

dented in the annals of the fancy. The following are the letters bearing on the case :

Nafferton Hall, Nafferton, Hull, Eng., Apr. 23, '94.  
Thomas A. Duff, Esq., Toronto, Can.

My Dear Sir,—I am now able to give you such a report that I never expected. It is a pleasant surprise to myself and must be a pleasure to you. I received the 59 barred Plymouth Rock eggs on the 28th of March. Set most of them at once, all under ten really good hens. On the 21st a few came off, yesterday more, and to-day up to writing 42 live birds—only four unfertile out of the 59. Another hen set later just coming off with five or six coming out nicely. Out of the six "Champion" eggs you so kindly sent me I have four lovely chicks—one not hatched, one unfertile. I will write to-morrow giving total out and send report to all our poultry papers in England and send you a copy with report in.

It is seldom they hatch out so well, set in our own country. I may say I never received eggs packed so well and came in such good condition—not one broken.

It speaks volumes for the health of your birds. I do not think I have a single black chick amongst them. Send others at once if not sent. I am sure this will open up more business with you and myself and with other fanciers in England.

Faithfully yours,

R. BUTTERFIELD.

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My Dear Sir,—I am very pleased to say total hatched out 52 out of 55 fertile eggs. It is really better than my own have done. It is a clear proof that they are as safe to hatch from you as our own yards. Yours faithfully,

R. BUTTERFIELD.

#### MORE ON THE WAY.

Mr. Duff has since shipped (May 11th) two more settings and is to forward a cockerel and four pullets on Oct. 1st.

#### HARD TIMES.

The following extract from a letter from a lady reader of the REVIEW shows us what an assistance a properly managed flock of poultry may be in tiding over the present depression, so much felt by nearly all classes, and also what a help our better halves can be where so disposed. The lady writes: "If it were not for them (the fowl) we would be in a bad way. Your paper is both interesting and very helpful."

#### THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE

for Ontario is being freely criticised in some quarters for the appointment during the past winter of a very youthful lecturer on poultry, who, if report is true, has but little practical knowledge of the subject in which he is supposed to instruct others. It is of vital importance, especially at this stage, that none but those most fully competent to act be appointed to such an important position as lecturer to Farmers' Institutes.

#### IMPORTATION OF DORKINGS.

We had the pleasure a few days ago of seeing in the Customs House in this city a consignment of silver grey Dorkings from the famous yards of the Hon. Florence Amherst, one of the most famous exhibitors of this variety in the world. The birds—two cocks and two hens—are large with grand shaped bodies and beautiful color, and if shown, will make it hot for some of our old exhibitors. They were consigned to Mr. E. C. Ryott, who has since disposed of them to Mr. G. M. Haven, Toronto, a new and enthusiastic fancier. The four birds arrived in most excellent condition.

#### IT HAS OFTEN SURPRISED US

that this grand old breed, the English Dorking, the acme of what a table fowl should be, carrying an immense amount of breast meat with very little offal, is not more bred in Canada. It is a mistake to think them delicate at any age, for this they most certainly are not, and the prejudice here against white flesh and legs is, to use a mild term, exceedingly silly. We should be glad to see them more freely bred.

#### MESSRS. HAYCOCK & KENT, KINGSTON,

have reached the "top notch" in the way of hatching and have concluded this season's operations with five hundred chicks out and doing well.

#### REVIEWS RECEIVED.

In last issue we asked for a copy each of the REVIEW for November and December, 1891, and have since been inundated with them, for which we sincerely thank the senders. However, as we wanted but *one* copy of each to complete a file, we would be glad to return the duplicates to those who so kindly robbed their own sets for our benefit. The REVIEW must surely find favor with its readers to be so faithfully preserved for so many years back.