

Pigeon and Pet Stock Department.

NOTES.

ABOUT 200 hundred pigeons were shown at Brantford, including some really good ones, Messrs. Fred Wright, and J. C. Montgomery, Brantford, and J. C. Stockwell, London, were the principal exhibitors and prize takers.

While at the Chicago Show Mr. H. B. Donovan, Toronto, sold to Mr. James Hill Jr. of Cleveland, Ohio, a well-known breeder, of short-face Tumblers, the agate short-face cock and self-yellow hen first in their respective classes, the price paid being fifty dollars. They are both fit to win in any company.

Mr. Donovan also sold to the Government of Salvador through their Commissioner the Honorable F. Moria, a pair of Peruvian Cayies for twenty dollars, and a pair each of Himalayan, and Dutch rabbits, at ten dollars per pair. Each pair had won a first prize.

HINTS FOR BEGINNERS ON THE KEEPING OF FOREIGN BIRDS.

(Continued from last month.)

REW birds—If you are wise, you will keep your birds in pairs. As a rule, obtain your birds direct from the dealers and as soon after their arrival in this country as possible. Be suspicious of puffy and overtame birds. See that they are sound in feet, wings and beak, and that they have not been pinioned, *i. e.*, have not had the end of the wing cut off at the joint most remote from the body. Some dealers always pinion many kinds of birds, as it makes them tame, *i. e.*, takes the heart and life out of them. Such a practice is defensible in the case of some ground birds and water-fowl which are given a home for life at such a place as the Zoological Gardens; but, as a general practice, it is barbarous and abominable. I once came across a pinioned Goldfinch, and I have in my possession at this moment a specimen of the rare and beautiful *Trichoglossus ornatus*, with both wings mutilated, and consequently hopelessly ruined. There is

no fixed price for Foreign Birds. The prices differ according to the time of the year, the number in the market, and the fancy of the dealer, who frequently does what he can to drive away custom by charging beginners exorbitant prices. There are advantages in keeping common birds. You can obtain good specimens, and in pairs; and if you lose one you can replace it without much difficulty, and at little cost. Some of the rarer kinds are very difficult to obtain, especially in pairs, a lost bird can hardly be replaced at any price, and you have to pay fancy prices often for very bad birds. Many interesting varieties, common in their own country, are rare here because there is a little demand for them. Dealers have to study the fashions.— *Fur and Feather*

AWARDS AT KINGSTON.

PIGEONS.

Pair of pouters, pied, 1, W. Reid. Pair of pouters, any other color, 1 and 2, G. Wood & Company, Ottawa. Pair of Carriers, B or D, 1, W. Reid. Pair of barbs, B or R, 1, Reid, 2, Woods & Company. Pair of fan-tails, B. or W. 1, Wood & Company; 2 C. F. Cartwright. Fan-tails, any other color, 1, Reid. Pair of Tumblers, 1 and 2, Dr. Clark. Pair of Jacobins, 1 and 2, Dr. Clark. Pair of Nuns, 1 and 2, Wood & Company. Pair trumpeters, 1, Wood & Company; 2, Reid. Pair Owls, silver, or blue, 1, Wood & Company; 2, Dr. Clark. Pair of Turbits, 1, Woods & Company; 2, Reid. Pair of Antwerps, 1, Dr. Clark. Pair, any other variety, 1 and 2, Dr. Clark.

WESTERN FAIR LONDON.

LIST OF AWARDS.

Carriers, Black, Wm. Fox, Toronto, 1st and 2nd. Dun, Fox, 1st and 2nd. Any O. C. Fox, 1st, Geo Morgan, 2nd. *Pouters*, white, G Axtell, London, 1st, L S Poultry Farm, 2nd. Black or blue pied, L S Poultry Farm, 1. Red or yellow pied, Axtell, 1st, L S P Farm 2nd. *Tumblers*, short-face, Axtell, 1st, Fox, 2nd. A O V, Fox, 1st, Axtell, 2nd. *Jacobins*, red or yellow, Flynn, Pottersburg, 1st, A J Stockwell, London, 2. A O C, L S P Farm, 1st, Stockwell, 2nd. *Fantails*, white, Fox, 1st and 2nd. A O C, L S P Farm, 1st and 2nd. *Barbs*, A O C, Axtell, 1st. *Trumpeters*, Russian, Fox, 1st and 2nd. *Turbits*, any color, Axtell, 1st, Fox, 2nd. *Archangles*, Fox, 1st, Stockwell, 2nd. *Owls*, Fox, 1st, Axtell, 2. *Swallows*, Fox, 1st and 2nd. *Nuns*, L S P Farms, 1st and 2nd. *Magpies*, Fox, 1st and 2nd. *Rabbits*, Lop eared, Fox, 1st and 2nd. Dutch, Fox, 1st and 2nd. Angora, Edwin Saunders, 1st, Fox 2d. *Guinea Pigs*, Fox, 1st and 2d.