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poultry would be chronicled as one of the rare events of the day. This state of things now no longer exists. Hundreds of dozens of hatching eggs have this year been imported into Canada from England and elsewhere by parties desirous either of procuring fresh blood for their already formed yards, or to commence the business of poultry-keeping for themselves; and the frequent mention made of large importations of live birds by our more advanced breeders bear still further testimony of the increasing interest taken in this branch of domestic economy.

In this article, however, it is not our intention to endeavor to trace to what particular source or origin this desirable state of things is attributable; for our present purpose it is sufficient to know that a larger, finer and much better class of fowls are now to be found in this Province than at any former time; and with this fact steadily kept in view, to offer a few remarks on judging at our poultry shows, having reference more particularly to our Provincial Exhibition now so close at hand.

The judging of poultry till of recent date was conducted on similar principles to those which govern judges in the other departments of live stock. No specific rules for their guidance in making awards were known or recognized. General rules there were but of a very elastic nature—and judges experienced

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### JUDGING AT POULTRY SHOWS.

It is with much satisfaction that Poultry fanciers and breeders view the steady onward progress that is being made of late years in this country in the improvement of fowls of all kinds. Only a few years since, and the importation of eggs for hatching purposes would be looked upon as a piece of sheer folly, while the importation of live