

A mixture of two parts of burnt gypsum and one part of mineral superphosphate may be kept ready for the purpose of absorbing the excess of moisture in fresh chicken dung, and facilitating its reduction into a fair dry and friable manure. Three parts of fresh chicken manure and one part of the preceding mixture of burnt gypsum and superphosphates, when kept for a short time under cover and turned over once or twice, and finally passed through a screen or sieve, I believe will be found a useful and good manure for most crops, when used at the rate of 8 or 10 cwt. per acre.

The Fanciers of Halifax.

(Continued.)

Again has the pleasure been afforded me of inspecting the "henery's" of the different Halifax fanciers. In my last account I gave a description of the leading breeders in the different varieties and promised, when occasion offered, to visit some of our outside breeders and give an account of their management. I have visited several, but as the majority of them are situated at some distance from the city and the time at my disposal was not superabundant, I had to be contented with the examination of two or three. There were a number of the fraternity omitted by me in the last account who have been since visited, and reports of their establishments will be found below. Before commencing my description I wish to make a few remarks in reference to the fancy. The breeding and rearing of thorough bred poultry is at present confined to a great extent to the city of Halifax. There are, I admit, a few fanciers throughout the Province, but not more than ten or twelve. It seems strange that our farmers will not be convinced of the superiority of thoroughbred fowls over the common barn door, but so it is, and until they change their old fashioned notions in regard to this matter, just so long will the poultry department in their farms be the losing one. At the present time when a trade is springing up between Canada and Great Britain in this commodity, there never was a better opportunity offered than for making this particular branch, one of immense profit. In the rearing of thoroughbred fowls every advantage is with him, size, delicacy of flesh, early maturity; it costs him no more to raise a fowl weighing nine pounds at ten weeks old, than it does to raise one weighing five pounds when six months old. These are no *puffs* on the part of your correspondent in order to get rid of a number of eggs or trios of fowls, but *facts* which but require the *actual practice* to prove conclusive. Let us hope that the day is not far distant when the efforts of the Nova Scotia Poultry Association will meet their just reward. The yards of

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are situated about three miles from Belford Station on the old Windsor road, in the parish of Sackville. His poultry compartments are well situated and contain some very handsome specimens of the much sought for variety, Light Brahma's. Mr. Pennington's stock is from the celebrated Tees Strain, of Pennsylvania. He was a successful exhibitor at the poultry show last March where he had his stock in competition with that of P. Williams, the noted breeder of Light Brahas, of Taunton, Mass.

HENRY KEELER, DARTMOUTH,

Is a breeder of White Leghorns, Black Spanish, and the old English variety of Dorkings. His place is situated about two miles from the steamboat ferry on the Dartmouth side. He has a large amount of room, and takes a great interest in his birds. His White Leghorns are superior birds, and make a handsome show when roaming about their yards.

H. J. ESSON,

the owner of the successful pair of Brown Red Games at the late show has his yards situated at the south end. Mr. Esson has but lately taken an interest in the poultry fancy, but if he continues to show the same enthusiasm in the future as stimulates him at present he bids fair to become one of our most useful and successful breeders. While at the south end of the city I determined to visit

JOSEPH S. BELCHER,

who has such a good strain of Plymouth Rocks. He also breeds Partridge Cochins. To Mr Belcher, I think, belongs the credit of having the earliest hatched chicks in the Province this season, he having them as early as the 15th of March; he has now thirty chicks of various ages. Mr. Belcher has quite an extensive establishment, his hatching and chicken rearing apartement consists of an immense green house capable of accommodating an unlimited number of setting hens and between one and two hundred chickens. He has separate runs for His Plymouth Rocks and Cochins, Light Brahas and Spanish, to all of which he gives a generous share of his extensive grounds. Mr. Belcher has in his possession a memo showing the number of eggs he has received from his fowls for the last thirteen years, being able to tell at a glance the number received in any month of each year.

C. W. ANDERSON

has about the finest establishment in the city for the birds he breeds, his specialties being pigeons, pheasants, and bantams, and he possesses some of the finest birds it has ever been my good fortune to see. The rarer and more costly varieties are kept by Mr. Anderson, and his accommodations for their comfort are excellent. He has the only specimens of Wood and Mandarin Ducks in the Maritime Provinces. The pair of birds scoring the highest num-