

and take the liberty, if not too late, of suggesting to the "powers that be" that Mr. Wm. Likens, of Toronto, be appointed to judge the pigeons, and which is the expressed wish of all the fanciers that have spoken to me about it. He has judged at Montreal, Toronto, and shows in the United States, and has always, I believe, given entire satisfaction. In fact, taking all the varieties, he is considered by most of the fanciers the only one in Canada capable to undertake the job, and we do not want to go outside the country and get a worse one; besides he is not in anyway interested in our exhibitors' birds more than another.

The one great dread of most intending exhibitors has been the appointment of a judge who is too friendly with the exhibitors and their birds, and to relieve this in a great measure would be to have the judges chosen in time so that their names could be shown over the classes in the prize lists.

We have many good judges of pigeons in Canada of certain varieties, but I did not know one who can go through all the varieties that are likely to be shown, as Mr. Likens can.

I hope to be an exhibitor in February and would be quite satisfied with his judging, but would wish it to be understood that I have no more interest in him than wishing to have a judge who will do his work without fear or favor.

Yours faithfully,

J. B. JONES, Jr.
Toronto, Decr 4, 1832.

Editorial Review.

My birds are doing nicely this winter. I have separated them and most are through moulting. I never had birds moult so late in the season.

In regard to my success in the breeding loft this past summer I can only say that I met with miserable luck. My birds have bred well, but some way when the youngsters were about to open their eyes they would die off without any particular reason. I attribute it to the damp, wet weather we have had. I have, however, done finely with the birds that pulled through. I have two young red cocks that are perfect beauties, also a yellow hen that is fine. Any of these birds will make their mark in the show room.

Last Wednesday I went down to Utica, N. Y., and spent Thanksgiving with an old friend, J. Wilson Jones, the great pouter and Jacobin fancier. Mr. J. has some hundred and fifty birds, about half each Pouters and and Jacobins. In the former I noticed some grand long fellows; especially fine was a young white hen raised this summer, and his old blue hen, the wonder of all pouter fanciers, looked as she always does—about perfection.

Mr. Jones really has too many birds for the room he has at demand, and I think some good fancier

could make a great hit if he should purchase all of Mr. Jones' pouters, "for he will not sell his Jacks." In Jacobins Mr. Jones breeds blacks, reds, yellow, blue and white. In the first named color he without doubt possesses the best stock in the State. His red and yellow are also nearly perfect, and he has realized some large figures by the sale of stock the past season.

In fact we spent an exceedingly pleasant day, and could not leave without purchasing some of those grand birds. So, looking over his stud of some seventy-five birds we finally selected a dun hen, bred from his old imported "black" direct from John Frame of Belfast, Ireland; also a red hen bred from his imported reds; a yellow cock bred from a Crawford hen and his old imported cock; a red hen from his imported reds and blacks, and own sister to the best red in his loft, a splendid cock of good imported French blood, also another red hen of great length of feather. I do not tell you the price given for these birds as it might frighten some of our smaller breeders.

In a letter recently received from England I learned that Mr. J. Monaghery, of Liverpool, refused £200, or \$300, for a black cock he raised this season. Without doubt the Jack is the coming pigeon, and we are getting some grand birds here in York State; in fact all the best birds of this variety are owned between New York City and Buffalo.

You may publish these notes if you care; they may prove interesting to some of your many readers. Just before closing permit me to congratulate you on the improved condition of the Review, and may it and its editor live long and make money.

Yours,

Geo. E. Pier.

Rochester, N. Y., Decr. 4th, 1832.

We would be very glad to see Mr. Pier and his friend Mr. Jones, with their birds, at the show of Poultry Association of Ontario next February. They would there find both Pouters and Jacobins worthy of competing against, and, we think, regular and special lists having some inducements in them also.

Several experienced pigeon fanciers have promised to supply communications regularly to this department during the coming year, and we hope to make it very interesting to all interested in these fascinating pets.

An experienced bird fancier informs us that fully two-thirds of the mortality amongst canaries and other cage birds is caused by over-feeding.

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