

Rhode Island has been a boom in the egg market. The contents of the shells are first extracted, then they are filled with spirituous liquor, the apertures closed, and they are ready for use. The hospitable Rhode Islander's first question to his guest is: "Have an egg?" Eggs are not always eggs down there.

Mr. H. M. Charlesworth, formerly of Scaforth, is now on the road for Morgan Davies, Tea Merchant, of Toronto, and has disposed of all his stock except Dark Brahmas.

Mr. Thos. Hall, Montreal, writes us that he is greatly enlarging and improving his poultry house, fixing up the inside pens with wire netting, &c.

Mr. A. C. Blyth, late Secretary of the Owen Sound Association, is now living in Toronto.

Mr. H. T. Alling of Newark, N.J., paid us a visit last month, on his trip through Canada. He is an enthusiastic fancier and breeds Brown, White and Black Leghorns, P. Rocks and L. Brahmas.

Mr. C. Goodchild, Toronto, has just brought out from England, nine Silver Laced Polands, a cock, three hens and five chicks. He showed us some feathers plucked from the breast of one of them which were beautifully laced.

We understand that Messrs. Abbott Bros., of England, the well-known Andalusian, Minorca and Black Spanish exhibitors, are sending several coops of birds for competition at the Industrial. This is enterprise indeed!

Mr. R. H. Trimble, Napanee, has our sympathy in the death, from Cholera infantum, of his infant son, Georgie.

We regret to learn that Messrs. Wright & Beck of Owen Sound, intend abandoning the fancy for a short time, owing to want of room, but will be happy to welcome them back to the

ranks again, as we understand their retirement will probably not be permanent.

Mr. Goffatt writes us, that the eggs he shipped to Newfoundland this spring, hatched a very large average of chicks; while eggs received from the States and England, not an egg hatched.

Major D. W. Crane, of Goderich, called on us when in town a few days ago. The "Majaw" is a great man for pet stock, and we understand, has a depot in Chicago. He also breeds Black Cochins and Dark Brahmas.

We were also favored with a visit from Mr. Jno. Higham, of Buffalo, who was spending some time in Toronto, and we believe purchased several birds.

Mr. Jas. Fullerton is now proprietor of the *Ashland News* Ashland, Wisconsin. We feel assured that he has the hearty good wishes of all readers of the REVIEW.

In a conversation with Mr. F. Wixson, who we met in Stratford, he told us that he had imported some of Hathaway Bros. strain of Andalusians, and had also much improved his strains of Brown, White and Black Leghorns and Black Spanish. He has over 200 chicks mostly raised on farms, which are coming on in fine shape and will be ready for the fall fairs.

We also met Dr. Scott of Seaforth, who is still breeding his old favorites W. C. B. Polands, Seabright Bants and one or two other varieties and who has likewise a promising lot of chicks.

In a letter from a fancier friend a few days ago, we were amused by some remarks of his on the vexed egg question. He says:—

"Can you tell me anything about _____, of _____-Ont. I sold him some eggs this spring and had a very saucy letter, to say the least, from him

about results. From what he said, I do not think he is a gentleman, or knows anything about poultry, but I wish to do the square thing and if you know him to be straight will try and smooth his ruffled feathers for him. I think he wanted and expected to get birds hatched all ready for exhibition, full fledged and prize tickets on. Probably he thought that ten times market price would get eggs of this description but I have not yet found that kind, nor do I hope to do so. He wanted to hatch June chicks to show in September and was mad because he only got 21 fertile eggs out of 26 and the other five were rotten ones, he says he also expected to beat early hatched chicks with them."

Surely any man who expects to get more than 21 fertile eggs out of 26, and then after travelling some hundreds of miles, is to say the least of it, unreasonable.

We are happy to announce that Mr. A. McGregor, chairman of the Poultry Committee of the Industrial, who has been confined to his residence for some time, is again able to be out and is much improved.

We are sorry to hear that Mr. Dilworth's 1st prize Andalusian cock has "gone over to the majority."

We would like to make a few remarks with reference to the rules of the "Black Spanish Club," published last month. In rule 3, it says "the Club shall be under the direction of a President, Committee of four, &c." They have probably forgotten that they have already elected a Vice-President, of which no mention is made. Rule 4 seems to us to be a particularly unjust one, and not at all conducive to a large membership roll. It leaves altogether too much power in the hands of two men, who could (we do not for a moment say they *would*) at any time conspire to exclude any fancier from joining the club, mayhap for some