

man and his assistants. The birds were cared for in the most exemplary manner, the coops kept scrupulously clean, not one neglected. We never saw an exhibit look so well, and (may we say) happy, and this, too, after an exhibition of two weeks, and during a season of very hot days. All in connection with the department are deserving of the highest praise and we feel sure this immense show of birds is only a nucleus of the future. As will be seen by the prize list our Canadian Fanciers can hold their own when they choose to exhibit across the line. We close this notice by thanking all who so kindly assisted in making the trip pleasant in every way for Mrs. Peter, who enjoys happy recollections of her trip to Buffalo.

For the Poultry Weekly.

Green Food.

FOWLS must have green food, it is as necessary to their health and development as much as grain or grit, and is especially important in the obtaining of fertile eggst. Now the best method of obtaining this article as early in the spring as possible, gives many a breeder considerable thought and trouble. If he will take time by the forelock and seed down his runs this month with fall rye, and keep the birds off till it gets a catch, he can, if winter is not right upon him, let them out onto it every day for a very short time this fall. But in the first days of spring as soon as the snow leaves the rye will be there, fresh tender and green. It would be advisable not to let them on it for too long a period each day till it gets a start, and then I don't think they will be able to keep it cut down.

If he has a place that he can keep fowls off, say for the best part of the season, it would be best to seed it down with Hucerne clover. Sow it thick, for the thicker it is sown the better and finer it is. This if allowed to get a good hold will last for years, and no matter how dry the weather it will always be green, even when everything else is parched up. Its roots will penetrate for 10 or 12 feet into the soil, but what it will obtain moisture. It can be cut and used green or as hay three or four times during the year. It should be cut just before blooming. The more it is cut the better and finer it will be. It would furnish excellent material for silo.

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The Poultry at the Provincial.

THE weather has been very fine all through the week, the heat of midday being the only discomfort that visitors experienced. The birds as usual at the Provincial are out in good numbers and quality, Dorkings heading the list, being old favorites with London fanciers. In Whites, hens show better than cocks. 1st cock a fine large one but out of condition.

Silver Grey a good class of large birds in nice condition for the season. 1st cock broad and majestic and fine color.

Colored dorkings.—1st hen in 1st pair a nice large well colored bird. The whole class in poor show condition but only want time.

Golden Bearded Polands.—A prime lot 1st pair rich in color. 2nd cock a little dark on breast, a class of nice birds. Unbearded.—Two pretty pairs for 1st and 2nd, bearded and unbearded.

Silvers.—A rather small class of very fine birds, clear in color and fine markings.

W C B Polands.—Winners very handsome pairs. A small class, but fine specimens of these most attractive birds, crests beautiful.

Barred P Rocks.—A small exhibit: 1st and 2nd cocks about equal; hens average quality.

White Plymouth Rocks.—1st cock a fine rock shape, an easy winner. Hen in nice condition but small for her sturdy looking mate. Whites exhibit signs of becoming more popular than ever.

Light Brahmas.—Contrary to the general rule a small class. The winners well placed. 1st cock very handsome, good stripe in neck hackle, extra good legs for old bird, fine black tail. The rest of class good.

Dark Brahmas.—Most of the birds in poor condition for show, but should make up well soon, the winners getting well deserved places.

Buff Cochins.—This majestic breed fills one of the best classes of exceedingly good birds. Prizes well given but those left out of the list are well up to the winners. A grand class.

White Cochins.—1st pair an easy win, hen in splendid shape, 2nd hen also very good. The balance fair, only three pairs shown.

Black Cochins.—1st pair handsome birds and good size, 2nd cock not far behind first but few birds in condition.

Partridge Cochins.—A fine class of strikingly beautiful birds. 1st pair very rich in color and grand cochin shape, others extra good, one splendid pair (Hett's) left out of the list of winners.

Houdans.—Only two pairs, in nice condition, and well placed.

Langshans.—A good class, 1st pair getting in place easily, the rest not in good shape.

Silver Laced Wyandottes.—A well filled class, 1st cock well shown, good Wyandotte shape. 1st and 2nd prizes to two good pairs, the exhibit showing marked improvement in stock.

Black Wyandottes.—Only one pair, the best we have seen, solid black throughout and good shape.

White Wyandottes.—Show well, 1st pair very stylish, cock a beautiful fellow. 2nd and 3rd about equal, a fine lot.

Creve Coeur.—Three nice pairs, not very