

The outside finish is quite artistic, and has a most pleasing effect, the colors are maroon and olive.

The total cost we understand was close in the neighborhood of \$2,500. It is proposed to use the old coops this year; but next season it is probable that permanent coops will be put in, a double row down the centre of the hall, and none at the sides, this affording ample light and space to visitors to view the exhibits.

THE EDITOR ABROAD.

Having a few days leisure last month, we thought we could not do better than visit a few of our fancier friends and note how the fraternity was progressing. Our purpose was mainly to see how the chicks compared with last year; though we did not lose sight of the fact that the old birds deserved some of our attention.

From what we saw and heard we are fully assured that this year's chickens are quite a month behind in maturity to what they were last year at the same time; but this is more than recompensed by the advance in quality (due in many cases to recent importations) which is plainly visible. Well, to proceed to our "tower," we left Toronto for

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on the 13th of August, and on arrival at our destination were met by Mr. M. Hern who kindly gave up the whole day to escorting us around town. We are also greatly indebted to his good lady for her kind hospitality and good cheer.

The first yards we visited were those of

Mr. Alfred Hobbs,

who unfortunately was absent from home, but Mrs. H. kindly showed us around. His stock consists of Dominicks, the only ones of this variety we can call to mind in Ontario; S. S. Hamburgs, Javas and Houdans, amongst which are many good birds, but we

failed to see any early chicks. Leaving there we came to

Mr. Geo. Wright's,

whose stock is large and consists mainly of Buff and Partridge Cochins, of which we noticed some very good male birds, Light and Dark Brahmas, S. G. Dorkings, Rouen and Aylesbury ducks. He has some chicks very far advanced indeed, especially some Buff and Partridge Cochins, a Partridge cockerel being nearly full grown, hatched in January. His chicks all through show good breeding and quality.

Mr. John Archibald

breeds Brown and White Leghorns. We saw amongst them some very fine and large Brown cockerels, which no doubt will make their mark.

Mr. Joseph Jeffrey,

who kindly drove us out to his extensive grounds is a man "after our own heart" and has a most unique and varied collection of pets. He goes in largely for pheasants and has been very successful in raising these delicate (when young) birds. His pheasantry is neat and complete, and we saw there 7 or 8 pairs of beautiful Silvers and in grand condition, and some magnificent Golden. Mr. Jeffrey intends to further extend his collection of these birds.

We also noticed several peacocks strutting around the lawn, but his most prized pets are a pair of tame deer. He hopes that young deer may not be very far in the future.

Mr. Jeffrey also breeds Jersey cattle, some of which are winners of numerous prizes.

Pierce & Hall

breed Houdans exclusively, and certainly breed birds of a fine quality. Their chicks, both cockerels and pullets are quite four months old, and are "away up" in size and quality.

Their old birds are also beyond praise.

Mr. Silas Foster

breeds Houdans, Black Hamburgs and Brown Leghorns, but we did not see

any very early chicks. Leaving Mr. Fosters' we came to

Messrs. S. and P. Jackmans,

who have some really good black Hamburgs, some of the hens being particularly fine; also Pyle and Brown Red Game bantams and Golden Pencilled Hamburgs and pigeons of various varieties.

Mr. J. O. Labelle

has the largest Black Minorca chicks we had seen this season up to that time. Two cockerels we noticed among them being very far advanced and good in quality. We also noticed some very nice white and silver grey Dorkings and black Javas.

Mr. John Fogg

has some very early Pyle chicks very good in station and color, and which it seems a pity not to see in the show pen. He also has a large stock of Fantails, black, white and blue; several of merit, good tails, short in back, &c.

Next to visit, was

Mr. A. McTaggart,

whose specialities are white and brown Leghorns and Langshans. Some very fine and large white pullets and cockerels caught our eye.

Mr. T. H. Smelt,

the genial Secretary of the Bowmanville Poultry Association, has a nice little flock of those pretty pets, White Polish Bantams, the hens being particularly fine. Mr. Smelt is making an effort to reduce the size of comb in the cock and so far has made considerable advance in his object. He also breeds silver Seabright bantams and brown and white Leghorns. Some chicks of the latter are going to be "away up in G."

Adjourning to the house of our host

Mr. M. Hern,

for tea, we had a good opportunity of viewing his stock. The first batch to catch our eye was a lot of 12 imported silver Poland chicks, and a really first rate lot they are, beautifully laced and rich in color with grand large crests. Two of the pullets having the best crests