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NOTES AND COMMENTS

MR. F. H. BROWN, PORT HOPE,

HAS gone into business on his own account and so is unable to devote the proper time to as many breeds as he now keeps. As he is undecided as to which he will ultimately decide to breed he now offers all for sale.

SEVERAL FURTHER COMPLAINTS

of unsatisfactory or dishonest dealings in which John Gray played a leading part have reached us, but enough has been said in the last two issues on this matter.

MR. W. MCNEIL

the well known London breeder sends us a photograph of himself, the first he has ever had taken alone and truthful to life in every respect. One can almost see the keen look in his eye.

MONTREAL EXPOSITION.

We are advised that the Montreal Exposition Co. will hold their annual exhibition from September 10th to 19th inclusive, at which the poultry department will be made a special feature and we hope better accommodation provided than was the case last year. Mr. S. C. Stevenson is the Manager and Secretary, and he no doubt will announce further particulars to REVIEW readers in due time to those who purpose exhibiting.

A BACKWARD SEASON.

From all accounts that we can get in so far we fear that the "early chick" this year is almost an unknown quantity. Eggs have hatched badly and those who were depending on "Biddy" have little cause to bless her.

THE FALL EXHIBITIONS

will however we trust show that the deductions of many who have written us are not quite correct as so many are now breeding fancy, thoroughbred stock a certain number are bound to have at least a small proportion of early hatched chicks:

LATE APRIL AND MAY CHICKS

we still incline to think are after all the most reliable. Coming at a time when the weather begins to feel a bit spring like and balmy they grow, under other favorable conditions, from shell to maturity without a check, and ultimately outstrip their older relatives, both in size and lustre of plumage, both so desirable in many varieties.

CRUSHED CHICKS.

We have often and doubtless many others have also, been troubled with awkward or refractory hens who will crush a chick or two or often more, out of each hatch. Our hatchings have been free from this this year, and we account for it by using setting coops in which the hen had room to walk on to the eggs and not be compelled to jump on. A platform extends some nine inches on two sides of the nest, in some instances the latter being confined within the limits of a slat two inches high, others four inches, but none higher than this. From seventeen Bantam eggs we had seventeen chicks this past month and from another lot of sixteen eggs, fourteen chicks resulted. Both sitters were exceptionally large hens.

BROKEN EGGS

may also be avoided by adopting this method. Another hint, *treat the hens kindly*, don't frighten them all over the place. Our hens are fed once a day only and are during the interim confined closely to their nests after a day or two we can pick them up in any part of the hatching room.