

The Provincial Exhibition.

The show of poultry in connection with the above exhibition was one of the best yet held under its auspices. The birds were exhibited in the skating rink, formerly used as machinery hall, where there was ample room for a much larger exhibit. The passages were wide, and although the number of visitors was great at times there was no crush. With better coops and more light this building would be excellent for the purpose.

The judging seemed to have been done in a very careful manner, and exhibitors were well satisfied in this particular, but much grumbling was indulged in at the smallness of the prize-list, and also at the length of time the fowls were required to remain on exhibition. Prizes of \$3 and \$2 for fowls, and \$2 and \$1 for chicks is a small inducement to bring out good stock, especially when they are required to remain on exhibition for nearly two weeks. Judging from the feeling of fanciers, expressed at London, we would conclude that if a change is not made in these particulars the poultry department will be poorly filled in future. To be on or near an equality with the other departments, fowls should have prizes of \$5, \$3 and \$1, and chicks \$3 and \$2. There are also a number of valuable breed which do not appear on the list that should be added.

Our visit to this show extended over Wednesday and Thursday of the second week, and the fowls having then been in the coops for seven days, they were, no doubt, in somewhat poorer condition than when examined by the judges. The following is the result of our examination:

Brahmas—Light, 4 pairs: The prizes found the best birds; 1st prize, very good; 2nd, not so large but equally well marked. Dark: 4 pairs of medium birds; 2nd prize hen best in color but lacking in leg and foot feathering.

Cochins—Partridge, 2 pairs: 1st prize pair good; 2nd not worthy the prize. White: 4 pairs of but medium birds. Buffs: 5 pairs, 1st prize pair very fine colored and heavily feathered birds; 2nd prize pair good in color but small; rest of class unworthy of note.

Dorkings—Colored, 4 pairs: A good lot; hens all through in best shape. Silver gray: 1st prize cock a splendid bird in color; hens all good. White: 5 pairs: a much better class than is generally seen at our shows.

Polands—White, 1 pair: cock excellent, hen medium. Golden—2 pairs: well worthy the prizes given them. Silver—2 pairs: 1st prize pen contained an excellent hen, but cock not equal to the one in 2nd prize pen; on the whole, as pairs, we think the prizes should have been reversed. White crested black, 4 pairs: 1st and 2nd pairs excellent, 2nd pair being only less worthy than 1st from the

cock's crest being out of order; other two pairs fair birds.

Plymouth Rocks—2 pairs: 1st prize pair was made up of a cock grand in size, shape and color, and a large hen of fair quality; 2nd prize cock not nearly so good as 1st, but his partner much better than the 1st prize hen in every point except size; the prizes were right.

Houdans—1 pair, good enough to win in strong competition.

Games—Black-breasted and other reds, 9 pairs: 1st and 2nd prize cocks fine birds but sadly out of feather, and the latter had bumble foot; hens as a class not worthy of note. Duckwings—the prizes all went to Dan Shea, of London, and were awarded to fine, large, high stationed and well colored birds, worthy of them.

Leghorns—White: 6 pairs of average birds; the 1st prize pair were of good size, splendid in ear-lobe and in good condition; 2nd prize pair small but good in fancy points. Brown—4 pairs; at first glance it would appear as though the judges had made an error in placing the prizes here, but a close examination shows their judgement to be right: want of color in the legs of the hens destroying the chances of pairs otherwise good. Stahl-schmidt shows a fine cock in this class, but the legs of the hen with him was almost destitute of color. Whiteness of legs seems to now be the prevailing defect in the hens of the Leghorn class.

Spanish—5 pairs: 1st prize pair very fine; an excellent hen with a coarse cock, by Bank's, was the only other bird in the class worthy of note.

Hamburgs—Golden-pencilled, 5 pairs of fine birds; prizes well placed. Golden-pencilled—4 pairs; 1st prize pair excellent in marking and ear-lobe, comb of hen rather loose; hen in 2nd prize pen good, as was also one shown by Mr. McLoud; balance of class deficient in ear-lobe. Silver-pencilled—4 pairs: 1st prize good; balance medium. Silver-spangled: two pairs were shown, one of them, winners of 2nd prize, very much resembled chicks, and absence of spike disqualified the female—they must have been caught and cooped in the dark as their owner don't often make mistakes in such matters—1st prize pair worthy the prize. Black—6 pairs: the 2nd prize coop contained the best cock, but his mate out of condition; 1st good birds, and as a pair entitled to the honor. All the cocks were good in face, the only point in which any improvement is noticeable.

Bantams—Sebright: 1st and 2nd were awarded to beautiful pairs of golden. In game, black-breasted or other reds, and duckwings, all prizes went to W. J. Way, and also bantams any other variety was taken by his piles, all of them being well worthy the honors.

Any other variety of fowls—7 pairs of Black