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THE PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION.

THE POULTRY BREEDERS of Ontario naturally look forward to their Annual Provincial Exhibition with a degree of pleasure and satisfaction only known to themselves. It is to them the acknowledged principal exhibition of the year, not only of the province of Ontario, which contributes directly towards its support, but in fact of the whole Dominion of Canada. The amount offered in prizes is large, and the sum appropriated to the poultry class of the exhibition, said to be in due proportion to that offered in the classes of a higher order. The prizes are open to competition to all breeders and fanciers, no matter from what county or locality they may hail; the awards said to be made on the ground of merit solely, totally unbiassed by any private or personal consideration whatever, and necessarily to carry with

them that weight to which they are or ought to be entitled, emanating as they do from so high a source; the Judges said to be men of rectitude, not amateurs ill-informed in the respective merits of fowls, but breeders of well known repute; not chosen with the view to further the interests, or award prizes to this or that Exhibitor whose fowls are not otherwise deserving of it, but with acknowledged ability to perform the work undertaken by them, and that their decisions, when given, will commend themselves to the minds of all unbiassed poultry breeders on the ground of merit only. Such are the views entertained by a large number of poultry breeders and exhibitors, regarding our Provincial Exhibition and the awards made in the poultry class. But alas! how vain, when viewed by the light and knowledge of the knowing ones who have the control and management of it.

We did not attend the Exhibition this year *in propria persona*, nevertheless we were not unrepresented. Our faithful aid was there, and "tak his notes," and a fearful category of grievances and mismanagement he presents for our inspection. Inadequate accommodation for the fowls; the usual inattention to their wants and comforts while on exhibition; carelessness and incompetency remarkably visible in the arrangement of the coops; supreme confusion in the classification of the differ-