

[Our correspondent, we think, must be asked for proof of his assertion that the Toronto show "killed" that in Sarnia. It was most unfortunate as to clashing of dates, but we were under the impression that both shows were publicly announced at the same time. As we are not sure of this point, we are open to correction. Sarnia may count on 'THE REVIEW doing its best to further its shows' interest. Announce your dates early.—ED.]

THE LATE TORONTO SHOW.

EDITOR REVIEW :

IN your January issue there appeared in connection with report of the Toronto Poultry Show that there must have been some juggling with the buff Leghorn pullets. I beg to explain that such was not the case. In taking the birds out of the coops to be judged for the cup, in my absence the wrong bird was put into the coop which was ticketed first prize. The winning pullet is a high colored one, even right through with grand wings and undercolor, and she deserves her honor in every respect.

Respectfully yours,

Toronto, Jan. 22nd, 98.

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THE EASTERN ONTARIO SHOW AT CORNWALL.

A LARGE SHOW. THREE HUNDRED ENTRIES RETURNED.

THE annual exhibition of the Eastern Ontario Poultry Association was held in the Music Hall at Cornwall on the 27th to 31st Dec., 1897, and was a success in every respect, except attendance. This may in a measure be accounted for by other entertainments being held at the same time, one in particular was the opening of the new hospital.

The Music Hall is rather small, and as it was, every space was used in order to accommodate the 700 entries. The Secretary had to refuse over three hundred entries on account of their being mailed after the date specified for the closing of the entries. It does seem strange that exhibitors having the rules of the Association before them, wherein the date is mentioned for the final receiving of the entries, will persist in sending their entries or write and ask if they can send their entries, in some cases two and three days after

the date mentioned, and yet you will find some people advocating the receiving of such entries in order to swell the exhibit. They cannot have the faintest idea of the additional labour which it causes. It involves the re-arranging of the whole exhibition in order to have the birds properly classified and placed for the judging. This to them seems but a little matter, but nothing, in the eyes of the public, looks so bad as an ill assorted lot of fowl at an exhibition.

The absence of Mr. F. H. Gisborne, Sec.-Treasurer of the Association, through serious illness was much regretted. The duties, therefore, fell to the lot of the Assistant Secretary who discharged the duties to the entire satisfaction of all, and Mr. C. J. Devlin filled the position of superintendent, which is a hard place to fill if you want to please all, but a more competent and obliging one could not have been selected.

The exhibit of dressed poultry from the Experimental Farm at Ottawa was a branch that should be an object lesson to the farmer as to the requirements of outside markets, and also our own markets. There can be no doubt that poultry dressed in an attractive manner as the exhibit was will command a readier sale and bring gilt edge prices to the farmer.

A feature at the Exhibition and a step in the way of practical development was the farmers class wherein prizes are awarded for the best fowl as flesh formers and egg layers. It was pleasing to see a number of fine Plymouth Rocks and black Minorcas entered for competition in this class.

Brahmas, light and dark, were as usual a small class. What there was were good, especially the young birds. Buff Cochins a small class, no bird scoring a sufficient number of points to be awarded a first. Partridge Cochins, small class. Black and white Cochins, fair. Langshans a good class. and some really fine birds.

Black and white Javas were a good class, both in numbers and quality; on hen a white Java scored 96, being the highest score in the show. In Dorkings, silver grey and any other variety, the exhibit was good, both in size and quality. This breed is gradually coming to the front and is a good table fowl.

White Plymouth Rocks, as usual, a large class and a fine lot of birds, all scoring over 90. Barred Rocks a much larger class than usual and a grand lot of birds, some of the cockerels weighing ten lbs., several hens weighing 8 lbs and pullets 7½. The grandest lot of