

EXPRESS RATES.

SEND you a clipping from a Montreal paper about freight rates on pure bred cattle. They get for half rates and going to shows they get the same rates. Now I don't see why poultry should not go at the same. They charge double rates on poultry going to shows and return free, they should not charge but single fare the same as the cattle men get. I saw a party last week that got a cockerel from the States and had to pay double rates and 65 cents duty, it cost him \$2.15 to get him here about 50 miles this side of Boston. I think if the Ontario Poultry Association would try the Express Companies, the same as the cattle men, we would get it, that is going to shows if they are put in right coops, we should get for single fare. Yours,

A. THOMPSON.

Allan's Corners, Que., Mar. 14, 98.

Following is clipping referred to.--A.T.

TORONTO, March 7.—Mr. Arthur White, district freight agent of the G. T. R., announces as a result of the conference held on Friday, between the representatives of the railways and the Hon. John Dryden, representing the Agricultural Department of Ontario, Mr. J. I. Hobson, representing the Dominion Cattle Breeders' Association, and Mr. Y. W. Hodson, the secretary of the association, in reference to the rates on pure bred cattle, sheep and swine, that the railway companies had decided to only charge them half fare. Last April a similar request was made to reduce the rates, and the Grand Trunk sent out a circular at that time in which the rates were reduced a third. Mr. White believed it was a good thing to encourage breeding of this kind of stock in Canada, and that was the view the railway companies took of it, and there was no doubt that they would give the breeders all the encouragement possible.

MR. J. L. MARGACH,

who formerly resided in Port Hope, where brown Leghorns were his favorites, is now living in Bowmanville, on a nice little place of seven and a half acres. It is his intention to devote most of his time to poultry, extending his boundaries as may become necessary.

WHAT THE "COCHIN CHANEY" WAS.

WHAT do you think of the following description of the Cochin China, as described by Bob Jennings, V. S., of Philadelphia, in 1864.

"The Cochin China fowl are said to have been presented to Her Majesty Queen Victoria from the East Indies, and in order to promote their propagation Her Majesty made presents of them occasionally to such persons as she supposed likely to appreciate them. The Cochins slightly differing from the Shanghais chiefly in being somewhat fuller and deeper in the breast, not quite so deep in the quarter and being usually smooth legged, while the Shanghais generally are more or less heavily feathered. The cock has a large upright, single, deeply indented comb, very much resembling that of the black Spanish, and when in high condition, of quite as brilliant a scarlet; like him also he has sometimes a very large white ear lobe on each cheek. The legs are of a pale flesh color."

How does this compare with them at present? The Shanghais are the light Brahmas of the present day. When they first came to Canada they were better but not so heavy feathered and not so round or heavy feathered on their legs.

Yours truly, E. H. BENJAMIN.

Ottawa, March 14, 1898.

[Dr. Bell might like a cross of this blood to "improve his stock."—ED.]

STRAY FEATHERS.

I advertised, as you know, two pens of S. C. white Leghorns and one pen of Forbes R. C. Leghorns in your "for sale" column of March REVIEW. I have sold both pens of S. C. Leghorns already and only have the R. C. Leghorns left. So much for the advertising qualities of our REVIEW. One pen went to Quebec. I never change cockerels, what new blood I add I do it through females. I was glad to see I. K. Felch honored at the American Poultry Association meeting, I consider him a veteran in the fancy. I have had several enquiries for Brahmas and have made a couple of good sales.

H. W. PARTLO.

Dorchester, March 19, 98.