

Port Hope Poultry Show.

The exhibit was in every way a most successful one. The show was cooped with the excellence of New York, and the quality of the birds was of the very highest order. Too much praise cannot be bestowed upon the efficient manner in which the superintendent, Mr. W. H. Langdon, and the assistant superintendent, Mr. A. E. Stevenson, discharged their duties. It was the best managed show I have ever seen. An exhibitor did not even have to coop his birds. They were taken in charge by the gentlemen above named, and placed in the coops allotted to them. Each coop bore a number, so that there was no confusion. The birds were well cared for, and the show kept scrupulously clean. It certainly proved the most successful exhibition in the history of the association. Messrs. Butterfield, Jarvis, and Smelt judged the poultry, and Mr. C. F. Wagner the pigeons. Dressed poultry and eggs were judged by Mr. Wm. Barber.

Barred Plymouth Rocks were an excellent class of good birds. Cocks, first and second a tie between the writer and Oldrieve & Wilkinson, both good birds. Had the writer's bird had his wing and tail properly grown in he would not have tied. Hens, first a grand bird shown by Mr. J. E. Bennett, well and evenly barred all over; others good. Cockerels, first a bird owned by the writer: score, 94; grand head, excellent, even colored all over; large size, magnificent colored tail; grand colored legs. Second and third a tie between the writer and Oldrieve & Wilkinson, both excellent birds. Pullets, first a nice blue-barred bird; others good. J. A. Betzner, West Flamboro, showed a fine team.

Buff Rocks. This was the first Ontario exhibition at which this variety was exhibited. There was a nice class of very fair birds. The pick of the class was certainly the first and second prize pullets. The first was a grand one in shape and color. Both were owned by Mr. R. H. Essex, Toronto.

Cochins were out in force, the principal exhibitors being Messrs. McCormick, McNeil, and Wyatt.

Leghorns were strong classes, and the birds of a high quality, the bulk of the honors going to Mr. T. Rice.

Black Minorcas were a strong class of excellent birds. First cock a fine, large bird, poor comb, large lobes, entirely out of form; body, grand. Second a taller bird, grand comb, good face, tail not in shape. Third only fair. First hen, the New York winning pullet of last year. Second and third nice. Cockerel, first a beauty, grand comb, bright red face, very large, pure white lobes, large, well-spread tail carried well back, good color all over. This was a very young bird. Second and third were good specimens. Pullets were not quite as good a class as a whole as I have seen, but the winners were good. The writer won second for cock, and first for hen, cockerel, and pullet.

White Minorcas were of a very good quality, but here were not a great number shown. The winning birds were of fair size and good color. The writer won first and second for cock, hen, and cockerel, and first and third for pullets.

Polands, Hamburgs, and the French varieties were out in force, and the quality excellent, better than at New York.

Silver Grey Dorkings were quite a large exhibit. The first prize cock was a grand bird, so was the first hen. The first cockerel was a very large bird, weighing about ten pounds. The first pullet was also a good one. Both were owned by Mr. J. L. Corcoran, Toronto.

Colored Dorkings were very good classes indeed. There was a mistake in awarding first prize to the cockerel which got the ticket. The clerk made a mistake in the score card, which was not observed until it was too late to rectify it. The second cockerel, owned by Mr. John Lawrie, Malvern, Ont., should have been awarded first. He was an excellent bird, and of good size. Mr. Lawrie also won first with pullet. This bird was the highest scoring bird in the show, 96½. She was almost perfection, and must have been a good one when that well-known Dorking judge, L. G. Jarvis, remarked: "That is the highest-scoring and best-colored Dorking pullet I ever saw."

Silver Wyandottes were simply grand. I am sure the quality has never been improved on in Canada. The first cock was a grand bird, typical Wyandotte shape, excellent breast. First and second hens were also good. Cockerel winning first was a beauty; grand comb, and hard to find fault with anywhere; magnificently laced breast. Second and third also good. The winning pullets were of a high quality. Mr. Jacob Dorst, Toronto, won first on cock, first and second on hen, first, second, and third on cockerel, and first and third on pullet.

Golden and White Wyandottes were also good. I thought that the second prize cock, owned by Mr. Charles Massie, Port Hope, should have exchanged places with Mr. McCormick's winning cock.

Turkeys, geese, and ducks were excellent in quality, and seemed to be much admired. Mr. W. J. Bell, Angus, showed a lot of grand bronze turkeys.

Pigeons were out in force, the principal exhibitors being H. B. Donovan, Toronto; Charles Massie, Port Hope; J. H. Baulch, Port Hope; Mr. McGill, Port Hope; and George Dunn, Hamilton.

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Special Stock Reviews.

Mr. Daniel Drummond's Ayrshires.

The home of Nellie Osborne has for several years been considered quarters at which good Ayrshires could be selected.

There are two young bulls growing up in the herd, both of which can boast of especially good breeding.