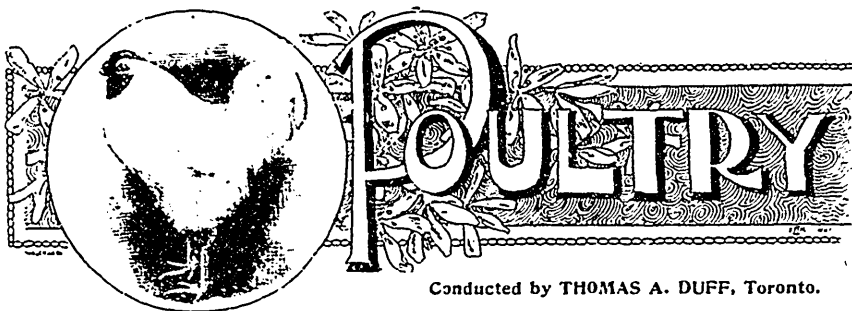




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[NOTE.—The publishers of FARMING desire it to be an aid to all its readers, and, with that end in view, I cordially invite one and all to make themselves at home in these columns. I shall be happy to answer, to the best of my ability, any and all questions relating to the management, feeding, housing, or diseases of poultry, and invite all who experience any difficulty, or wish information, to write, stating what is desired, and giving all the facts in connection with the inquiry. The name of the writer will be withheld if desired. Let us not only profit by each other's successes, but also by each other's mistakes.—EDITOR.]

### Poultry Illustrations.

We have again pleasure in presenting to our readers four more illustrations of winning birds at various exhibitions. On the opposite page we show a pen and ink sketch of the first-prize Silver Wyandotte cock, owned by Mr. Jacob Dorst, Toronto. This bird possesses the true Wyandotte shape, is well laced on saddle and hackle, and has a grand breast. Mr. Dorst has for many years been one of the foremost breeders of Silver Wyandottes in America, and his stock has won high honors both in Canada and the United States. In competition for the "Duff" Medal, he was only beaten by two points.

We also present a half-tone engraving of a White Wyandotte Cockerel, owned and bred by Mr. Charles Massie, Port Hope, Ont. This bird won first at the last Port Hope show, and scored 95½. He was one of the best birds exhibited in Canada last season, and gives great promise as a cock. No doubt he will be heard from this winter. Mr. Massie has long been associated with first-class White Wyandottes, and his stock is always of the best.

On another page we have the first prize La Fleche Cockerel at the last New York show, which was first as a cock at this year's Toronto exhibition. The bird was bred and is owned by Mr. Richard Oke, London, Ont. Mr. Oke is one of the foremost breeders of Canada, and his success all over America is well-known. It seems to me a pity that there are not more

breeders of La Fleche in America. They are an excellent fowl.

We also present a sketch of the second-prize Pekin Drake and second-prize Duck, 1895 hatch, at Toronto. These were owned and bred by Mr. W. J. Haycraft, Agincourt, Ont. Pekin ducks are the most profitable of all varieties, and are largely bred all over America. Mr. Haycraft's stock is of the very best. This gentleman has been exhibiting fowls and ducks at Toronto, Whitby, Uxbridge, Scarborough, Stouffville, Markham, Newmarket, and Woodbridge, and his success has been almost phenomenal. He is also a well-known breeder of Berkshire pigs.

Next month we hope to give two or three sketches of Barred Plymouth Rocks, as well as a view of the editor's poultry house, and a sectional view of one of the pens.

### Poultry Lecturers at Farmers' Institute Meetings in Ontario.

A copy of a circular announcing the names of the different gentlemen who will officiate as lecturers at the various Farmers' Institute meetings throughout the Province of Ontario has been received, and, to say the least, causes me considerable surprise. The province is divided into eleven divisions; in each division, meetings are held at from fifteen to twenty different places; in every case, I think, afternoon and evening sessions are held, and in some cases, a morning session; the time occupied in each division being about three weeks. Someone in every division is billed to lecture on almost every conceivable subject relative to farming, with the single exception of poultry. In divisions Nos. 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11 there is not a single subject relating to poultry, while in division No. 1 there is a gentleman billed to give one lecture on "Poultry on the Farm," as against five on other subjects. In division No. 2, the gentleman who officiates (a most capable man, too), gives only three lectures on poultry, and also gives three