



OWEN SOUND SHOW.

(Our own Reporter.)

The sixth annual exhibition of the Owen Sound and County of Grey Poultry Association, was held in the Town Hall, Owen Sound, February 4th to 7th. The entries were from the leading breeders in Canada and a few from Buffalo, N. Y. On the whole they were an unusually good lot. The judge, Mr J.Y. Bicknell, pleased everybody with his judgment, there not being a single "kicker" in the whole show. The scoring was finished second day and all prizes up third day, score cards were also ready third day. Too much cannot be said of the excellent manner in which Mr. McLaren and his son Dick filled the post of Secretaries, they more than pleased the Directors, who heretofore have experienced considerable annoyance in getting score cards, prizes, etc., properly executed.

Among the visitors from a distance we noticed Mrs. Peters, Angus; C. R. Bache and E. J. Otter, Toronto; W.G. Jessop and Joseph Dawson, Brampton; and others who all went home well pleased. May we have the pleasure of meeting them all again next year and many others too.

LIGHT BRAHMAS were a large class, and, with a few exceptions, a grand lot all through, the winners being all well placed. DARK BRAHMAS, not as large a class but full of merit, and all hard ones to beat. 1st cockerel an exceptionally fine bird, just the right station, well feathered toes, and A1 tail and color. This is a valuable bird, imported especially for this exhibition.

BUFF COCHINS—Poorly represented

in numbers but of fair quality. 1st pullet a good and a hard one to beat. PARTRIDGE COCHINS—Smaller class and not so good.

PLYMOUTH ROCKS—Barred, very small class and cut very severely by judge. 1st cockerel nice large bird, well marked, 2nd fully up to first, in our opinion. 1st pullet the finest one we ever saw, grand markings, nice tail and shanks, in our opinion good for two points more. WHITE ROCKS—1st an extra large bird, well worth his score. 1st hen fully up to cock, and would win in better company. 1st cockerel nice large bird, 1st pullet the best we ever saw, 2nd nearly up to her.

BLACK JAVAS—The winning birds all very fine and well placed.

WYANDOTTES—A good class, 1st and 2nd pullets win anywhere.

HAMBURGS—A very large class, the blacks and golden penciled grand birds, the 1st cockerel and pullet in the latter being extra fine.

LANGSHANS—Not a very large class, but what they lacked in numbers was fully made up for in quality, 1st pullet fit for any competition.

LEGHORNS—A well filled class and good quality, the competition in rose-comb white was very close, there being three tied for 1st on hen, 1st cock and cockerel well placed, 2d pullet a nice one, and we think fully up to first. Blacks a good lot all through, 1st hen and pullet win most anywhere. Brown single comb winners would get a place in any show; whites, as a lot not as good, but 1st and 2nd pullets grand show birds every way.

GAMES—The largest class in the show, B. D. Reds numbering 59. 1st cock nice large bird, good color, but very bad tail and too large a body; 2nd grand carriage, very reachy on good strong legs well apart, long head, fine color all through, tail small and carried low, magnificent shoulders with wings well carried, loses first place on

blind eye, cut 2 points, also cut 1 point feathers off legs, this bird was tied for 2nd by a nice small but stylish cock, too dark in color though to suit our fancy. 1st hen good large one, high stationed, nice short hackle and A1 tail; 2nd nearly up to her, but loses on station, best tail of any in the show. 1st cockerel a rare one, but not in best of condition, good station and tail, color rather dark and head too thick, good square shoulder, with wings just rightly carried, good for another point when in condition; 2nd not near as good and away off on tail and stern. 1st pullet a typical exhibition bird every way, magnificent carriage and very reachy, grand color and tail, the best head in the show, long and slim with splendid bay eyes; 2nd not far behind anyway except wing, color and head.

BLACK SPANISH—A small class, but some good ones among them.

BANTAMS—Numbered only fourteen all told, 1st pair, black reds, nice stylish ones, cockerel nice light color and fine whip tail well carried, plenty of leg but breast badly splashed, and head could be better. Pullet very fair all through, except ears which were very bad, good station and nice color. 1st breeding pen only medium ones, off in legs and tail. PEKINS—Only two pair, but the the pair taking special are good ones and well placed.

DUCKS—A large class and probably the best in Canada, if not in America, and owners may justly feel proud of owning such rare ones.

GEESE AND TURKEYS—Only one pair each, the latter being a bronze pair, good color but lack size.

It might be mentioned that the new Standard evidently has lowered scores on nearly every variety except solid colored birds, and on Games it cuts very severely, the difference being more noticeable in this class than any other. The judge, Mr. Bicknell, remarked that a B. B. Red that scores 95 under new