

## TORONTO INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION.

SPECIAL REPORT FOR D. C. FANCIER.

The poultry exhibit at the above Exhibition was a grand success. Notwithstanding the fact that many large exhibitors, who had been in the habit of exhibiting here, were exhibiting at the Provincial Exhibition at Quebec, more birds were cooped this year than at any previous show held by the Association. The competition in most of the classes was of the keenest possible kind. This was especially so in Barred Plymouth Rocks, White Plymouth Rocks, and Minorcas, the latter being beyond all question the premier exhibit of the whole exhibition. Over one hundred Minorcas were in line and they were of the very highest quality.

Some 2500 birds were cooped. The old Superintendent, Mr. C. J. Daniels, was on hand with an able staff of assistants and not one word of complaint was heard in regard to the manner in which the birds were cared for.

The Judges were Messrs. L. G. Jarvis, London; Sharp Butterfield, Windsor; Thomas H. Smelt, Woodstock; for Poultry. I. B. Johnson, Toronto, was Judge of Pigeons. Apparently all discharged their duties to the satisfaction of the exhibition as the man who sometimes endeavors to surpass the mule in its kicking exhibitions was conspicuous by his absence.

The Exhibition was visited by a large number of visitors, probably 100,000 people going through the poultry building alone during the week. The total number of visitors during the Fair was 286,000. Messrs. A. E. Blunck, Johnson, N. Y., Hammersmith, Richmond, and many other well-known American fanciers were present.

Sales of stock were numerous, many of the exhibitors selling over \$100 worth, while two or three sold birds amounting in all to over \$200.

A short description of some of the winners in the largest classes may not be out of place:—

**LIGHT BRAHMAS**—1st cock a nice bird in good shape, dark tail, poor comb; second not in as good show shape, has good head points; third an excellent bird; good legs, but in poor shape. First hen an old winner in nice trim, neat head with good legs and toes; second is a small hen, but is good; third, a fair bird. First cockerel wins easy, good color, splendid legs; second a

smaller one not yet developed; may be heard from later on; third, a fair bird but not shown in good condition. Pullets, first a real nice bird, shown in first class condition, splendid hackle; second, was much smaller but will make a good bird. Pens were very good indeed, the winning pen especially.

**DARK BRAHMAS**.—Not very large numbers. In old birds the winners were very good. Owned by one exhibitor. Chicks were also good, especially first cockerel and pullet.

**BUFF COCHINS**.—There is always a grand lot here. Cock, first a grand bird shown in the pink of condition, good head, splendid color, buff to skin, grand legs and feet; second not nearly so well shown but a good bird; third, a good bird, good color, but falls away in breast. Hens, first good color throughout, poor head points, any quantity of feathers; second and third hens were much smaller and faded in color. Chicks were not so fully matured as we have seen but were very promising. Pens exceptionally good. It was a close thing between 1st and 2nd.

**BLACK LANGSHANS**.—A splendid lot. Cock, 1st a grand big fellow with splendid color, good shape; 2nd a large bird but moulting; third not so large as first and second but a neat one; Hens, 1st a large bird of good color, poor comb; 2nd a bit smaller and neater; 3rd a big hen. Cockerels were very fair, the 1st and 2nd birds being especially good; Pullets, 1st and 2nd both owned by one exhibitor, large and of good color; 3rd younger bird of great promise. She will be heard from later. Pens were excellent. The class all through was a very creditable one.

**BARRED PLYMOUTH ROCKS**.—Cock only a fair class. First, wins well, but had poor comb and some black in hackle. Otherwise color is very good; 2nd a very large bird, poor comb but of excellent color throughout; too much of the Cochin type; 3rd a splendid shaped bird with good comb; not yet moulted or might have been higher up. Hens, 1st the pick of the lot, shown in grand condition, good color throughout; 2nd another good one but a bit small; markings were excellent; 3rd fair. Cockerels, 1st an easy win, a good bird all over; 2nd has the best shape of any but has a very poor breast; 3rd a good bird. Many cockerels were left out which were no disgrace to their owners. Pullets, 1st a large well developed bird of good color, well barred all over, an easy

win; 2nd and 3rd good birds well show Pens made a large class in themselves 1st a grand lot indeed, pullets well barred all over with good legs and beak. The cockerel was quite a youngster but promises to be a remarkably good bird when matured; certainly the best colored and barred bird in the whole class 2nd a good lot and run first close.

**WHITE PLYMOUTH ROCKS**.—very large class of good quality. The winning chicks would be hard to beat anywhere.

**BLACK MINORCAS**.—Certainly the largest and best class in the show. They made an exhibit of themselves and were the admired of the admired. It is questionable if as fine a collection ever got together before in America. Cocks, 1st, very large bird with a first-class comb, bright red face, large pure white lobes, immense breast, good color throughout. 2nd cock another grand colored bird, not so large as winner; good evenly serrated comb, a little too high off head at back; runs first close; 3rd a smaller bird and hardly in same class with 1st and 2nd; Hens, 1st a large bird of good color; good comb, an easy win; 2nd much smaller but neat; 3rd only fair. Cockerels a grand lot indeed; 1st an immense big fellow with grand evenly serrated comb, good face with a large white lobes; good body, low tail; a bit weak in color; 2nd a younger one of beautiful color, fair comb, good face and lobes; 3rd another good young bird. Pullets; 1st a walk over; "unquestionable the finest pullet seen in America" was the opinion of the Judges and of all fanciers; immense large bird with true Minorca shape; grand color; good comb, bright red face and smooth white lobes; legs as black as a coal from thigh to nails; well spread tail; a perfect gem. 2nd a very good bird indeed, good color and well grown; 3rd a younger bird but of good promise. Fifteen or twenty pullets left which would win almost anywhere; Pens a fine lot. 1st contained a very large cock of grand shape and color; fine large evenly serrated comb; was a winner in England; 2nd not in it with winners, but a fair lot of birds.

**WHITE MINORCAS**.—The largest class of this variety recently seen in Canada. Cocks, 1st an old winner, fair comb, good color throughout, still held red face, fair lobes, good shape; 2nd an English winner, fair comb, grand face and lobes; completely out of condition; very large bird; high on legs; may make