

Buffalo is to have a show this year in connection with the Pan-American Exposition, beginning on August 26th, just one week prior to Toronto's annual fall fixture. It is announced that Mr. E. M. Oldham will superintend, which announcement is sufficient to guarantee that everything in connection with the show will be up to date. Those engineering the enterprise are ambitious to make it the show of the year and every inducement will be held out to fanciers in the way of liberal classification and good prize money. Mr. Oldham is at present in England but on his return will set to work at once in the interests of the show.

In connection with the foregoing it appears to us that this is a golden opportunity which should be taken advantage of by the Montreal Canine Association to get into the circuit. If a show was held here immediately after Toronto there is no doubt a goodly portion of the best dogs exhibited in both cities would enter here, provided a judicious selection of judges were made and all opportunity for hippodroming avoided. We hope the officials of the Association will take the matter seriously into consideration and act promptly in securing dates, otherwise some of our go-ahead Western friends will get there first.

The Canadian Kennel Gazette has the following:—"We are sorry to chronicle the death of Dr. John Robinson, a staunch supporter of the Canadian Kennel Club, and an enthusiastic dog lover, especially of the English foxhound. Through Dr. Robinson's hands went the pedigrees of foxhounds and beagles, printed in last year's Stud Book, and we can vouch for his careful scrutiny and intelligent care. Dr. Robinson was for many years assistant resident physician at the Insane Asylum, Toronto, and by his quiet, simple and honest character, endeared himself to many. Amongst other foxhounds that he owned at various times was that excellent dog, Pattern."

Mr. John G. Kent, president of the Canadian Kennel Club, has sent a pleasant reminder of the season in the shape of a Christmas greeting to prominent members of the local fancy. It was greatly appreciated by those who had the privilege of receiving it.

The Canadian Kennel Gazette has the following, which is self-explanatory: "At the last annual meeting, the secretary of the C.K.C. was instructed to write to several well known dog owners interested in the field trials. He did so, of course, but has been favored with but one reply, and that not by any means an encouraging one. There is no earthly reason why we can not be of mutual assistance, but the help cannot all come from one side. We should be glad to hear from others interested in the matter.

"Yours received, also copy of Gazette with resolution re Field Trials. I really can't see what can be done in the matter unless the C.K.C. offers medals or prizes of some sort to Field Trial winners. Such action would certainly have the effect of making sportsmen think the Kennel Club men, who are as a rule non-sporting dog men, take some interest in sporting dogs. Right or wrong, the opposite is thought to be the case now. Sportsmen think that non-sporting dog men only want them as a 'fill gap,' and try to put up non-sporting judges over sporting dogs. If the C.K.C. will consult the wishes of sports-

men, where their interests are concerned, and also induce the show committee to do the same with regard to judges of sporting dogs, a better feeling will be brought about. As an instance, I would refer you to the interest in the sporting classes at this and last year's Toronto shows. Yours truly,

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It is understood that Mr. James Mortimer, who is known to almost every dog fancier in the States and Canada as one of the best all-round judges of the day, has the refusal of the Kennel editorship of "Turf, Field and Farm." Should Mr. Mortimer accept the position we have no doubt his criticisms will be in accordance with his decisions—kindly, fair and impartial.

Mr. C. Y. Ford, of Otterburn, Kingston, Ont., writing of the recent Philadelphia show in the Kennel Gazette, has this to say:—

"The management of the show must indeed feel satisfied at the great success of their venture. Over a thousand entries at a five dollar fee, to win a ten dollar prize in many classes, does seem a bit steep, considering the long distances, combined with heavy railroad and living expenses. It does not seem as though dog shows in this country would ever be sporting events, when professional handlers—two or three in number—supply over two-thirds of the show. However, exhibitors are very fortunate to have such men as Dole, Lewis, Klein, Thomas and others at their disposal. The timid amateur is quite out-done in his effort to show his single entry against such odds.

"The show was well patronized and must have been a money maker, though I believe, the majority of the promoters are multi-millionaires.

"The heavy work fell on Mr. James Mortimer, who superintended the show in true metropolitan style. May he live long in his present post as 'King of the Fancy!' The rings, two in number, were simply miniatures, and the stewards all at sea. It is high time this matter was regulated in some definite way. To them may the blame be laid for prolonged judging. In this case, specials were still being judged at five o'clock on the closing day of the show, as it seemed impossible to get the dogs into the ring. Mr. Mason had far too much to do, but stuck to it manfully, as day after day, hour after hour, flew by. If he did not fully examine each dog, it is not for lack of time. Mr. Henry Jarrett, who judged all the Toys, and many of the Terriers, went about his work in a most skillful way. His judging was most satisfactory, and many exhibitors of breeds he did not judge, hope they would soon have an opportunity of showing under him. And why not, considering that he has youth and ability, backed up by a long and successful career as an exhibitor? The remaining judges were specialists."

The Paris edition of the New York Herald contains the news that Mr. Frank Gould has just added to his already extensive St. Bernard kennels the smooth-coated dog Baron Sunridge and the rough-coated bitch Convent Abbess. They were purchased from Mrs. Jagger, who has bred many famous specimens of this breed. The Baron is a big winner and annexed four firsts and specials at the Alexandria Palace show, September last. Convent Abbess was also a winner at the same show.