

to it being done ; and as it is found the packages are not strong enough, will have them packed in stronger boxes. You will find I sent a few dozen over and above, to make up for replacing some of the sorts.

"I am glad to see that Mr. Patterson was very successful with the fourteen dozen received. The packing in this case appears to have been very satisfactory; yet, I can assure you, as much care was taken with yours as with those. However, there is nothing like experience.

HENRY BELDON."

*To the Editor of THE CANADIAN POULTRY CHRONICLE :*

SIR: As the remarks in your article on the importation of eggs have had a tendency to reflect on Mr. Beldon, the gentleman from whom they were procured, I think it only just to him to make the following explanation. In the spring of 1869 I decided to procure three dozen eggs from Mr. Beldon, merely as an experiment, having had no faith in eggs hatching after such a long carriage. They arrived here all in good order about the 1st of May. To my surprise and gratification, I obtained from the three dozen eighteen chickens. I was so much pleased with the results, not only as regards the numbers but also the quality of the birds hatched, that I was not slow to publish it, which induced a number of parties to apply to me this spring, to procure eggs for them from the same source. Having a desire to encourage the fancy, I undertook to comply with their request, and included their orders with my own, to the extent of some fifty dozen. Among those so ordered were included some varieties which Mr. Beldon did not advertise, which were principally for myself, and which I supposed he might be able to procure for me ; but he was disappointed in so doing, which he afterwards wrote me, and

asked to substitute other eggs for them, to which I did not object. The first disappointment was experienced in the non-arrival of the first batch until a week later than ordered, as the parties were desirous of having the chickens as early hatched as possible. The next disappointment was the arrival of several subsequent packages in a most dilapidated state, with the loss of quite a number of eggs, owing, in my opinion, to a want of proper care on the part of the express agents. It is quite true the boxes were slight, but with proper care a handbox might be brought across the Atlantic without breaking. However, as we can not insure safe treatment, for the future I would advise Mr. Beldon using stronger boxes. The next disappointment arose from the fact that the principal part of the eggs so destroyed were those first ordered for other parties, while those Mr. Beldon was allowed to substitute for my own order came safe, and were obliged to be applied to make up the deficiency in the eggs so destroyed. Notwithstanding the loss by breakage, all the parties got their full supply of eggs, though not, in some instances, exactly what was ordered, from the causes above mentioned, we being enabled to do so from the fact that Mr. Beldon sent a few dozen over and above those ordered.

I trust the above remarks will exonerate Mr. Beldon in this matter, whom I have always found perfectly reliable, and from whom I intend to order eggs for myself next year.

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#### ON THE HAMBURGH FOWLS.

MR. EDITOR:—I avail myself of your invitation to poultry fanciers to express their views by writing to you a few lines on the above subject, which, if you think worth a place in the CHRONICLE, you are welcome to insert. It has often struck me that the present accepted