

pheasants, ornamental water-fowls, pigeons, etc., of one male and one female, called a "Pair." It is satisfactory to observe that the 9th Rule states that "Premiums will be awarded for merit solely," and specimens shown must be the sole property of the exhibitor, and that no borrowing of fowls for exhibition purposes will be allowed.

The Prize List is, as usual, very large, and consists of: 1st, Special Premiums; 2nd, Society's Premiums; and 3rd, General Prizes. The special premiums are made up of gold and silver medals, pieces of plate, silver cups, and Tegetmeier's Poultry Book. The medals, cups and pieces of plate are to be of the respective values of forty, thirty, twenty-five, twenty, fifteen and ten dollars each, and are tempting baits for poultry breeders and fanciers, which we trust will be largely contended for. Amongst this class of premiums we observe one, a silver cup, valued at \$30, offered by Mr. Samuel Willet, "for the best collection of poultry exhibited from Canada." Will not some of our extensive breeders compete for it?

The Society's Premiums consist mainly of gold, silver and bronze medals and diplomas. Among these we observe that a first prize of \$100, a second of \$50, and a third of \$25, is offered "for the best approved Theses on the breeding and management of Poultry, to include full descriptions of the varieties most suitable for our climate, their production, feeding, care and management throughout." The committee to adjudicate is Rev. Henry Ward Beecher, Hon. Daniel T. Moore, and Orange Judd. Prizes for approved plans of poultry houses are also offered.

The general prizes, which consist of silver and bronze medals, diplomas and honorable mentions, etc., are numerous. The total number of classes for fowls and other animals, is twenty-one, and the different varieties of which these

classes are made up, number altogether *two hundred*. There are in each class of fowls one for old birds and one for chickens. We trust the exhibition will prove in every way a success.

CORRESPONDENCE.

OTTAWA AGRICULTURAL EXHIBITION—POULTRY.

SIR:—Knowing the interest you take in all that relates to poultry, I will endeavour to give you an account of the Poultry Branch of the City of Ottawa Agricultural Society Exhibition lately held here.

The Exhibition was, I am happy to say, a great improvement on that of last year, so far as the arranging of the fowl, and also numbers, were concerned. The collection was large, but the variety was small. The greater portion of the birds were Light Brahma Pootras; some of these, I am inclined to think, were exhibited not so much to compete for prizes, as to fill up the space allotted for the poultry. There were a few excellent Dark Brahmas, fine birds; some being from the stock of Mr. McLean Howard, of your city, others from Mr. Thomas Stock. There were also some fine chickens of the same variety. There was a very fine lot only nine weeks old, and certainly they were in good condition.

The collection of Dorkings was small, and anything but good. The same remarks can be applied to Spanish and Cochins.

Polands, I did not see any; there was a trio entered as Hamburgs, but I think the owner must have been imposed upon; there was also a trio entered as Dominiques; this was, in my opinion, another mistake, as they had rose combs, and a great deal of white like Spanish. I hold that pure Dominiques must have single combs. In game fowls there were only six trios—