

re names on coops at exhibitions. Anyone who has attended the shows can easily inform him how the judges can tell who the birds belong to, whether the names are on the coops or not. It is very easy, a judge has but to be told the *number of entry* of the bird that has been *pre ordained to win* in the class assigned to it; it is just as easy as writing. But why should we doubt the gentlemen who are appointed as judges of poultry more than other judges? When we reflect on the character of these gentlemen we stigmatise the whole poultry fraternity as a very "bad lot," that *can't* be honest unless they really have no loop hole to be dishonest; in fact we say we are a "bad crowd," and we know each other so well that we wont trust them, to give us our rights, because we know they will cheat us if they possibly can. That mistakes will be made sometimes is quite possible, but let us at least own that we have some gentlemen at the head of affairs, and by our confidence support the Canadian judges, so that they will take more interest in their work, and find pleasure in it. Who among us would not feel mean, (it would make me red hot) to be thought so unworthy of the confidence of my brother fanciers, that they openly declare that they will not believe me above a bribe, unless they take every possible precaution that I shall not have a chance to get it. Give it up friends! and by cheery good will, unite to make things pleasant all round.

I take this opportunity to welcome friend COSTEN to the ranks of the Wyandotters. They need no boom, only a fair trial to convince one of their merits, and command the admiration due to their beauty.

I wish to say a word about the use of lime. When air slacked lime is used freely, the birds are constantly surrounded by the dust caused by their habits of flying and scratching, and I have known cases of sore eyes and discharging nostrils, that were thought

to be roup, to be due to the fine lime dust, perhaps not thoroughly slacked, irritating the delicate membranes of the nostrils in young stock.

At this hot season rice is a splendid thing to feed every other day, now the chicks are old enough, it can be cooked gently till the grains swell thoroughly, in milk and water, or water only. I note our old friend SPILLET advocates free use of barley meal, I have found it too laxative to feed plentifully; but different soils make a distinction in the relative merits of feed, birds on good gravelly soil for instance seldom suffer in any way from feeding.

This last month has been trying to stock closely kept, when I start my pets out among the shade of the trees, I think very often of their less favored brethren cooped up in hot and close quarters, or in some cases elaborate hot-houses, provided expressly for them at great expense and with an eye to the beautiful in poultry architecture. Try, oh! try to give some shade to our pretty favorites, any kind will do, old boards, some ever-green boughs, anything, anything for the present heated term, don't wait to put up something that will take till next year to provide the much needed shade.

Thanks, Mr. Editor, for the excellent plate in your jubilee number, it was a pleasant surprise. Success to our coming Industrial, it promises to exceed all others in interest. I hope to meet some of the "boys" there this year.

Yours Respectfully,  
W. C. G. PETER.

Angus, Ont., July 18th, 1887.

P. S.—A farmer neighbor who has "looked into the thing" has declared in favor of poultry as against raising cattle for profit, but he cannot afford to take a poultry journal, because "he knows all about fowls."

#### THE BLACK COCK IN NEWFOUNDLAND.

The black cock which have been introduced into Newfoundland are doing

well, and seem to thrive in the coldest colony. The first shipment, some fourteen fine birds, arrived at St. John's by the Allan steamer, on October 6, only two dying on the passage across the Atlantic, although the birds did not seem to have fed the whole time. The second lot, nineteen large, healthy birds, arrived on December 3rd, one only dying on the passage. On arrival they were taken to suitable localities and set free by Mr. R. Langshire-Mare, of St. John's, a keen sportsman and good shot, who had taken much trouble in securing the black cock. The local Parliament have passed a special Bill, protecting the new importation for five years. Mr. Langshire-Mare deservedly gets praise in the Newfoundland newspapers for having so successfully brought such noble game so far across the Atlantic Ocean.

#### FROM ACROSS THE POND.

A DISPUTE.

*Edit & Review :*

The above heading appears in your June issue, page 164. Kindly allow me to thank you for inserting my letter, and for your most impartial remarks following the same, and in justice to myself and your readers please give me a short space to reply to MESSRS ABORTS' letter.

They say "we have had a little dispute with MR. J. HOPKINS, Bridgwater, England." This is not correct, Mr. Editor, and what I call putting the cart before the horse. It is myself that have had a dispute with MESSRS ABBOTT BROS., for the following reason. Immediately my attention was called to their false advertisement in your REVIEW I at once wrote you denying the same to be true, I also wrote MESSRS ABBOTT BROS., telling them I had written you, and asked them for an explanation at once, why they advertised that the 1st Prize H. A. at the late Birmingham show was hatched from eggs they supplied last season when fanciers well knew it