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- No award will be made unless one essay at least comes up to the standard for publication.
 - The essays will be judged by the ideas, arguments, conciseness and conformity with the subject, and not by the grammar, punctuation or spelling.
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A prize of \$5.00 will be given for the best essay on "Profitable Horse Raising for the Manitoba and Northwest Farmers, with Suggestions on Breeding, Feeding, Training and Marketing." Essays to be in this office not later than March 15th.

A prize of \$5.00 will be given for the best essay on "How to Make a Success of Winter Farm Dairying in Manitoba or the Territories." Essays to be in this office not later than April 15th.

Judging from the large number of excellent contributions received in our prize essay competition on "Poultry Raising from a Farmer's Standpoint," the poultry industry is a very live one, at least in the minds of the people of the Northwest. Several of the best essays were written by farmers' wives, and we regret not being able to publish more of them in this issue, but will do so in future numbers.

In awarding prizes we always make a practice of having the essays judged by an expert in the special lines upon which they touch. In this instance, we have pressed into service Mr. Geo. G. McCormick, of this city, who is well known both as a large and successful breeder and exhibitor of poultry, and also in his official position of Treasurer of the Ontario Poultry Association.

WM. JONES, AUSTIN, MAN.

"The Austin Poultry Farm" is situated at Austin, Man., on the main line of the C. P. R., about half way between Brandon and Winnipeg. Here Mr. Jones, formerly of the poultry farm of Lewis & Jones, Collingwood, Ont., and a poultry fancier of long experience in the raising and management of poultry, has 166 acres devoted solely to the raising of poultry. Although only starting this enterprise last spring, he has already 1,700 feet of poultry houses, and expects by this fall to double the present capacity.

Mr. Jones has his houses arranged in the most convenient manner. The breeding pens are 8x12 feet, and fitted up with dust boxes, feed and drinking troughs, with a large window for each pen facing south; running the full length of the building is a passage three feet wide; an upper story full length of the building, where will be situated a 300-egg incubator, with brooders, etc. The whole of this upper story will be devoted to the raising of early chicks.

The farm is beautifully situated on Squirrel Creek, three-quarters of a mile of which runs through it, and it is to be dammed this spring to form a large pond for the ducks and geese. The soil is a sandy loam, with two gravel pits, so the fowls will not suffer for want of "grit."

Mr. Jones' stock was imported from some of the best breeders in the United States, and his Brown Red Games from England last spring. Twenty-eight distinct varieties of land and water fowl, including the following, are kept:—Light and Dark Brahmas, Buff and Partridge Cochins, White, Brown and Buff Leghorns; Blue Andalusians, Black Minorcas, American Dominique, Golden, Silver and White Wyandottes, Gold and Silver Hamburgs, Houdans, S. C. Black Polish; Black and Brown-breasted, Black Sumatra, Cornish, India and Pit Games, Plymouth Rocks and Langshans; Rouen and Pekin Ducks, Toulouse Geese and Bronze Turkeys.

Mr. Jones will be able to supply eggs from all the above varieties this spring. His advertisement appears in this journal. All visitors are cordially invited to inspect the premises.

Poultry Commissioner for Canada.

At a recent meeting of the Toronto Poultry, Pigeon and Pet Stock Association, it was decided, by an unanimous vote, to recommend the appointment of a Poultry Commissioner for Canada. The motion went on to state, that in view of the natural adaptability of Canada for the production of eggs and market poultry, and that the exports from this source alone now amount to nearly two million dollars, the Association feels that it would be in the interests of the country that a commissioner should be appointed who would devote his whole time and attention to the encouragement of this important branch.

The Poultry Exhibition.

The Twentieth Annual Exhibition of the Poultry Association of Ontario, which was held in the town of New Hamburg from the 2nd to the 5th of January, 1894, was an unqualified success in every particular.

The number of entries was in excess of that of any former year. At the show in Hamilton last year the entries numbered 1,295, which was the largest entry list up to that time. This year the entries number 1,354, an increase of 59 over any previous year. The attendance was good, and the exhibitors all seemed to be in the best of spirits, well satisfied with the decisions of the judges, and also with the sales they had made and the prices received. Not only was the show, numerically speaking, a success, but the quality of the exhibits was wonderfully good.

One of the first men which we met was that veteran poultry breeder, Allan Bogue, who pronounced it the best show on earth, and said, "Oh! if I had only had this show at Chicago we would have swept everything."

In all the classes there was a large number of World's Fair winners present.

One notable feature of the exhibit was that it was remarkably strong in the business fowl of Ontario—those capable of producing the eggs and dressed poultry for our export trade, while the ornamental and lighter varieties were not so numerous as in former years. A glance at the entry list will show this. In Plymouth Rocks there were 120 entries, 74 barred and 46 white. This is the largest number of this breed ever shown. They appear to be steadily gaining in popular favor every year; with the exception of Bantams they were the largest class on exhibition.

Leghorns were a close second, with 120 entries, followed by the Polands with 85, and the Wyandottes with 80 entries, while the other breeds were all well represented.

The classes for ducks were well filled, there being 45 entries.

Turkeys and geese were not so numerous as would be wished, the entries being but 12 and 11 in each class respectively, but the quality was all that could be desired. This lack of numbers was doubtless owing to the high express rates charged on the heavy breeds. The feeling of the Association seemed to be that the society should raise the prizes on turkeys, geese and other large fowls at least sufficiently to counterbalance the additional express charge, and thus encourage the breeders of such to bring them out to the exhibitions. The judges were Messrs. Sharp Butterfield, Windsor, T. H. Smelt, Woodstock, and L. G. Jarvis, Port Stanley, on poultry; and Mr. I. B. Johnston, Toronto, on pigeons and pets. They appeared to have performed their duties satisfactorily to all.

As usual, Mr. Wm. McNeil carried off more prizes than any other exhibitor, he having 20 varieties on exhibition—in fact, he is one of the largest breeders in America.

When the classes were all so well filled with such an excellent display of birds, it is impossible in the small space at our disposal to mention all, so will have to be content with naming a few of the chief exhibitors of the different breeds.

In Brahmas, Haycock & Kent, Kingston, E. H. Donnelly, Sandwich, J. H. Sanders, London, and C. J. Daniels, of Toronto, made creditable displays.

There were 33 entries in the light class, and the dark class was well up with 23 specimens.

All the winning light Brahmas were really grand specimens, especially the first prize cock and hen, while I am sure that the dark Brahma class as a whole was the best I ever judged at the Ontario show, and about the most of that variety." This is the opinion of the veteran poultry judge, Mr. Sharp Butterfield.

The Cochin class was well represented, Mr. Geo. G. McCormick, of London, winning the prize for the largest display, as well as a large number of other prizes. Other exhibitors were Messrs. McNeil and Bogue, of London, and J. G. Pequegnat, of New Hamburg. Of this class the above-mentioned authority said: "I am sure that our Ontario show never held so many good ones before."

Wyandottes—There was a grand display of this comparatively new breed. The chief exhibitors were Messrs. McCormick, London; Haycock & Kent, Kingston, and C. J. Daniels, Toronto.

Plymouth Rock—This favorite breed was well up to the front with 17 exhibitors. Haycock & Kent were successful in winning the most firsts, while the other prizes were well divided.

Leghorns were a good class, both as regards quality and quantity, and this was especially true of the single comb variety. As Mr. Butterfield said, "Leghorns were right up in G." Mr. Thos. Rice, Whitby, showed some very fine White Leghorns, two pullets scoring 97½ and 98. He has the honor of owning the highest scoring birds in the show. He also showed Brown Leghorns, Black Minorcas and White Plymouth Rocks.

In Hamburgs Mr. Butterfield said that it was the largest collection of good birds he had ever seen together on the continent. There was a large number of World's Fair prize winners.

Spanish were really a fine class in every particular, with a large number to choose from.

Polands were above the average, and many lovers of this breed exclaimed that they had never seen them so well represented before.

Houdans were out in good style. The largest exhibitor in this breed was Mr. D. C. Trew, of Lindsay.

Colored Dorkings were chiefly represented by the show of Mr. Allan Bogue, of London.

Games were a good class all through.

In Ornamental Bantams Wm. McNeil and Richard Oke were the chief exhibitors.

Dr. Niven, of London, made a fine display of ornamental birds, and Mr. F. W. Hodson, of London, exhibited a Sandhill Crane from Manitoba, which was the centre of attraction to admiring crowds.

Ducks made a good showing, the principal exhibitors being Allan Bogue, London; Mrs. Main, Milton; T. A. Duff, Toronto, and W. A. Knight, Bowmanville.

Geese and turkeys were shown by Allan Bogue and J. Bell, Amber.

An interesting feature of the show was the display of cross-breeds. Although this is the first year that prizes have been offered for crosses, there were 14 entries, the majority of which were Indian Games and Dorkings. Mr. Allan Bogue, of London, showed a number of this cross.

The first prize cockerel was a cross between a Partridge Cochin and an Indian Game, and was won by Mr. C. H. Thurston.

In pullets Mr. John Fetch, of Shakespeare, was first with a slate-colored cross between a Leghorn and a Plymouth Rock. Messrs. Webber and Robinson, of Guelph, received second for both pullet and cockerel. The pullet was a Dorking and Langshan; weight, 6½ pounds. The cockerel weighed 8½ pounds, and was a cross between a Black Java and Langshan.