

## BREEDING PENS.

It seemed to be generally admitted this year that the increased number of breeding pens at the Industrial is becoming a serious matter to both Judges and Superintendent. In the majority of cases these pens are made up of birds the reverse of good, though in some instances, the opposite, we admit, is true. Another matter is that the pens containing four birds become very foul and are a menace to the health of the whole exhibit, besides being an eyesore to visitors. If the Association could see its way clear to place a third prize of \$1 on all open classes, in lieu of money now offered on pens, we think it would be more acceptable all round. It must be very difficult for a judge to give a satisfactory decision in the case of competing pens.

## THE ANNUAL LUNCHEON

was tendered exhibitors at the Industrial on Friday, but not being favored with an invitation, we are unable to report the proceedings, we learned however from another source that most of the prominent breeders were conspicuous by their absence.

## THE BUFF LEGHORNS

at Toronto, must have proved a revelation to those captious critics who continually carp on "new breeds" as if it were a positive loss that a new breed should be brought into existence. The more breeds the more fanciers, and while we are strong supporters of the older varieties we do not hesitate to welcome those of more recent birth where meritorious. We think our judges for some little time to come, will do well to favor as far as possible depth and soundness of color in buff Leghorns, as two years experience with them has proved to us that in soundness of color is where they mostly fail, many being light or ashy in wings and tail.

## DONKEYS

are not usually classed as habitants of the poultry yard though mayhap some of our readers will differ with us in this as to the two legged variety. One of the sights at London was the large number of these wild untamed steeds of the per-ary (situated at Victoria Park, Toronto), under the charge of Mr. Superintendent Daniels, of Toronto, who in the liberality of his heart was offering on the last day of the show the grand opportunity of "twice round the ring for five cents" to the juvenile population of "little London in the bush." Two well known exhibitors from Toronto, Mr. William "Game" Barber, and Mr. T. A. "Minorca" Duff, whose combined weight will aggregate somewhere in the neighborhood of

five hundred pounds, were seen wildly careering round the ring behind a span of these lightning steeds. The waggon has since gone to the repair shop, a hopeless wreck. Mr. Daniels quietly hinted to us that he was negotiating for the *debut* of the aforesaid gentlemen in their "Great Roman Chariot Races and Thrilling Bare Back Donkey Act" as an attraction at Victoria Park next summer. Both will be attired in real Roman costume, in addition to which Monsieur Barbere will wear his whiskers and Signor Duffo his linen duster, both so well known to show-goers.

## MR. SUPERINTENDENT SAUNDERS

has also purchased a "moke" for the rising generation of Saunders. One exhibitor as much as told us the latest acquisition was a singer, with a deep bass voice, but the one who styled him a "Mocking-bird" is now lost in the wilds of British Columbia, driven there by the fear of exposure and the wrath of the genial Jack for his poor joke.

## STANDARDS.

We regret having to disappoint purchasers of the new Standard, a letter of ours containing remittance having gone astray owing to change of address of the Secretary of the A.P.A. By the time this is read all will probably have been mailed.

## BEAMSVILLE SHOW.

An effort is being made to hold a poultry show in Beamsville the day previous to Thanksgiving.

## MR. D. J. PEACE,

Hamilton, Ont., writes us that through his small ad. in last REVIEW he sold eleven birds. If doubtful of this write him enclosing post card for reply.

## ONTARIO EXPERIMENTAL FARM.

President Mills writes: "After consultation with several of our leading poultrymen, I sketched the outline of two buildings and set our carpenter to work some time in May. These buildings consist of an office, a room for brooders, a cellar, a boiler room, store-rooms, and pens for fourteen breeds or varieties of hens; also, a larger pen for non-breeding stock, and an extension containing twenty small pens for male birds. We hope to have yards and all ready for use this fall."

## BOTH KINGSTON FIRMS.

Haycock & Kent and Oldrieve & Nicol have dissolved partnership, Mr. R. C. Kent and Mr. G. S. Oldrieve joining forces. The combined yards will still be situated at Cata-raqui and a competent man has been placed in charge.