

bright Bantam Pullet—1st G S Oldreive, 90¼. Black Bantams—Hen, 1st G S Oldreive, 96½; 2nd Thos. Murphy, 95; 3rd G S Oldreive, 94½. Cockerel—1st G S Oldreive, 96. Pullet—1st and 2nd do, 97½, 96½; 3rd Thos. Murphy, 95 1-2. Pen—1st G S Oldreive, 191½; 2nd Thos. Murphy, 187 1-2. Japanese Bantams.—Cock—1st G S Oldreive, 93 1-2. Hen—1st do, 93 1-2. Pekin Bantams.—Cockerel—1st and 2nd P G Keyes, 93¾, 93. Pullet—1st and 2nd do, 94, 93 1-2.

BLACK RUSSIANS.—Cockerel—1st A G Gilbert. Pullet—1st do.

DIRIGO.—Pullet—1st and 2nd A G Gilbert.

BRONZE TURKEYS.—Cock—1st U Bonneville, 2nd Mrs. A E Lang, 3rd C Smith. Hen—1st U Bonneville, 2nd Mrs. A E Lang. Cockerel—1st Mrs. A E Lang, 2nd do. Pullet—1st Mrs. A E Lang, 2nd do, 3rd C Smith.

TOULOUSE GESE—1st J J Henderson, Brockville; 2nd Henry Cawdron, 3rd Wm Cooch. Brown China Geese—1st A Holland, Ottawa; 2nd A W Garrett.

PEKIN DUCKS.—1st Alex Stewart, 2nd D Shipman. Aylesbury Ducks.—1st J I Gill.

CANARIES.—Male—1st, 2nd and 3rd, J S Allen Ottawa.

#### SPECIAL PRIZES.

For best Plymouth Rock, D Neving; best Plymouth Rock Cock, T A Willits; best exhibition pen P Rocks, D Neving; best white P Rock Cockerel, H H Wallace; best white P Rock Hen or Pullet, do; best Laced Wyandotte, P G Keyes; best pair white Wyandottes, H H Wallace; best pair Laced Wyandottes, P G Keyes; best white Wyandotte, H H Wallace; best Laced Wyandotte, Hen or Pullet, P G Keyes; best exhibition pen in class II, D Neving; best Light Brahma Cockerel and two Pullets, E Turcotte; best exhibition pen Light Brahmas, do; best Light Brahma Cock, do; best Dark Brahma, R G Martin; best Buff Cochin, H Cawdron; best white Cochin, do; best Partridge Cochin, R H Trimble, best pair Langshans, Wm Cooch; best Langshan, do; best exhibition pen in class I, E Turcotte; best black Spanish Cockerel, J Bedlow; best black Spanish Pullet, do; best W Leghorn Cock or Cockerel, A G Moment; best white Leghorn Hen or Pullet, do; best exhibition pen W Leghorns, do; best brown Leghorn Cock or Cockerel, J Firth; best brown Leghorn Hen or Pullet, R G Martin; best black Leghorn, F Wixson; best black Minorca, A G Moment; best exhibition pen in class III, A G Moment; best Hamburg Cock or Cockerel, J Bedlow; best Hamburg Hen or Pullet, R G Martin; best Silver Spangled Hamburg, R G Martin; best Silver Polish Hen or Pullet, R G Martin;

best Houdan, Mrs A E Lang; best Exhibition Pen in Class VI, Mrs A E Lang; best Dorking; J Bedlow; best B B R Game Cock or Cockerel, U Bonneville; best B B R Game Hen or Pullet, R B Smith; best Game other than B B Red, Wm Cooch; best Pit Game, J Bedlow; best Exhibition Pen in Class VIII, R H Trimble; best B B R Game Bantam, Wm Cooch; best Game Bantam other than B B R, Wm Cooch; best Exhibition Pen in Class IX, G S Oldreive; best Golden Seabright Bantam Cock or Cockerel, H J Daubuz; best Golden Seabright Bantam Hen, G S Oldreive; best black Bantam, G S Oldreive; best pair of Pekin Bantams, P G Keyes; best Exhibition Pen Class X, G S Oldreive; best pair of Aylesbury Ducks, J I Gill; best pair of Pekin Ducks, Alex Stewart; best pair of Toulouse Geese, J J Henderson; best Bronze Turkey Cock, U Bonneville; best Bronze Turkey Hen, U Bonneville; best collection Ornamental Division, J S Allen.

P. G. KEYES, Secretary.

### HOMING ANTWERP.

#### LARGE VERSUS SMALL BIRDS.

An interesting discussion is now going on in the *Homing Exchange* on the above subject, MR. JNO. VAN OPSTAL, well known to all Homing fanciers, gives his opinions as follows:—

I have read with much interest the article of Mr. Thomas Brooks entitled "Facts vs. Fancy," which appeared in your November issue, in which the above named gentleman shows unmistakable preference for the large kind of Homers, principally those crossed the most with the English Carrier. Not only is Mr. Brook's preference for the crossed English Carrier, but by his theory inclines to make believe that they are the best birds for flying purposes.

Now if the above views as expressed by Mr. Brooks remained without an answer, a number of young fanciers without experience would not hesitate to discard all other birds, to do away with the smaller kind, and we would, before long, hear from nothing but the

the wattled birds, of which Mr. Brooks is such a great admirer.

Before commenting on Mr. Brooks' article I will give my ideas about the best kind of Homers, and will not only back up my theory, not alone with my many years of experience in this country and in my native city of Antwerp in Belgium, but by the best writers on Homing pigeons, namely, Dr. Chapius, of Belgium, and Dr. Perre De Roo, of Paris, France.

Let me say first that Mr. Brooks commits an error, no doubt an involuntary one, in saying that the Becs and Demi-becs are the largest and most powerful of the Homers of Belgium; we don't consider a Bec a Homer at all in Belgium, we call a Bec there "Unbec Anglais," an English Carrier, and a Demi-bec in Belgium is called a cross between a pure English Carrier and a homing bird, or at least a bird which shows by its wattles that it is about a half English Carrier breed.

Among the latter we find but very few good birds, and even if good for a year or two, at the third year or later they generally get too heavy, which hinders their good flying, while birds less crossed with English Carrier get better and stronger as they advance in years. Let me not be understood as saying that it is not good to cross a bird that shows English Carrier with the smaller kinds of birds which show no Carrier at all, such as the Cumulets or Smerles, and of which pure breed there are hardly any pure types to be found to-day, as all have been crossed or recrossed these last seventy-five years, so that to-day there are hardly any birds in Belgium, but what there is some English Carrier mixture in them, in a great many so little it may be that it is hardly perceptible. Dr. Chapius, the best writer on homing pigeons, speaking in his book of the crossing of the homing pigeon says, "To-day, after a multitude of trials, we have obtained a new breed of Homers which seem to have won the confidence