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## NOTES AND COMMENTS

### DEATH BY SULPHUR.

At the meeting of the Toronto Humane Society, October 17th, a letter was read from a gentleman in Chicago, advocating death by sulphur fumes for dogs impounded by the city authorities and not released by their owners.

### ONE AND A HALF MINUTES.

It was stated that death in this manner was comparatively painless and that life ceased in one and a half minutes.

### THIS SUBJECT

has received considerable consideration in Toronto of late and the City Commissioner states he is willing to do anything in his power to alleviate the sufferings of the poor brutes.

IF ANY OF OUR CORRESPONDENTS have had practical experience in this matter, we would be glad to know of it and would undertake to see that any information afforded would be placed where it would receive consideration from the proper authorities.

### WINTER DOG SHOW?

An esteemed correspondent writes us "As we have had three fairly successful dog shows in Ontario at a season when dogs are not in the best of condition, how would it be for Quebec to give us a winter show, say in Montreal at Xmas time when holidays and cheap rates are plentiful; it would no doubt suit the majority."

THE ABOVE QUESTION is worthy of consideration by our Montreal friends, who have not the pleasure of a fall exhibition. How could it be worked with the winter show of the feather branch of the fancy? a notice of which show will be found in its proper place.

### A GUARANTEE FUND.

A gentleman from Montreal recently informed us that when the bench show question was mooted some months ago, he personally, in a short time, was promised a guarantee of several hundred dollars, we forget the exact amount but think it was over five hundred dollars. If one man could do this in so short a time the difficulty of want of funds does not seem to be insurmountable.

### THE EXPENSE

need not be very great if the local Cynologists would undertake the greater part of the work.

### THE BULL-DOG,

Hodge, K.C.S. B25, 382 has been purchased by Mr. H. P. McKean, Jun., Germantown Pa., from Mr. Chas. Kemp. London, England. Hodge is a son of Champion British Monarch and Rosella, and has won several prizes.

### MR. ALFRED GEDDES, OTTAWA,

has purchased from Mr. J. F. Campbell, Montreal, the well known Manchester Terrier, Squaw, winner of five prizes including 1st at the late Ottawa bench show.

### SCHIPPERKES AT THE PALACE

this year, will have three classes, and

the Shipperke Club are offering three specials, one for best male, one for best female, and one for best couple. They must be looking up in England.

### BARKLETS.

There can now no longer be a doubt as to the ability of Canada to successfully hold dog shows even when two run concurrently. London had 245 entries Ottawa 154 and Toronto 313, making a total of 712 dogs entered.

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Of course quite a number of these were entered at two of the three shows, still the number is quite a respectable one in a country so young in the fancy as is ours.

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London, I regret to say, was a financial failure: but Ottawa and Toronto were exactly the opposite, and from this out we may feel assured that every autumn will see dog shows in Canada.

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Your special reporter at the Ottawa and Toronto Shows raises the point of what the managing committee men of shows should or should not do in connection with their fixtures. My idea of their duties is that they should *superintend* the general working of the affair, entertain exhibitors and visitors, make the show pleasant for them in short, and decide upon mooted questions. This if they have a competent *crew*, i. e. attendants. But if they have *not* got suitable men I think it is their bounden duty to take off their coats and do the needed work themselves.

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Disgruntled persons continually raise,