

the country with the wonder of wonders yclept "Minorcas." If we had only known what she was holding in the background, how many would have held their hand for a season. Oh! please friend HEWITT, do leave us the ghost of "a leg to stand on" and we will forever bless you.

The letters in March and April No's re the Ontario Poultry Ass'n are very interesting, and highly important to every Canadian Fancier. I have a high appreciation of the ability of our Canadian Judges, and an earnest desire to see our poultry associations stand on a firm financial basis. With economy this ought to be accomplished; and I feel sure it will be.

I notice with pleasure that the efforts of Mr. SMELT at Bowmanville seem to be highly appreciated, and the awards to have given general satisfaction. For the first attempt at scoring this is very gratifying. I am entirely unacquainted with the gentlemen, so I am not interested in making these remarks in any way, save that we need to take notice of any capable men for this important office of judge. I might rather say, capable and WILLING. With BUTTERFIELD, JARVIS, DOEL, JACKSON, SMELT and others, we ought to be able to get our judging done satisfactorily. By this I do not mean to say they are at present the equal on scoring of such men as FELCH, BICKNELL, PIERCE, &c., men who have made it their sole study, and chief aim in life; endowed also with superior gifts to qualify them as judges; who helped to frame the laws that govern us breeders and judges; but I do say and honestly believe that our judges can become such reliable and competent men in applying the *Standard* by the scoring system. I am anxious to see that day Mr. EDITOR; which will come as soon as our judges will make up their minds to study as deeply and intently the art of judging as our friends across the line. America holds a position unique in the annals of Poultry culture, a position as far in

advance of England as of Canada. The American breeds in my humble opinion are as far ahead in beauty, usefulness and sprightliness, as they can well be, and especially superior in those qualities that the exigencies of the climate and conditions of life demand: notably, rapid growth. The first essential in this country when the season is so very short. There are few things wherein I am willing to yield the palm for excellence to America, (being a "nat'ral born" Englishman,) but in the making of breeds, England is behind America; I might also say, in poultry literature and the art of poultry engraving. Let not a false idea of what is loyal, blind us to this important fact. It is well for Canada that it is a fact. Our fanciers are waking up; we shall be a second America in this important industry, so let us say with the old General, "Hup guards and at 'em."

W. C. G. PETER.

Angus, April 11th, 1888.

P. S.—I remark your foot note Mr. ED. on the Douglas Mixture. Excuse me for pointing out that tincture of iron is much more expensive, and where there is any infection existing, the addition of the acid is called for. The iron is as good alone for a tonic.

TORONTO POULTRY, PIGEON AND PET STOCK ASSOCIATION.

REGULAR MEETING.

Our last meeting was well represented. There was no business of importance before the meeting so we adjourned till next August. MR. WOLFE showed a fine pair of White Leghorns, MR. FOX a fine pair of Brown Leghorns which were scored and commented on by the members. The furthest developed chicks are to be shown by the members at our next meeting.

Yours respectfully,

E. J. OTTER, Sect'y.

NOVA SCOTIA POULTRY ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Nova Scotia Poultry Association was held at the office of JOSEPH S. BELCHER, Halifax, on Saturday evening, March 31st. Present:—ANDREW DOWNS, President, in the chair; Messrs J. E. DEWOLF, R. J. WILSON, E. D. TUCKER, W. DONALDSON, (Kings Co.) F. C. STEVENS, WM. STEVENS, FRANK HYDE, GEO. PIERS, W. JACKSON, S. M. GELDERT, SR., C. W. ANDERSON, T. GRUDGE, JOS. S. BELCHER, JOHN W. STAIRS, JOHN W. BURTON, and WILLIAM MCKERRON.

The executive committee reported that all the English birds had arrived in the steamer British Queen, and were being cared for by members until the day of sale, and that the American and Canadian birds would arrive the first of the week.

MR. DONALDSON, of Cornwallis, Kings Co., suggested the advisability of having discussions at meetings of this Association upon subjects bearing upon the breeding, keeping and general management of poultry.

DAVID SMITH, A. KIDSTON, INIGO JONES, JOHN WHITE, FRANK HYDE, M. H. RICHEY, JR., W. BROOKFIELD, J. M. GELDHART, J. THOMPSON and W. KERRY were added to the list of membership.

At the election of officers the following were made the executive committee:

President—ANDREW DOWNS.

Vice-Presidents—C. W. ANDERSON, PROF. LAWSON.

Treasurer—THOMAS GOUDGE.

Asst.-Secretary—E. ST. J. TUCKER.

JOSEPH S. BELCHER, GEO. PIERS, R. J. WILSON, J. E. DEWOLFE, W. H. GIBSON, JOHN W. STAIRS, WM. MCKERRON and WM. STEVENS, Dartmouth.

Editor Review:—Seeing that you publish the proceedings of poultry associations I beg to enclose a cutting from our daily paper as above. Since the present year opened quite a