

FROM CANADA TO NEW SOUTH WALES.

WE publish below some correspondence that explains itself. The charges from the east to the coast, are extremely heavy, but no doubt our British Columbia breeders will soon be, if not now quite prepared to fill all requirements. It may surprise some of our readers to know that the REVIEW has many subscribers in the N. S. W. and the other adjacent British possessions.

Editor Review:—

Would you please let me know through the columns of your valuable paper (as we have nothing out here like it), the cost of the carriage from Canada to Sydney, say by Vancouver, Canadian Australian Steam Ship line, also of coops and feed for voyage of say 2 trios of poultry. Please state if Spratt's Patent has an agency as I have never seen their advt. in your columns.

I remain yours faithfully,

JOHN W. FARROW,

Jan. 14, 1894.

Harden, New S Wales.

P.S.—I get my Review regularly and I like it O.K.

Dominion Express Co., Toronto.

DEAR SIRS,—Kindly read enclosed letter and return to me with remarks. A coop with three birds would weigh about 35lbs and measure say 3ft x 1½ft by 2ft.

Yours truly,

H. B. DONOVAN.

TORONTO, FEB. 22nd, 1894.

J. A. BOSWELL, Esq., Supt., Toronto.

DEAR SIR,—Noting enclosed. It is against the rules to accept poultry for shipment over Atlantic route, I presume it will apply also to Pacific. How? Yours truly,

W. WALSH.

TORONTO, FEB. 23rd, 1894.

W. S. STOUT, Esq., General Manager, Toronto.

DEAR SIR,—Are there any restrictions in our contract with the Victoria Australian Line to our carrying live poultry over that route? Yours truly,

J. A. BOSWELL, Supt.

No restriction on Pacific, and the Pacific steamers carry many shipments of fowl, so are prepared to care for them.

W.S.S.

The rate from Toronto to Vancouver is \$14.25 per 100 lbs. and fowls would be double this or \$28.50 per 100 lbs. Canadian breeders make no charge for shipping coops, and we are sure would make no charge for feed. Spratts Patent

have no shipping agents in Canada. Would one of our friends in Vancouver find out from the Steam Ship Company the probable charge to Sydney, including butchers fees, etc., and kindly communicate with us.

THE HOUDAN FOWL.

ITS BREEDING AND MANAGEMENT.

BY J. P. W. MARX.

(Continued from January.)

AFTER sponging out as much of the soapy water as possible, plunge the fowl into the other tub nearly full of cold water; work the water well amongst the feathers, particularly the crest, to perfectly rinse them; throw away the water, and repeat the rinsing operation again and yet again, until all traces of soap are lost; then sponge as dry as possible, and lightly wipe with the towel, and, lastly, with the fingers very gently rub or pull the feathers a little the wrong way, to prevent any plastering together. Put the fowl in the basket before the fire near enough to get a genial heat without scorching (a towel thrown round and over the side of the basket away from the fire, will prevent draughts and concentrate the heat); leave the basket all night before the fire, and in the morning you will think the judge must be a hard-hearted monster if he does not give you first and cup. The most important points to attend to are the thorough rinsing of the soap out of the feathers and not drying to fast.

Until despatched to the show, the washed fowl should be kept in some warm shed or outhouse in a clean coop or old show pen, with plenty of clean straw or dry sand on the bottom; the food put in a saucer, and the water in one of the drinking fountains specially designed for crested fowls. The last attention before packing off in the basket for the show should be directed to a final cleaning of legs and feet, and a sponge of the comb.

Very few Houdans possess all the many important points an ideal bird should have. Therefore, although your bird may excel in crest, don't be disheartened if you are beaten by a better all round bird. Some judges prefer the dark colored birds to the lighter ones; others lay great stress on size and body formation. Thus, to be continually successful, the exhibitor should make himself acquainted with the idiosyncrasy of the judge he is showing under.

When the birds arrive home again they should be replaced in the coops, or, if wanted immediately for another show, in the show pen, kept very clean, and well supplied with green food which will now be particularly acceptable.

(To be Continued.)