

Mr. E. Lawson Toronto, has purchased eleven acres at West Toronto Junction and purposes going into Minorcas and Andalusians extensively.

Mr. Jas. Foster of Edmonton, has just erected a new poultry house the dimensions being 64 feet in length, 9 feet in width with a 9 x 18 wing at either end. He hopes next season to get there with the best of them.

Mr. W. C. G. Peter, Angus, has shipped a trio of Wyandottes to London England. We trust they may prove successful in the hands of their new owner.

We notice through *Poultry*, that Mr. H. Abbott, of Hingham, England, has purchased Mr. Friend's entire stock of Minorcas, in all about 100 birds.

Mr. T. M. Goffatt writes us:—"I am sending fowls this week to British Columbia, possibly the first that have ever gone over the C. P. R. to the other ocean. Rates are very high, following are rates up to 40 lbs.:—20 lbs. \$6.40, 25 lbs. \$8.00, 30 lbs \$9.00, 35 lbs. \$11.20, and 40 lbs \$13.20. And they must not exceed these weights for rate mentioned. The Dominion Express Company are the parties to apply to."

The St. Thomas Poultry Association purpose holding a show immediately after the Ontario at London. Secretaries are requested to notice.

The first annual Exhibition of the St. Catharines Poultry Association will be held on the 20th, 21st, 22nd, and 23rd of December, full particulars will appear in next REVIEW.

#### A PRESENTATION.

MR. W. MCNEILL SUPERINTENDENT OF THE POULTRY DEPT. OF THE PROVINCIAL FAIR THE RECIPIENT.

During the holding of the Provincial Exhibition at Guelph, the exhibitors in

the Poultry Department wishing to present Mr. McNeill with some slight token of their good-will for the uniform courtesey and attention which they and their exhibits have received at his hands for the past four years, presented him with the following address and a silver cake basket and sugar bowl. The presentation was made at the Commercial Hotel by Mr. Jas. Foster on behalf of the exhibitors.

The address reads:—

"We the poultry exhibitors at the forty first Provincial Exhibition deem it a privilege as well as a pleasure, at this time to extend to you our hearty thanks for the manner in which you have looked after our interests in connection with the Poultry Department and ask you to accept from us the accompanying pieces of plate as a memento of our appreciation of your services."

Here follow the names of the exhibitors.

Mr. McNeill replied in suitable terms, saying that as long as he had anything to do with the Provincial exhibition it should be his end and aim to forward the interests of the exhibitors.

#### EXHIBITION COOPS.

BY H. WRIGHT, OWEN SOUND.

As the exhibition season will now soon be upon us again, will you kindly give me space in your valuable journal to make a remark or two as to the manner some of our birds are treated at some of our leading shows, hoping that at least some of our Associations may take the hint and profit thereby.

Now, Sir, a great many of the coops into which birds are forced, are not fit to put valuable birds into, on account of being altogether too low, and when I say this I am satisfied I do but express the feelings and sentiments of the majority of our leading fanciers. Take for instance our late show at Guelph, the coops were all right for the smaller varieties, but take P. Rocks for in-

stance, and they were altogether too low for a bird to be comfortable in, to say nothing about judging. I should like to know how a bird is to be judged fairly, when he is placed in such a position that he cannot stand erect without being taken out of the coop, and we all know that is not always done. I was at one of our leading shows last winter, and the judge was scoring the White Leghorns, and cutting them severely for what he called squirrel tail, when the fact was the birds could not move either way without their tails coming in contact with the top of the coop, and when the bird moved backward it carried the tail forward, giving the tail the appearance of being squirrelled. Now, Sir, if we expect fanciers to exhibit at our coming winter shows, we must give them accommodation such as will not in any way interfere with their chances of winning a prize. I know some fanciers that exhibited at Guelph, live men in the biz., that would sooner have forfeited their chances for a prize (and they took several firsts and seconds) than have put their birds in the Association coops, in fact they positively refused to do so. The great and only trouble appeared to be height, roomy enough every other way. Go where you will and it is the same way among fanciers of the larger varieties. Brother fanciers let us all try to do away with this nuisance and injury to our pets, by giving them more head room whereby they can be seen much better and show themselves off to much better advantage. I hope that the officers of our coming winter shows will give this matter their consideration.

#### MARKET POULTRY.

BY J. STEWART KENNEDY.

The aim of all true fanciers being to improve the farmers flocks, and through them the market supplies, I think they should use their influence at the local fairs, to have the committees give prizes for heaviest pure bred, or at