

POULTRY.

(Under this heading, all questions relating to poultry will be answered.)

WE would like to suggest to the B. C. Poultry, Dog and Pet Stock Association that a meeting should be called very shortly. There are several matters that should receive their earnest attention, the most important being the reinstatement of poultry on the prize list at the fall show of the B. C. Agricultural Association. Though the ratepayers of this city have sanctioned the action of the Council in taking over the property of the Agricultural Association, we would remind the gentlemen who manoeuvred the scheme that it doesn't necessarily follow that they are to have full control in the future. The Poultry Society should watch affairs very closely, and in case of a show being held, should apply for the full control of the poultry department, and a fair share of the prize money.

Another thing that the Society should take up is the holding of meetings either weekly or monthly, throughout the summer and autumn months. At these meetings, the members could bring in their birds for the purpose of discussing their merits. Instructive papers could be read, and poultry interests in general would be greatly benefitted. Perhaps after the holidays, the members will find time to attend to these matters.

If this is natural with the breed, as with Leghorns, it is a valuable quality, but when the pullets are forced to lay early, by stimulants or highly concentrated food, it is an injury as it taxes the vitality too early. A pullet that is forced will lay very small eggs for a while, and when she ceases, in order to nest, she will not begin again as soon as a matured hen. She becomes prematurely old, and does not prove on the average as profitable as when she is given ample time to mature before beginning to lay.

THE KENNEL.

English setters have lately received great additions to their ranks in this Province, and if our fanciers are fairly successful we can claim to have the best on the coast. In the Llewellyn division Addie Gladstone, one of the best bodied setters on the coast, is nursing a strong litter of nine. They are sired by Hickory Rod, a well known Portland dog.

On the Laveracks, we have the arrived Eastern prize winner, Lady Howard, without exception the best we have seen, here or on the Sound. She is nursing a litter of five, by Brighton Monk, by Ch. Monk of Furness, and we are pleased to state that all have been spoken for by Victoria gentlemen.

Local fanciers have received invitations to exhibit at the kennel show of the Alameda County Sportsman's Association, on May 30—June 2. It is to be regretted that the notice was so short, as we could make it lively for them in several classes.

In looking over a Seattle daily, we saw an advertisement of Irish setters for sale by a New Westminster man. He

B. C. CUSTOMS RETURNS.
The following is a summary of the customs returns for the four ports of the Province British Columbia for the month of April, 1894:

	VICTORIA	VANCOUVER	WESTERN	NANAIMO	TOTAL
Dutiable Goods.....	\$179,035 00	\$ 85,465 00	\$ 33,413 00	\$ 25,412 00	\$323,325 00
Free Goods.....	86,902 00	52,307 00	22,025 00	1,000 00	162,234 00
Total Imports.....	\$265,937 00	\$137,772 00	\$ 55,438 00	\$ 26,412 00	\$510,000 00
REVENUE.					
Duty Collected.....	\$ 54,361 95	\$ 25,080 22	\$ 10,023 33	\$ 8,276 42	\$100,041 92
Other Revenue.....	6,307 77	4,740 95	130 02	242 12	11,320 86
Total Collections.....	\$ 60,669 72	\$ 30,421 17	\$ 10,743 35	\$ 8,518 54	\$111,150 86
EXPORTS.					
The Mine.....	\$ 25,422 00	\$ 125 00	\$ 40,639 00	\$200,354 00	\$366,540 00
The Fisheries.....	225 00	1,384 00	14,777 00		16,386 00
The Forest.....	2,139 00	10,782 00	6,284 00		19,205 00
Animals and their produce.....	10,891 00	3,429 00	223 00	1,333 00	15,876 00
Agricultural.....	1,380 00	171 00			1,551 00
Manufactures.....	2,282 00	1,643 00	571 00	12 00	4,508 00
Miscellaneous.....	4,958 00				4,958 00
Total Exports.....	\$ 48,310 00	\$ 17,404 00	\$ 62,514 00	\$201,699 00	\$380,757 00
* \$4,061 gold coin, \$385 silver coin.					

should have tried THE HOME JOURNAL, as there is a big demand for Irish setters here, good specimens being very scarce.

Dr. Milne sent out from his kennel two Cockers, within the last week.

Dr. McGuigan, of Vancouver, is now the possessor of a fine liver Cocker dog, and Dr. Lefever, of the same place, is the recipient of a beautiful black cocker dog. Both of these animals are of high class pedigree, and we will likely hear of them at the Vancouver Poultry and Pet Stock show which is to be held there in the near future.

To the Editor of THE HOME JOURNAL:

DEAR SIR—The other week, I noticed you recommended 'plucks for dogs' food. If not presuming too much, I would like to say this is a very bad food for full grown dogs. After a morning run, a light breakfast is good, such as 'dog biscuits' (better dry, if they will eat them so); and then in the evening bullocks' or sheep' heads boiled and mixed with stale bread that has been soaked in water during the day, then squeeze out dry as possible. This, with meat cut up and well mixed together is a good feed for dogs.

To-day, you refer to distemper. The best thing for any person rearing puppies or keeping dogs not over the distemper is to always keep a box of Rackham's (Norwich, Eng.) Distemper Pills in the house. Give when distemper first sets in. I have never known them fail. I had Lady Ida (dam of Princess Florence) with seven pups down at same time and lost none.

I have referred to my stud book to-night and find that when seven months old Princess Florence weighed 138 pounds. (In rearing, I used to weigh her every week). I find she put on greatest weight between 3½ and 6½ months. I have sent this thinking you may be glad for the information. I can give you the weight at any particular week if you wish.

Yours truly,

HEDLEY CHAPMAN.

Dallas Road, May 10, 1894.

A somewhat lengthy letter in reply to Mr. Wm. Greig on the subject of vaccination has been held over. It will appear next week.

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