

## FROM ENGLAND TO MANITOBA.

Our English contemporary *Poultry* states in its issue of July 31st, that Mr. G. Bywater, of Louth, had shipped some golden Poland eggs to a breeder in Manitoba. If this should meet the eye of the latter we should be glad to know if any chicks were hatched.

## POULTRY

## AN ECHO FROM GALT.

**P**ARDON kind reader the presumption of the vain-glorious rooster, and chide not the diffidence of the humble hen. It has in the past few months been revealed that among the many factors that make an enterprising city great the chicken interest in the town of Galt has much to crow over. A few months ago, and in our own little town, the organization of the Galt Poultry and Pet Stock Association was completed, and the following officers duly elected—President, R. Minto; Vice-President, A. McDonald; Secretary-Treasurer, C. Evans. Executive Committee, J. Cramer, Wm. Lovell, Wm. Gives, F. Wolf, and W. Thompson. You will hear of this Association later on at all the big winter poultry shows, for this town contains some of the finest birds in the Dominion. W.L.

## A CANADIAN IN ENGLAND.

**M**R. Geo. G. McCormick writes us from Dungannon, Ireland, under date of August 8th.

I had intended writing to you long before this, giving a little of the poultry news of Great Britain, but circumstances of one kind and another have caused me to put it off.

Mrs. McCormick and myself will sail

D.V. for home, per S. S. Parisian, 14th inst. We have indeed had a grand time, and I have visited the yards of almost every buff Cochin and black Minorca breeder of note in England, from Proctors at Durham in the north clear down to Cornwall, near Lands End, and away to the east. Some of the most noted breeders of those on whom I called are Proctor, Kite-Powell, Scrivens, Mogridge & Lund, J. T. A. Smith, Mitchell, Riddell, Tomlinson, (oldest B. C. man in England), Bagshaw, Swindell, Wellington, Blanchworth Poultry Farm, Amesbury, Pitt's, Hopkins, Harris, Lady Gwyder, Hon. Lady Anson, Abbott Bros. and others, and I have bought from seven of them, every bird but one pullet having won at some of the leading shows in the country. I send you a copy of *Fowls* giving a description of one pair I bought off Kite Powell and their winnings up to date of issue. One hen I have from Harris, I suppose has done more winning than any other hen in England.

One of the Cochin breeders that is looked up to in America as one of the best, is I consider, one of the poorest, and knows as little about poultry as any man (who calls himself a poultry man) I ever met, and still they have sold poultry at immense prices in America. I would not have given \$100 for all the poultry in the yard and still they ask as high as that many pounds sterling for single specimens. Wonderful the prices paid over here, one cock of Harris' that I admired, was offered me at £30 and was afterward with two hens sold for £100.

Most of the breeders over here are men of means and position, consequently they do not care to sell good birds at small prices. For instance, one hen owned by Mr. Procter, that I wanted and the best hen I saw in England, or ever saw, I offered £20 for,

(\$100.) Mr. P. and I have become quite friendly and he has since told me that he would not sell her in England at any price, I have one of the best, out of say the three best hens in England for which I had to pay pretty well. You will likely see her if she does not play the same trick on me as the most noted hen I had did—died—on very short notice.

I thought of writing up a piece for your journal, but, on account of not being able to speak well of all the breeders and their stock, I decided not to write at all, but if you can pick anything of interest out of this scribble for the REVIEW you are most welcome to it. Of course I know that anything that is published will be of more benefit to me than to yourself.

I have attended some of the shows over here but do not care very much for the way things are done. The shows are often held under poor tents where, when the rain comes down pretty steady it comes through and then what slush there is, birds and people wet to the skin. And I have seen as much or more faulty judging in a show here as I ever saw in America. "There is none perfect, no not one." Birds are seldom handled in this country in the show pen, and undercolor is hardly ever mentioned. They look more to shape, style, uniformity of color, etc., etc. Another thing I have noticed at shows here is that you do not see as many poor specimens as at some of our shows. Some of our American breeds are poorly represented, such as P. Rocks, white and barred, Wyandottes very few of any kind, also very few Polands but they are well to the front in Hamburgs of all kinds, Dorkings, buff and partridge Cochins (not up to America in whites), Minorcas and Langshans. The much talked of Orpington I consider nothing more or less than an un-