

it helps on expenses. It is a better way to reserve a little cash for the third, even if the others have to be a little reduced. But we do not advocate reducing bear in mind; for it should not be less than now for first and second.

The poultry list is extensive and embraces the White Minorcas, but omits the beautiful Rose Comb White and Brown Leghorns, tho' they have been Standard varieties for years. Ducks, geese and turkeys in full lists, with the same cash prizes for chicks in all classes, make a very attractive prize sheet for the poultry keeper's consideration. The dates advertised are from September 9th to 14th. We hope to pay our first visit to the name-sake city of our birth-place this year, when we hope for "Queen's weather" all the time.

Toronto Prize List.

WE have received many enquiries as to where the prize list of the Industrial can be obtained, and as many of our readers may wish to procure one we would say they can be procured from the secretary, Mr. H. J. Hill, Toronto.

The prize list of poultry embraces every Standard variety of fowls, geese, turkeys, ducks, and a class for ornamental fowl such as pheasants (which have eight sections allotted to them). The pet class has 34 sections in all, and embraces such pets as white mice, guinea pigs and rabbits. The poultry list has 110 sections each for fowls and chicks, with uniform cash prizes of \$2 for 1st, and \$1.50 for 2nd, V. H. C. card for 3rd. In turkeys, geese and ducks there are 20 sections each in old and young classes. There is a slight difference in the prizes this year as follows: \$2 for 1st, \$1.50 for 2nd and 50c. for 3rd. The half dollar being taken from the first prize of last year, which stood at \$2.50, and added as a third prize in these classes: the same value for old and young in every section. Besides the above there are six silver medals for collections of poultry and pigeons, and a special prize cup, value \$50, given by the Toronto Poultry, Pigeon and Stock Association, for the best Black Red Game cockerel owned and bred by the exhibitor in the Dominion of Canada, to be won three times before it becomes

the actual property of the winner. Diplomas are to be given for breeding pens. The prizes in the general list are on single birds. The entry fees are 25c. on each entry.

Going Into the Chicken Business.

Continued.

THERE is another snag that the amateur poultry man is almost sure to strike, and that is, the uncertainty as to whether or no he shall go into thoroughbreds. He turns this subject over in his mind, and asks the advice of as many hundreds of his friends as are within reach as to what is best to be done and which is the very best breed. The answers he receives vary according to the powers of imagination these friends possess, and their ability to "sock it to him."

But one of the arguments against the use of thoroughbreds he is sure to be favored with, and that is somewhat as follows: "Now look here Jack, what the dickens is the use of paying seven dollars for two birds, or ten for three, when you can buy old Jones' flock right out for 30c. each. You won't get any more for the chicks you get when you send them to market, and you need not expect to get one cent more a dozen for their eggs either. Just have a little sense for once in your life. I don't see how it is myself, but if once a fellow gets started on these hen fevers, they ain't got no sense to count on. You don't catch me being such a fool as to give ten dollars for three birds, nor for six either. You just go and buy out old Jones, and you'll be doing a sensible thing," &c.

Well it does seem an almost unanswerable argument to the ordinary mortal, but show us the man who begins with mongrel stock and we will show you, nine times out of ten, the man who will get sick of it in a very few years' time. Who are the men that to-day are the heaviest stock carriers and largest breeders of poultry? Almost without exception they are men who took one or more of the thoroughbred varieties to begin with. Is there one poultry farm where only mongrels are bred and kept, which has obtained the world-wide celebrity of the principal breeders of the thorough-