

seen to be setting in every corner of his poultry house, which is built for his own convenience as well as the comfort of his fowls. Mr. Carling intimated to us that he intended to show at all the coming fall fairs and winter shows, and says if he gets "a fair show" he will do honor to the varieties he represents.

We next called on Mr. Wm. Carling, and found him as enthusiastic a fancier as his brother, but his taste varying somewhat. This gentleman took us through his large brick poultry house, and from time to time pointed out birds in the Black-red Game class that had won honors at different shows. "Bill" also breeds Plymouth Rocks, and, if we judge aright, is looking Sid. Congerward.

As we passed down Main street we met Mr. John P. Clarke, who gave us a cordial shake of the hand. We would have passed on at this, had not a peculiar smile (so unmistakable in a thorough poultry man) played around his features. On enquiry we found that we were not astray in our surmises. Brother Clarke informed us that he was breeding Light Brahmas, and invited us in to see them. We were not prepared for such a surprise, but were glad to see such a fine stock in possession of our Northern neighbors. We are sorry Mr. C. breeds for pleasure only, as we would like to see him and his stock in the show room occasionally.

Last, (but not least by any means,) came Messrs. Pickard and Spicer, the gentlemen who are making themselves known to the fraternity through the columns of the Review. Although a firm, the stock of these gentlemen is divided, each taking part which necessitated a second walk before all could be seen. Mr. Spicer, who attends to the smaller varieties, was at home and showed us every courtesy. After showing us through his section we were invited to the yards of his partner, Mr. Pickard. This gentleman lives just inside of the corporation on a ten acre farm, all of which is in fruit. The entire space is devoted to rearing thoroughbred poultry, of which these gentlemen have a large variety. Mr. Pickard informed us he was going to build a large poultry house this summer, to accommodate their largely increasing trade. Anyone purchasing fowls of them can rely on getting sound, healthy birds, as the chicks are allowed the range of the whole farm. As to quality of stock, we might just mention that these gentlemen are close readers of the Review, and never miss any opportunity of purchasing birds suitable to their wants, regardless of price. In answer to a question, they stated that as a result of advertising in the Review their trade had largely increased this spring.

Owing to the time at our disposal being somewhat limited, we did not "take in" all the poultry coops. Until quite recently a poultry fancier was something foreign to Exeter, but now the "sound of the rooster" is heard in almost every yard, and the fever is spreading. It is safe to predict that next fall Exeter will be well represented at all the leading shows.

We forgot to mention the fact that we called on Mr. Wilson Swinerton, the only breeder of Black Javas in this section of the country. Mr. S. being such a big man, we would have expected to find him breeding Mammoth Bronze turkeys, but he seems satisfied with his Javas.

W. R. GARNER.

London, March 24th, 1885.

Correspondence from the Capital.

Editor Review,

In reply to your letter, the only excuse I can give for my long silence, is, that I have been too busy to write. As you are aware I have recently removed from Toronto to this city, and you may be sure I was not here long before I made the acquaintance of the most prominent fanciers.

The Eastern Ontario Poultry and Pet Stock Association was only organized last fall, and now has about 75 paid up members.

Everybody here is deeply interested at present in the problem of hatching chickens; and I have already heard of two cases where it proved a dismal failure. In both cases the breeding stock was too fat. I will not make any further remarks on this subject, as I reviewed my opinions and experience at considerable length in September number, 1884.

The disposition so frequently manifested by beginners to keep four or five different varieties has of course taken its own course here. I wish to offer a word of advice to all such: Select one variety, and after you have kept that variety for a year or two, you will begin to realize that it is no easy matter to keep even one breed, and produce a fair percentage of standard birds. The unbounded admiration of the young fancier, for all thoroughbred fowls, makes it hard to settle down to one variety, especially if his pocket is deep enough to permit him to indulge his fancy.

After selecting your favorite breed, stick to it. You will not know very much about it, even after you have kept them a year; and if you run through half a dozen varieties in as many months, you will know nothing; but at the same time you will probably think you know considerable. But "a little knowledge is a dangerous thing" unless in the possession of a shrewd person. I repeat, stick to one breed, for a year or two at any rate, and then you can add a second variety, if you are still discontented with one.

Yours very truly,

T. A. WILLIAMS,
(Late of Toronto.)

Ottawa, April 27th, 1885.

Notes from Ottawa.

"Anything new from the North-west?" "How many chicks did you get?" Such are the dual interrogatories you hear among the poultry loving fraternity, as they meet on their way, or soon after arriving in town. The first query being disposed of, the second comes in for a share of attention, and in duty bound, as a faithful recorder, I have to state that in the great majority of cases the replies have been very unsatisfactory. And how is it, that in so many cases, so far this season, the early hatches have proved such signal failures? I could mention the names of nearly a dozen enthusiastic, energetic and experienced fanciers whose first fond hopes have been earnestly blasted. Take my own case, and everyone speaks most feelingly from his own standpoint. With profound satisfaction I put under two early setters choice P. Rock eggs from my 92½ scoring cockerel and a pen of carefully selected females. Now for prize stock, early layers, big chicks, and to be ahead of all others. Such