

tario will be found in our pages this month. Our St. Catharines friends intend putting forth every effort to make the next show a success, and hope, with the addition of a third judge, that no exhibitor may have reason to complain of his birds being returned unscored. The date of show has been fixed for the second week in January.

MR. J. H. PATON,  
Hamilton, has left his old address, and may now be found at 61 Herkimer St.

#### PIGEONS AT THE INDUSTRIAL.

We much regret to find so many dissatisfied Pigeon exhibitors at the late Industrial exhibition. We would ask them to kindly remember that the way the Pigeons are shown, scattered all over the building, that it is almost impossible for a judge to do himself or the exhibits justice. In conversation with Mr. COOPER on this subject he stated that it was quite unfair to ask any judge to pronounce on an exhibit in such a mixed condition, and that he should certainly decline to do it again.

#### HANDLE ALL BIRDS.

While on this matter we wish to state that we think it would be far fairer to all concerned, to have all birds handled by the judge, and any pronounced cases of trimming or other fraud of any kind, disqualified. As it now is half of the flights or tail may be out and the judge be quite unaware of the fact.

This can never be accomplished until some uniform style of coops are used in which the birds are easily accessible.

#### \$90.00 FOR A LEGHORN.

We notice in glancing through an English exchange that a white Leghorn cockerel recently changed hands for the good figure of £18 or \$90.00. This is stated to be the largest price ever paid for a Leghorn.

# POULTRY

## MORTIMER'S MONTHLY MORSELS.

Are you making the best of all your opportunities to make yourself a competency, and a name that is synonymous for all that is honorable and upright in life? Are you sure you are not letting the golden to-day slip by unimproved, and grasping after the uncertain to-morrow? Now is the time to act, and remember that Franklin says, "Dost thou love life? then do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of."

Scabby leg in poultry is caused by a minute insect that burrows beneath the scales upon the leg. An occasional washing of the roosts with kerosene oil is an excellent preventative, as it is also against other vermin. If the disease has started in the flock, then wash the turkeys with a mixture of one-half water and one-half kerosene. Repeat the application in a week if a cure is not effected by the first wash. Do not use the wash too strong lest it cause swelling of the legs, or even paralyze them. In a very bad case separate the diseased fowl from the others, use the solution weaker than above, and repeat in three days.

It is said that Mrs. R. B. HAYS owns and personally superintends at her home in Freemont, Ohio, one of the best poultry yards in the United States.

Selection of breeding stock in view of improvement is of paramount importance. The cock and hen in all cases should be of good size, perfectly healthy and vigorous, symmetrical in form, fine types of their breed, with plumage, rich and glossy, muscular limbs, free in motion, quick, animated look, carriage erect and proud, and of good laying stock.

All kinds of fowls are natives of warm or semi-tropical climates. However long they may have been domesticated, they retain their liking for warm weather, or at least for warm quarters in cold weather. In the winter season they do better in close houses, with little ventilation, rather than exposed to severe weather. When a young chicken will rest under its mother's wing on a summer's night at a temperature of 100 or more, there is little danger of smothering an old fowl in winter in a tight house.

Before winter comes spade up the poultry yard. If it is too hard a job at one time, turn up a few shovelfuls of earth every day. As it dries, it serves for a dust, as well as inducing exercise.

Prepare comfortable quarters for old and young stock now. Take good care of them until they are all sold. See that they do not roost in trees, or in open houses exposed to chilly south-east and north-west winds. Thoroughly cleanse all the poultry houses now, if you have not done so already. Neglect these precautions in the fall months and your poultry will die of roup in early winter.

Don't forget to weed out the culls now all are big enough for the pot.

This work should have been done two months ago, but it is not too late now.

Never keep more young or breeding stock than you have ample room for. Twenty-five young growing chicks and fifteen grown fowls are enough to keep in one apartment. Thus accommodated they will keep health better and be more profitable than if crowded.

Watch your young birds. Many fine chicks are materially injured by crowding at this time of the year. The cool nights cause them to huddle and crowd together for warmth. They are yet