

in the breeding of Cocker and Field Spaniels Canada stands almost a-head, as may be seen by a perusal of the prize lists of the principal Bench Shows both here and in the U. S.

A large number are now bred in Canada, there being at least six prominent extensive breeders we think of in this locality, who breed and sell large numbers every year, many going to the U. S. There are also many amateurs, who have taken up this useful and attractive little dog; the result of which is they are probably the most popular dog in Canada at the present time, and we think deservedly so, for either at his natural work in the field, on the street as a companion and friend, or at home as the favorite house dog, and pet of the children, he is ever the same bright, active, intelligent little fellow, and attracts universal admiration. As a sporting dog for bird shooting in field or cover, we think he stands unrivalled in keen intelligence and untiring energy.

To those who are not sportsmen, either from inclination or want of time, he is a faithful companion, ever active, obedient and sagacious.

We remember many instances of his almost human intelligence, which we may embody in a future article. We direct the attention of our readers to our cut of "Moonstone," which is a good type of the modern Cocker. As will be seen he possesses very strong characteristics, that he differs from the old style Cocker will be apparent to all who have a knowledge of the breed, but as to whether he is superior in all the qualities which the Cocker is supposed to possess, we shall not just now venture an opinion, as this has been a much-vexed question. We shall be pleased to have the view of our Canadian fanciers on the subject, if they are sufficiently interested.

## CLUB NOTES.

The managers of the Westminster Kennel Club Show have decided to make a Challenge Class for Irish terriers with two prizes of \$10 and \$5; also to provide two classes, namely, a dog and bitch class for all breeds where no less than five of each sex are entered. A special prize of \$15 cash has been offered by the American Pet Dog Club for the best black and tan terrier. Mr. James Luckwell, of Toronto, will judge all sporting spaniels.

JAS. MORTIMER, Supt.

New York.

I am sorry to announce that the New Jersey Kennel Club will not give a dog show this spring. The club had decided to give a show in Jersey City, and no doubt could have done so successfully, but unfortunately there is not a suitable building in the city. We anticipated giving the show in one of the defunct skating rink buildings, but on investigation found them small, not in a good neighborhood and with a reputation of prize fights, etc. I hope a number of correspondents to whom I failed to give information in regard to above, will accept this as an answer.

GEO. L. WILMS, Secretary.

Jersey City, N. J.

The Indiana Kennel Club's Field Trials this year will begin November 1 with the Members' Stake, to be followed November 4 with the Derby for setters, then a Derby for pointers. Entries close June 1, \$5 forfeit, \$15 to fill. Three moneys, 50 per cent. to first; 30 per cent. to second; 20 per cent. to third. These stakes will be followed by the All-Ages Setter Stake. Then the All-Age Pointer Stake. Entries close October 1. \$10 forfeit, \$15 to fill. Four moneys, 40 per cent. to first; 30 per cent. to second; 20 per cent. to third; 10 per cent. to fourth. The trials will

wind up with the Champion Stake, \$25 entrance. One money. Three to start. The sweepstakes plan will be adhered to again this year. An entirely new set of rules is now being framed, which we are confident will work a revolution in field trials.

P. T. MADISON, Sec'y.

Indianapolis, Ind.

It is with regret that I relinquish the dates claimed by the Maryland Kennel Club. It was our intention to have our premium list a direct copy of that of the Westminster Kennel Club, both in amount and number of premiums, money being already deposited sufficient to cover the amount. Such a premium list would no doubt attract quite a number of entries, but there not being a building here at present, adequate to the demands, we thought it best to wait until next year when our much-talked-of Exposition Buildings will be finished; then, with a mammoth hall, a premium list in the front row, and Baltimore hospitality, look out for a "corker."

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Baltimore, Md.

The premium list of the Hudson River Poultry, Dog and Pet Stock Association's first annual exhibition at Newburgh, N. Y., is now ready for distribution. The entry fee for one dog is \$2. Where two dogs occupy the same bench the entry fee for two is \$3. The dog scoring the highest to receive the president's cup. There is a first premium of \$4; second of \$2. Entries close January 20. The judges are Messrs. I. K. Felch, Natick, Mass. G. S. Pratt, Bridgeport, Conn., and H. Clay Glover, New York.

## CANADIAN KENNEL CLUB.

At a large meeting of the owners and breeders of dogs, held at the City of London, September 27, 1888, it was