

to Mr. A. G. Oliver of Newark, Delaware. The price we learn was in the neighborhood of fifteen hundred dollars and this must surely be a record sale.

THE OTTAWA SHOW

was a huge success this year, the building being crowded with some fourteen hundred birds. Full report in next issue.

VIOLETING THE PRIZE LIST.

Editor Review :

I HAVE seen the statement in the Toronto daily papers since the close of the Industrial Exhibition, that an enquiry is to be held respecting the methods of the Industrial Exhibition Association, to determine the cause of a great deal of dissatisfaction existing among exhibitors. I know nothing of the grievances here referred to, but I do know that there is room for explanation with reference to the awarding of prizes for incubators in the poultry department. The Prize List for 1897, page 61, class 65, states as follows :

"Articles in this department will be received for exhibition only ; they must however, be entered with the Secretary in the same manner as articles in other classes.

"In response to enquiries made of a majority of the exhibitors, it appears to be the desire that prizes should not be offered in this department. It will however, be at the option of the committee to recognize by the awarding of a diploma, any exhibit where the extent or merit of the same would seem to call for special recognition."

Then again on page 10, under "General Rules and Regulations," is found the clause :

"No award of prize not offered in the List will be paid until sanctioned by the Board of Directors of the Association."

Now all this is as clear as daylight, therefore you can imagine my surprise when I visited the exhibition on Thursday, of the second week, to find that prizes had been awarded in the face of all this.

Will Mr. Dilworth, chairman of the Poultry Committee, or some other person having authority to speak, be good enough to say, why, for what reason, and by what authority these prizes were awarded ?

I wish to state in this connection that I am not a *disappointed exhibitor*, I won the Silver Medal in 1895 and the Silver and Bronze Medals in 1896 for Incubators. This

year I did not exhibit my machines, not because of the prizes being withheld, but because I was out of the city on business and therefore could not give my personal attention to an exhibit. As the prize list stated there would be nothing in the way of competition awards. I concluded there was nothing to lose by being absent, and nothing to gain by exhibiting, so I decided not to exhibit this year for the reason stated. Had I known however that prizes would be awarded I should certainly have had my machines on exhibition, even if I could not attend them personally. It is not the intrinsic value of the medals awarded that I care a fig about, but the honor attached to winning them, and the consequent advertising value attached to them.

The awarding of medals this year is a rank injustice to exhibitors of former years, who are guided by the announcements in the prize list. These exhibitors will drift to other exhibitions, and the Industrial will find itself on the wane.

Trusting you will give this space in your valuable journal.

Yours truly,

Toronto, Sept. 20th, 1897.

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TORONTO POULTRY, PIGEON, AND PET STOCK ASSOCIATION.

THE Show Committee held a meeting in Temperance Hall Tuesday, September 21st. Mr. R. H. Essex, the chairman, presided. Mr. R. Durston was appointed Secretary of Show ; Mr. James Brown was appointed as representative at Weston and Markham Shows, and Mr. C. J. Daniels was appointed to act in same capacity at Brampton.

The prize list is to be one of the finest that has ever been sent out.

The Secretary has been communicating with several well known judges, and, no doubt, those chosen will be competent in every respect. It was also decided that numbers will be used on coops instead of names until the judges have completed their work.

The matter of cooping the Show was left over until the next meeting, October 18th. It is the intention of the committee to have roomy and attractive coops that can be used for future events.

The prize list will be ready for distribution about Nov. 1st.

The following varieties will be on exhibition at the meeting, Nov. 14th : W.C.W. and W.C.B. golden, silver and buff laced Polands, Silkies, Houdans, Red Caps, A.O.V.