cut off her head and sell her for a spring chicken," exclaimed an urchin whose father deals in poultry.

The word Falcon, the name of Easterbrook's well known steel pen, is derived from *Falx*, a reaping hook, suggested by the shape of the Falcon's beak.