

Pigeon and Pet Stock Department.

PORT HOPE SHOW.

THE Port Hope Association held their first Exhibition, on the 14th, 15th and 16th of February, and judging from the appearance of things they are going to make a success of it. The hall was all that could be desired for the purpose, well lighted, the only thing unsatisfactory being that exhibitors of pigeons had to provide their own coops. This is not right, for they cannot be shown with advantage, and it does not put all on an equal footing. The pigeons shown were of excellent merit. For the quantity shown they have not been excelled and scarcely equalled. It gave me great pleasure to judge such birds. I hope they will exhibit at our Industrial Show and let our Toronto boys see their stock. If they do come all I can say is look out or they will take most of the prizes back with them.

The following are my comments:—Carriers—black, not a large class but contained some good birds; 1st cock (Fox) good in beak and wattle, little wide in skull, good long neck well shouldered; 2nd (Fox) not so good little too short in neck, wing butts not forward enough, little down faced, too wide in skull. Hens 1st (Fox) good in skull, beak and eye-wattle, little short in neck; 2nd (Fox) fair rather light in beak wattle. Carriers A. O. V.—1st cock (Fox) dun, fair; 2nd pied, fair rather downfaced; 1st hen (Fox) dun, fair; 2nd pied, another fair bird. Pouters—white, 1st cock, (Glidden) nice bird long in feather, good limbs, carries himself well; 2nd (ditto) very nice bird, good limbs, nice girth; 1st hen (ditto) little short in limbs; 2nd (ditto) very nice bird. Blue or black pied, 1st cock (Glidden) rather poor in markings but good limbs; 1st hen (ditto). Red or yellow pied, 1st cock, great length of feather, fair in limbs, rather faded in color; 2nd rather poor; 1st hen good bird only faded in color, plenty of feather, good limbs. Tumblers—short faced, the whole class poor. Jacobins red or yellow—1st cock red, a grand bird, plenty of feather, very nice hood good mane, clear eyes, little off in flights, Bairds V. H. C. also a good bird; 1st hen, good in hood, mane and chain, little off in flights, nice eyes; 2nd very hard after the 1st prize bird. Baird, V. H. C. another good bird getting very close after the others, only little loose in hood. Trumpeters.—Here is where we saw Trumpeters. Mr. Baulch captured all the prizes except one, with the best

birds that have been shown in Canada. Mr. Baulch is aiming at the white beak, and he is getting very close to it. It was thought at one time impossible to obtain black and black mottles with white beaks, but it can be got, and after this all birds with really black beaks must be disqualified. His whites were grand, they have never been equaled in the show pen in Canada. This is the class of birds that is wanted. Jacobins, white—1st and 2nd prize cocks (Massie) both of these are very nice birds, good eyes nice manes and plenty of feather; 1st hen (Massie) another grand bird; 2nd (Baird) very close after the 1st. Blacks, 1st cock (Massie) another grand bird; 2nd (Baird) this bird gave the first prize bird all he wanted. He was a little off in eyes. 1st and 2nd hens (Massie). Two more good birds. The V. H. C. (Baird) a little loose in feather but not a bad bird. Port Hope fanciers know what Jacobins are, and they have them. Antwerps—1st cock (Fox) red chequered, good all round bird; 2nd (Fox). This also a fair bird. 1st hen (Fox) red chequered, good bird; 2nd (Fox) also very fair. Fantails—1st cock (Massie) a grand bird, short back, full of motion, good tail; 2nd (Massie) very little choice so close to the 1st. 1st hen (Massie) another beautiful bird, nice short back, full of motion, good tail; 2nd (Massie) not quite so good, little long in back, not enough motion. Nuns—1st cock (Massie) with a good bird; 2nd (Haw) rather poor. 1st hen (Massie) also a good bird; 2nd (Haw) poor in color. Owls—1st and 2nd cocks (Fox) both very fair birds; 1st and 2nd hens (Fox) rather small for English and too large for Africans. Swallows—This class was filled with some good birds.

I. B. JOHNSON,
Judge.

PRIZE LIST.

PIGONS.

Black Carriers—Cock, 1st and 2nd, Wm. Fox, Toronto. Hen, 1st and 2nd, Fox. A O C, Cock, 1st and 2nd, Fox. Hen, 1st and 2nd, Fox. Pouters—White Cock, 1st and 2nd, Wm Glidden, Port Hope. Hen, 1st and 2nd Wm Glidden, Black or blue Cock 1st: Glidden. Hen 1st Glidden. Yellow or Red Cock, 1st and 2nd Glidden, Hen, 1st, Glidden. Tumblers—Short Face Cock, 1st and 2nd, Fox. Hen 1st and 2nd Fox. Trumpeters—Black or Mottled Cock 1st and 2nd, J Baulch, Port Hope. Hen, 1st and 3rd Baulch, 2nd Fox. White Cock, 1st and 2nd Baulch, Hen 1st and 2nd Baulch. Jacobins—Red or Yellow Cock, 1st and 2nd, C Massie, 3rd E J Baird, Port Hope. Hen, 1st and 2nd, Massie, 3rd E. J. Baird. White cock, 1st and 2nd Massie, 3rd Baird. Hen 1st Massie, 2nd Baird. Black cock