

kept for any other purpose. Some of the quick fattening processes, are apt to end in loss of appetite, and then, even in the case of birds that are being fattened, skipping over a meal now and then gives more gain than loss.—J. MUR in *Poultry*.

Poultry Keeping.

BY A BREEDER 15 YEARS OF AGE.

Editor Review.

There is in these southern counties of Ontario an increasing desire shown every year among poultry keepers and even among farmers to have a better grade of fowls. In looking into some of the farmer's yards you will see the place they have set apart for their poultry gradually being filled with better stock. With proper care and attention there is for the farmer nothing more profitable, considering the cost and labor connected with them, than thirty-five or forty fowls. Of course they must not expect to realize a large profit from them unless they are regular in feeding them, and also in attending to their roosting quarters, which should be kept clean and warm.

I am frequently asked the question, "Is the poultry business profitable?" I invariably answer, It is. The question then naturally follows, "What breed do you consider the best for egg-production?" I unhesitatingly answer the White Leghorn. I have had a good deal of experience with this breed, and for beauty, as well as profit, they cannot be surpassed. Their eggs are of good size and splendid flavor. They are non-setters. When seen on a green lawn in flocks of fifteen or twenty they are particularly striking for their beauty. But for marketing the Plymouth Rock, without doubt, takes the lead. They are large, mature early, and are a table delicacy, which market-purchasers mostly appreciate.

As well as everything else, the poultry business to be made a success must have a certain amount of close and careful attention. Their habits should be carefully studied. They should have plenty of pure air and be supplied with a variety of food. This we may easily believe they had when they roamed free in the woods and wilds of nature.

CHAS MACKAY.

Courtland, Sept. 22th, 1884.

There is no time to lose now in getting preparations complete for the winter care of the fowls. Get the culls out of the way as quickly as possible, clean up the houses, give the floors a coat of dry sand several inches deep, get a supply of dry road-dust in barrels ready to make the dust-bath when needed, and don't forget to lay in a supply of fine sharp gravel to keep the digestive organs in order.

Dominion Exhibition.

Held September 6th to 13th, 1884.

The poultry and pigeon department in the above exhibition was far in advance of former years, owing to the liberality of the management and the co-operation of the Montreal Pet Stock Society. Special thanks are due to Dr. Leclerc, the energetic secretary of the exhibition, who did everything in his power to make the department a success; and to Mr W. Lavers, the President of the Pet Stock Society, who has devoted a large portion of his time making arrangements, securing judges and acting as superintendent.

The services of I. K. Felch, of Natick, Mass. and Mr. H. Cooper, of Hamilton, were secured as judges, and a well-known fancier fed and cooped the birds.

The principal exhibitors were Thomas Hall, T. Costen, James Ainslie, Joseph Hickson, Wm. Lavers, A. P. Lynch, Wm. Cox, and Wm. Winfield.

The Governor-General paid a visit to the poultry house on Tuesday, the 10th inst., and was escorted through the building by Mr. W. Lavers, the president of the Montreal Poultry and Pigeon Association. His Excellency, who has had practical experience as a fancier, expressed his pleasure at the high quality of the exhibits, and was surprised at what perfection the breeders of the Province had attained.

Below will be found the

PRIZE LIST.

BRAHMAS.—Light: 1st, Thomas Hall, Outremont; 2nd, J W Cumming, St. Hilaire. Chicks: 1st and 2nd, Thos Hall. Dark—1st and 2nd, J H Cayford, Montreal. Chicks: 1st and 2nd, J H Cayford.

COCHINS.—Partridge: 1st, J J Riddle, Montreal; 2nd, Jos. Hickson, Montreal. Chicks: 1st and 2nd, J J Riddle. Buff—1st and 2nd, W B Nantel, Montreal. Chicks: 1st, Wm Lavers, Montreal; 2nd, W B Nantel. White—1st, Wm Lavers.

LANGSHANS.—1st, Hugh Beckham, Montreal.

DORKINGS.—White: 1st, Jos Hickson.

Colored—1st, Jos Hickson.

HAMBURG.—Spangled: 1st and 2nd, Jos Hickson.

Pencilled—1st, Jos Hickson.

White and Black—2nd, A P Lynch, Montreal.

BLACK SPANISH.—White face: 1st, M T Keating, Montreal; 2nd, Robt. Shills, Lachine. Chicks: 1st and 2nd, M T Keating.

LEGHORNS.—White: 1st and 2nd, Thos Hall. Chicks, 1st, Thos Hall; 2nd Thos Morin, Lachine. Black—1st, H H King, Cote des Neiges. Chicks: 1st and 2nd, H H King.

HOUDANS.—1st, John Mock, Montreal; 2nd, Jos Hickson.

POLISH.—White-crested black: 1st, M J Rhentine. Chicks: 1st, R G Taylor, Montreal; 2nd, M J Keating. Bearded—1st and 2nd, Wm Hickson, Cote St. Pauls.

GAME.—Black-breasted red: 1st, Wm Cox, St Gabriel; 2nd, Wm Winfield, Montreal. Chicks: 1st and 2nd, Wm Cox.

Brown-breasted red—1st and 2nd, J C Nichol, Montreal.

Duckwing chicks—1st and 2nd, J D Gwilt, Montreal.

Pile—1st, Wm Cox; 2nd, Wm Winfield.

GAME BANTAMS.—Black-breasted red: 1st, Thos Hall; 2nd, Wm Cox. Chicks: 1st, Wm Winfield; 2nd, Thos Hall.

Brown-breasted red—1st, Wm Winfield.

Duckwing—1st, Wm Winfield; 2nd, H H King.

Pile—2nd, Jos Hickson.

Any other variety—1st, Wm Cox. Chicks: 1st and 2nd, Wm Cox.

BANTAMS.—Sebright: 2nd, Jos Hickson.

Rose-comb—1st, Jos Hickson.