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NOTES AND COMMENTS

MR. E. WALTON, of Medicine Hat, N.W.T., in renewing his own subscription to Review, kindly sends us another, and adds that quite an interest in poultry is now being taken in his vicinity, and he hopes to send us several more.

Mr. Frank C. Hare writes us that the interest in poultry fattening, both for home consumption as well as for export, is rapidly on the increase, and that information is being eagerly sought. Mr. Hare has kindly stated his willingness to answer any questions regarding fattening that any of our readers may desire to ask. We know one vital point is: How can cooped chickens be induced to eat sufficient to lay on flesh in hot weather? Another is: How can feather-eating be stopped?

Hamilton Poultry Association has chosen the first week in December for their next annual show. It has departed from the custom of not closing till Saturday night, and will now close on Friday night at ten o'clock. This is considered a good move, as it will enable the outsiders to receive their exhibits home on Saturday afternoon, in lots of time to prepare them for the Ontario Show at Guelph.

They have already secured a splendid building to hold the show in. It is 250 feet by 500, and lighted from the top, and is only one block from the centre of the city.

The judges have agreed to arrive early and devote plenty of time to the judging of the classes.

Hamilton has held a good many successful shows, and paid everybody in full the last day of the show, which should ensure them another most successful exhibition. Last year they had one of the finest exhibits of dressed poultry, and will try to outdo it this year. The pigeon list has been supplemented, and there is some talk of supplying coops in this class.

Mr. F. J. S. Chatterton, F.E.S., an English artist and writer on poultry subjects, whose work we have often admired, is visiting America, and purposes making extended trips to take in the principal yards.

The Eastern Ontario Show will be held in Almonte during the third week in January. Mr. A. P. Mutchmor, of Ottawa, is the secretary.

Mr. J. H. Warrington, Cornwall, was in Toronto, on August 20th, on his way back from a trip through the Eastern States, where he visited many prominent breeders' yards. He still sticks to the black Spanish.

Secretary Minshall tells us that Brantford is going to do big things this year at their show to be held January 8th to 11th, 1901. The list will be a full one, all varieties being looked after, and no less than four prominent Canadian judges will be appointed, so that all awards may be made on the first day. This is business. The city, county and township are all helping with liberal grants.

There is one danger that may attend the advent of the many fattening stations that are being inaugurated all over the Dominion, and that is, that in sellers' and fatteners' eagerness to make a good record, the best birds.

the birds of largest frame and roundest form may be sent for sale. This, if persisted in for some years, will deplete the country of its best stock, as it has done in the case of poultry in Ireland. That country has seen the danger, and has, for the past few years been making strenuous efforts to recuperate by the importation from England of large, thoroughbred sires. We should strive to breed up and not down, as the sale of our best birds each year will lead to. No breeder succeeds, who sells his best in any line. Retain for next year's use the strongest, largest, meat carrying pullets and a sufficient number of males of like character, and you will find your stock next season will show the effects of the care you have exercised.

While in London we had an opportunity of visiting Mr. Oke's new place where he has an ideal fancier's home. It consists of about nine acres, flat as a table, with a creek bounding it on one side. The whole place has been planted to fruit trees, except the front lawn and a clover field, and when these grow up, the location will leave little to be desired. The soil is light with a gravel subsoil and so is always dry. The main house is 180 ft. long, facing the south, with a passage along the south side. The pens open into extensive yards to the north and a row of cock pens open into the same yards. A four-roomed cottage in the centre affords room for feed bins, washing room, and the usual sundries of a well appointed plant. Mr. Oke devotes his whole time to "fancy" poultry and evidently makes it pay. He deserves to.

Mr. Mutchmor paid a flying visit to Toronto on the Saturday following