

Listowel Notes.

The prospects for a large exhibit at the second exhibition of the Listowel Poultry and Pet Stock Association are splendid. We are assured of the attendance of nearly all of last year's exhibitors, besides a large number of fanciers from different parts of the country. The Grand Trunk Railway Company have signified their willingness to carry passengers to and from Listowel during the show, on all lines operated by the Company at one single fare and a third. The usual reduction on express rates will be given by the different companies. The prize lists will be out in a few days, and will be forwarded to any person on application to the Secretary, R. Elliott, Listowel, Ont.

Messrs. Male & Rolls have gone into fancy pigeons pretty extensively. They received a large consignment from a noted breeder this week.

Mr. H. Goddard, one of the leading fanciers in town, met with a severe accident a couple of weeks ago. While at work in Messrs. Bamford & Smith's factory, he in some way got his foot in a machine with which he was working and had all the toes and part of the foot taken off. He is doing well under medical treatment, and expects to be around again in a month or so.

Some of our Listowel breeders intend exhibiting at the Toronto show, believing that score-cards from the noted judge and breeder, I. K. Felch, Esq., is worth all and more than it will cost. It is to be hoped that the fanciers of Ontario will turn out, and thus make the Toronto show a grand success. R. E.

Listowel Nov. 30, 1885.

Chatham Notes.

We have at last succeeded in getting a really satisfactory Association formed, and are to have a Poultry, Dog, Pigeon and Pet Stock show on Dec. 29th 30th, 31st and Jan 1st.

The prize-list will be issued in a few days and contains about \$500 in cash prizes, besides 60 special prizes, amounting in value to about \$200; all the prize-money will be paid on the afternoon of the last day.

Special arrangements will be made which will enable those exhibitors who wish to show at Exeter to do so.

Every inducement is offered to fanciers to come from a distance, the express company is to return birds free, and the railway companies are to issue return tickets for a fare and a third. We hope to see all the London, Stratford, Seaforth and Listowel men down in force.

CHATHAMITE.

Chatham, Nov. 30, '85.

In the Show Room.

Very few men are indifferent to the opinions of others, and as a rule the most selfish will make some sacrifices to gratify or please his neighbor. It is greatly to the advantage of fanciers that they gain the good opinion of their brethren in the fancy, and they should so deport themselves when they meet in the show-room as to make friends, and cause the time here spent together to pass pleasantly.

There are generally a few characters at every show that manage to make themselves tedious, to say the least, and no doubt if they knew that their conduct was disagreeable to others they would endeavor to change it. There is the chronic grumbler, who always has a grievance. He never gets fair play; his birds are either not fed enough, or else too much; and if nothing else can be found to grumble about the management of the show is criticised in no sparing manner, which is very pleasant to those who have given days and nights of hard work, only hoping for a few words of approval as their reward. There is the selfish man, who cannot see anything in the show but his own birds, and expects all others to agree with him. The visitor, who has only a short time to spare for the show, is to be pitied when he falls into the clutches of this character. There is the one who always has better birds at home than any present, and is so sorry he did not bring them; all of which he is simple if he supposes the listener will believe. All those can do a good deal to make life miserable to their brother exhibitors and visitors, but the champion nuisance of the show-room is the fancier (?) who is constantly pulling the birds of other exhibitors out of their cages, to show their beauties and defects to his friends and prospective buyers. Nothing will more quickly disgust a thorough fancier with the showing business than to see his birds mauled about in this way, and more than one good fancier has quit showing rather than be so annoyed—his reluctance to create a scene prevents him from giving the meddlesome exhibitor the rebuke he deserves, so he steps down and out. Some fanciers act as though on the entrance of the birds into the show-room they become common property for the time being. This is far from being the case. The fancier who takes another's bird from its cage without permission does a rude and ungentlemanly act.

Officers of societies are powerless to control the actions of the first-named characters, but it is in their power, and it is their duty, to put a stop to the latter-named grievance. The Regulations of societies generally have a clause which reads somewhat like this: "The exhibits for the time being shall become the property of the Society, &c.," and all assume as much, and they should feel it their duty to see that the birds are not interfered with in any way that would not be agreeable to the owners. An officer of the society can act in a case of this kind without causing ill feeling, while the owner seldom can,