

Following is the precious document referred to by Mr. Smelt :—

"Port Hope, Aug. 14th, 1895.

Mr. T. H. Smelt, Woodstock, Ont.

Dear Sir,—As new exhibitors of poultry we wish to say that while we believe you have done what was right in your own mind last year in placing the prizes at the Industrial and other shows, we know that some get a prize that really belonged to some other party, and we feel that judges too often enter the show room feeling that Mr. So-and-So is an old breeder and they will have to give him the first prize on his breed, because he has bred them longer than some one else and of course will have the best. Now all we ask is that each judge this year drop that idea and go there and feel that some new breeder may have the best and if he has give him the prize. We are going to send a copy of this to other judges and if there is cause for a protest whether on our birds or others, we shall enter it let it cost what it may.

Yours truly, PORT HOPE."

Mr. Smelt has expressed our own sentiments so strongly and so fully that we can add but little. It is a piece of despicable meanness unworthy the name of a fancier and but shows how low a man's prejudices can carry him. We feel sure the Port Hope Association, consisting of some of the most upright and successful fanciers we have, will at once deny any knowledge of this underhand transaction. It might be in order to set a tracer on the track of the writer which might cause him rather an unpleasant time. As a pointer we may say that the letter is type-written with purple ink on what is known by the trade as a 4to ruled letter head water marked "Vancouver." It is unlikely that these could be procured elsewhere than at a printing office. Now let some local man take up the ends.

#### MR. JARVIS AND HIS CHARGE.

A DAY AT THE POULTRY DEPARTMENT AT THE EXPERIMENTAL FARM, GUELPH.

BY C. J. DANIELS.

HAVING a standing invitation to visit the poultry department at Guelph I took advantage of the cheap fare for Easter. A postal card dropped to the Manager, Mr. L. G. Jarvis, brought him to the depot with horse and buggy to drive me out. We first called on

our old friends Webber and Robertson the home of the Royal black and white Javas and black Minorcas, both these gentlemen have extra fine pens of birds this year.

After lunch we were conducted to the Farm Poultry Department. On entering the building you first come upon the office a large well lighted room heated with hot water pipes, a very comfortable place, where visitors can interview the Manager and talk chicken to their hearts delight. Leading off from the office is the incubator room where 200 egg machines are running and a room to the right of it is the boiler room which contains a good portable boiler, mixing tubs, etc. Leading off from these compartments right and left is the poultry houses, there are fifteen pens in all, twenty feet square, divided in the centre so as to have a roosting room and a scratching room, the drop boards fold up against the wall in the day time which gives a larger space for the fowls in the winter. All the fixings were on an improved plan, at least they were all new to me. Mr. Jarvis has invented a splendid drinking fountain one the best we have seen, and got up very cheaply. At the east end of building running north and south are twenty cock pens with small enclosed yards on the outside. We have been travelling east, now we retrace our steps and go west, through the office, and we find the other part of poultry buildings then about forty feet drive way, and then another building.

Now we take the outside runs each run is 20 x 80 with gravel, a few yards from the building out here again we are struck with something new, the old style base boards are done away with and a fine mesh wire used at bottom and larger mesh on top of that, this makes the runs look very nice and the sun shines on every part, again all the stock can be plainly seen. There are shade trees planted in the runs and at the end of these 20x80 ft. runs are several 100 ft. runs seeded down to oats, etc., for green food.

Now a few words about the stock we saw there. Light Brahmas were an extra good pen, some fine Williams' hens and headed with 3rd prize cockerel at New York. Mr. Jarvis is to be commended on his selection of brown and white Leghorns, he has selected all his Leghorns for size, he claims Leghorns to-day are bred too small, he has both white and brown Leghorns as large as white Minorcas. Andalusians, white Dorkings, black Minorcas, black and white Javas, golden Wyandottes, Langshans, W. C. black Polands, black Spanish, white Cochins, white Wyandottes. All of the stock are of a high grade and in the pink of health. We asked Mr. Jarvis which variety he had found the best layers. White Javas he said had commenced to lay 1st fall and had kept it up ever since. By the way (I think