

WHO CAN BEAT THIS RECORD?

A NEIGHBOR of mine, Mr. Wm. Grisdale, kept this last winter fifteen hens (the first he ever owned). They commenced to lay on November 17th. In November they layed 41 eggs, December 137 eggs, January 187 eggs, February 226 eggs, March 317 eggs; total, 908 eggs. One of these hens was set on March 19th, and another one on the 21st. None of them are pure bred, five of them show Leghorn, one resembles black Minorcas, and others have some Plymouth Rock blood in them. They have a comfortable house and he takes good care of them.

Port Robinson, April 14, '98. GEO. ELLIOTT.
(How does he feed?—ED.)

OWEN SOUND AND COUNTY OF GREY
ASSOCIATION.

A LETTER OF THANKS TO GALT.

HAD we announced our dates in last month's issue there would have been three Associations with the same dates, instead of two as there were. Now, the Lambton County Association announced Mr. L. G. Jarvis as their judge before they had secured him, otherwise they would have found out that we had about closed with him for those dates. On receiving the REVIEW we at once communicated with the Galt Association, who very kindly gave way to us by changing their dates to Jan. 17 to 19, and we have no doubt but that when the Lambton boys find Mr. Jarvis is engaged they will make a change also. We desire to here publicly thank the Galt Poultry Association for their great kindness in at once giving up their dates to us, and our Association hopes that the change may be the means of giving them a still larger show than they would have had in December. We are pushing along the arrangements for a rousing show in Owen Sound, December 13th to 16th, '98, second to none in Ontario. We are arranging for more coops to accommodate several hundred more birds and expect to make our sixteenth annual show the best yet. If anybody wants to know what kind of time the visitors have at an Owen Sound show just write to Mr. F. R. Webber, Guelph, who says he wouldn't miss the good time at Owen Sound, dead or alive.

ROBT. R. CAMERON, Secretary.

EXHIBITION POULTRY.

A LECTURE DELIVERED BY MR. J. W. LUDLOW TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BIRMINGHAM AND MID-ENGLAND POULTRY SOCIETY.

MR. LUDLOW, having thanked the members for re-electing him president of the society, proceeded to deliver his lecture. He first expressed the pleasure he felt that the Minorca Club had made overtures to the society to join in the next exhibition, and that the committee had favourably entertained the proposal, as the Minorca Club holds a very high position in the poultry world, and the breed is undoubtedly one of the most popular varieties.

With regard to the subject of his lecture, he had at first proposed to put it in a different form from previous years, but after careful consideration he had decided that exhibition poultry was the best subject to select, especially as lectures were to follow by Mr. Freeman and Mr. Hallam, which would be of a more general and popular character. He thought that evening it would be advisable to briefly touch upon the breeds of the past in comparison with the present, showing what progress had been made in the interim. This would indicate what had been done by exhibitions, and by poultry societies like this, in promoting poultry culture. Mr. Ludlow invited questions at any stage of the address.

Some members present might remember what Cochins were like when they were first introduced to this country: long legs, narrow bodies, sparsely feathered in leg, and very different from the specimens of the present day, Shanghaes or Cochins, according to divers types then existing.

Dorkings have shown very little improvement except in colour. It was an old English breed, and was always highly esteemed. The improvement noticed is that the silver grey color has been greatly purified, and has reached a stage now which leaves very little room for further improvement. The darks have become very uniform in shape and color.

Houdans.—Very little change has taken place excepting that for show purposes there has been an entire severance between the Houdan and the Creve, the dif-