

Poultry Yard.

Spring Poultry Exhibition.

MANY of our readers will remember the two very successful Exhibitions of poultry held last year in this city, under the auspices of the Ontario Poultry Association. These exhibitions, and other operations of the Society, have already effected a marked improvement in the class of poultry kept on many farms, and are deserving of all encouragement by those interested in the progress of Canadian farming. The Society are preparing to hold another show this spring, and have issued their notices accordingly. We published, last fall, both the regulations and the prize list. As the former are in the main unaltered, we would refer intending exhibitors to the number of the CANADA FARMER for September 16th, page 217, of Volume 4, where they will find the terms of competition and rules in full. The date fixed for the coming exhibition is Wednesday and Thursday, April 15th and 16th. Entries close on Saturday, March 28th. Birds for exhibition must be at the Agricultural Hall not later than Tuesday, April 14th, by six, P.M. They will also be received on the Monday previous. The judges will commence making their awards at two, P.M., on Tuesday, April 15th, and specimens arriving after that hour will be too late for competition. A new feature in this year's exhibition is the addition of singing and fancy birds, in reference to which the following regulations are issued by the Society:—"Exhibitors in these classes must provide their own cages: the birds may be exhibited singly or otherwise. An entrance fee of fifty cents will be charged for each entry; and the whole amount of such fees will be awarded in prizes, to be apportioned according to the sum thus obtained."

Parties wishing to compete in any of the classes should apply to the Secretary, Mr. J. E. EHIS, Box 498, Post Office, Toronto.

Below we give the Prize List for the forthcoming Exhibition.

BIRDS TO BE SHOWN IN PAIRS—(vide Rule 14.)

CLASS 1—Cochin Chicks—Buff or Cinnamon.	
1st Prize.....\$1.	2nd Prize.....\$2.
CLASS 2—Cochin China: White or any other color.	
1st Prize.....\$1.	2nd Prize.....\$2.
CLASS 3—Brahma Pootra: Light.	
1st Prize.....\$1.	2nd Prize.....\$2.
CLASS 4—Brahma Pootra: Dark.	
1st Prize.....\$1.	2nd Prize.....\$2.
CLASS 5—Dorking, Colored.	
1st Prize.....\$3 given by Hon. G. Brown.	2nd Prize.....\$2.
CLASS 6—Dorking, White.	
1st Prize.....\$1.	2nd Prize.....\$2.
CLASS 7—Spanish.	
1st Prize.....\$1.	2nd Prize.....\$2.
CLASS 8—Game: (Black-breasted and other Reds.)	
1st Prize.....\$1.	2nd Prize.....\$2.
CLASS 9—Game: (Duck-wing and other Greys and Blues.)	
1st Prize.....\$1.	2nd Prize.....\$2.
CLASS 10—Game: (Any other variety.)	
1st Prize.....\$1.	2nd Prize.....\$2.
CLASS 11—Hambury: Gold Pencilled.	
1st Prize.....\$1.	2nd Prize.....\$2.
CLASS 12—Hambury: Silver Pencilled.	
1st Prize.....\$1.	2nd Prize.....\$2.
CLASS 13—Hambury: Gold Spangled.	
1st Prize.....\$1.	2nd Prize.....\$2.
CLASS 14—Hambury: Silver Spangled.	
1st Prize.....\$1.	2nd Prize.....\$2.
CLASS 15—Hambury: Any other variety.	
1st Prize.....\$1.	2nd Prize.....\$2.
CLASS 16—Polish: Black, with white crests.	
1st Prize.....\$1.	2nd Prize.....\$2.
CLASS 17—Polish: Gold.	
1st Prize.....\$1.	2nd Prize.....\$2.
CLASS 18—Polish: Silver.	
1st Prize.....\$1.	2nd Prize.....\$2.
CLASS 19—Polish: Any other variety.	
1st Prize.....\$1.	2nd Prize.....\$2.
CLASS 20—Houdan, Crève Cœur, La Flèche, and other French Fowl—(any age.)	
1st Prize.....\$1.	2nd Prize.....\$2.
CLASS 21—Bantams: Gold or Silver lace.	
1st Prize.....\$1.	2nd Prize.....\$2.
CLASS 22—Bantams: Clean-legged.	
1st Prize.....\$1.	2nd Prize.....\$2.
CLASS 23—Bantams: Feather-legged.	
1st Prize.....\$1.	2nd Prize.....\$2.
CLASS 24—Turkeys: Any variety or age.	
1st Prize.....\$3 given by Hon. G. Brown.	2nd Prize.....\$2.

CLASS 25—Ducks: Aylesbury—(any age.)	
1st Prize.....\$1.	2nd Prize.....\$2.
CLASS 26—Ducks: Rouen—(any age.)	
1st Prize.....\$1.	2nd Prize.....\$2.
CLASS 27—Ducks: Any other variety—(any age.)	
1st Prize.....\$1.	2nd Prize.....\$2.
CLASS 28—Geese: Colored.	
1st Prize.....\$1.	2nd Prize.....\$2.
CLASS 29—Geese: White.	
1st Prize.....\$1.	2nd Prize.....\$2.
CLASS 30—Any other variety of Fowl not mentioned in above classes—(any age.)	
1st Prize.....\$1.	2nd Prize.....\$2.

CLASS 31. Sweepstakes for Game Cocks of any age, to be shown singly, and not to compete in any other class.

A Sweepstakes of \$1 each will be opened for Game Cocks of any age or color. The stakes to be disposed of as follows: After deducting 30 cents from each entry for cost of pens, feed, &c., suppose fifty entries are received, the

1st Prize will be.....	\$20
2nd do.....	10
3rd do.....	5

If a greater or less number than fifty are received, the Stakes will be divided in the same proportion.

PIGEONS.

BIRDS OF ANY AGE—TO BE SHOWN IN PAIRS, EXCEPT CARRIERS AND POUTELS.

CLASS 32—Carriers: Cocks. Any color.	
1st Prize.....	\$2.
CLASS 33—Carriers: Hens. Any color.	
1st Prize.....	\$2.
CLASS 34—Pouters: Cocks. Any color.	
1st Prize.....	\$2.
CLASS 35—Pouters: Hens. Any color.	
1st Prize.....	\$2.
CLASS 36—Tumblers: Short-faced.	
1st Prize.....	\$2.
CLASS 37—Tumblers: Any other variety. (Two Pairs)	
1st Prize.....	\$2.
CLASS 38—Jacobins or Frills: Any color.	
1st Prize.....	\$2.
CLASS 39—Fantails: Any color.	
1st Prize.....	\$2.
CLASS 40—Earbs: Any color.	
1st Prize.....	\$2.
CLASS 41—Turbits.	
1st Prize.....	\$2.
CLASS 42—Trumpeters.	
1st Prize.....	\$2.
CLASS 43—Dragons.	
1st Prize.....	\$2.
CLASS 44—Any other variety of Pigeon not mentioned in the foregoing classes.	
1st Prize.....	\$2.
2nd Prize.....	\$1.

SINGING AND FANCY BIRDS.

CLASS 45—Belgian Canaries
CLASS 46—Yellow "
CLASS 47—Green or other Color "
CLASS 48—Mules.

CLASS 49—Blackbirds.
CLASS 50—Thrushes.
CLASS 51—Woodlarks.
CLASS 52—Skylarks.
CLASS 53—Bullfinches.
CLASS 54—Goldfinches.
CLASS 55—Linnets.
CLASS 56—Fancy and other Birds not included in the above classes.

BRABMA POOTRAS.—Persons in want of good Brahma Pootra fowls, can be supplied, either with the birds or eggs, by applying to T. M'Lean, Esq., of Toronto, whose advertisement appears in the present issue.

NEW IMPORTATIONS.—We learn that some enterprising members of the Poultry Association are importing some fresh blood in the poultry line from England. Among the varieties that are looked for in the course of the Spring are specimens of La Flèche, Black Hamburgs, light Brahma Pootra, Duckwing Game, and Nankin Bantams.

WEIGHTS OF PRIZE POULTRY.—At the recent Birmingham and Midland Counties cattle show, the weights of some of the entries which may be properly termed farm poultry were as follows: Turkeys, cock and hen, exceeding one year old, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th prizes respectively, 50lbs., 46½lbs., and 42½lbs.; birds of 1867, 1st prize 36lbs. 13oz., 2nd 35lbs., 3rd 35lbs., and 4th 33½lbs. Geese, white gander and goose, exceeding one year old, 1st prize 54½lbs., 2nd 49lbs.; birds of 1867, 1st prize 44lbs., 2nd 41lbs.; grey and mottled, exceeding one year old, 1st prize 51lbs., 2nd 41lbs.; birds of 1867, 1st prize 45½lbs., 2nd 45½lbs. Ducks, white Aylesbury (drake and duck), 1st prize 18½lbs., 2nd 17½lbs., third 16½lbs.; Rouen, 1st prize 19½lbs., 2nd 18½lbs., 3rd 18½lbs., 4th 16½lbs., 5th 17½lbs., 6th 15½lbs.

Entomology.

The Locust Tree Borer.

It is now seven or eight years since the Locust trees in the neighbourhood of Toronto began to be destroyed by this insect. A few stray specimens were occasionally captured by entomologists before that time, and then, with apparent suddenness, all the young Locust trees were found to be riddled by the grubs, and large numbers destroyed utterly. The young trees appeared to be their favourite object of attack, though they afterwards turned their attention to the older ones, and allowed few, if any, to escape. Most of the suburban residents of Toronto, who formerly rejoiced in the beauty and fragrance of their locust trees, have had to bewail the loss of these ornaments of their streets and gardens. And not only in town, but for many miles westward, the same destruction has taken place, only here and there a veteran tree remaining to remind us of the beauty that has gone.

This insect has been known to inhabit the State of New York for nearly a hundred years, its appearance and habits being recorded by some English entomologists of that time. About twenty years ago it was found as far west as Chicago, from whence it spread through Illinois and into Iowa. How far it has extended in Canada we do not at present know; we have taken it ourselves at Cobourg to the east, and beyond Hamilton to the west, but where else it has been found we know not. May we beg our correspondents in various localities to let us know whether they have taken it or not, that we may be able to trace out its geographical distribution in this country?

As usually happens, the mischief is done by this insect in its larval or grub state; in its mature or beetle state it feeds upon the pollen of flowers, especially upon the common Golden-rod (*Solidago*), in September. The grub is of a yellowish white colour, about an inch long, and the thickness of an ordinary quill, and is furnished with six minute legs. When young it appears to bore chiefly in the sapwood, but afterwards strikes off into the solid wood of the tree, perforating it in every direction. Its presence is early indicated by the little heaps of sawdust extruded from the holes, and accumulated about the base of the tree.

In its perfect state the borer is a handsome black and yellow, somewhat wasp-like beetle (*Clytus flexuosus*, Fabr.; *pictus*, Drury; *robiniae*, Forster). It is from half to three-quarters of an inch in length, and nearly cylindrical in form. Its general colour is deep black adorned with yellow stripes; on the head and thorax these stripes form narrow transverse bands, but on the elytra the first stripe is slightly flexuous, the second zig-zag, forming a letter W across the wings, the next three wavy and broken; there is also a yellow dot at the tip, and stripes on the sides of the abdomen of the same colour. Its antennae are long and many-jointed, and of a tawny colour; the legs are of the same hue.

As non-entomologists are apt to confound all insects of this class under the comprehensive name of "the borer," and hence imagine that it is one and the same insect that infests trees of every kind, it is well, perhaps, to mention that this beetle confines its attention to the locust tree (the hickory is preyed upon by a very similar insect, hitherto thought to be identical, but now shown by Mr. Walsh to be different in its larval state). There is no danger whatever of this insect attacking apple, plum or other fruit trees, after it has got through with the locusts.

If God could take pains to create an insect, man may take pains to study it, without lowering his dignity.

There are probably ten times as many species of insects in the whole world as of all other animals put together. Hence, the Entomologist holds no sinecure office.

