

his letter in its present shape. We refused to print Mr. Wallace's letter of denial in the first place and we now use Mr. McKee in exactly the same manner, giving the gist of his communication. The following extracts are from Mr. Wallace's letter (which we declined to print) dated March 6th: "Master McKee possesses ONLY a PART of my female W. P. Rocks and W. Wyandottes, but has not a single MALE bird of either of those varieties that belonged to me, and which have won barrels for me in the past in the show room." This is plain enough surely. Again, "Mr. McKee never asked nor received my consent to use my name or past record in the way he has done. His allusion in his advertisement asking your readers to see my advertisement in last spring's POULTRY REVIEW is most cheekily and unwarrantably misappropriated by him. This record is my own acquiring and refers to my stock now in Woodstock, and has no earthly connection with Mr. McKee nor the eggs he offers to sell." Anyone who reads the foregoing and will turn back to the paragraph we wrote in last issue will see that we used Mr. McKee very leniently indeed according to the evidence before us. We now turn to Mr. McKee's letter and read the following; "Now as to my dealings with Mr. Wallace. Last May I went into partnership with him in the poultry business, securing a half interest in his W. P. Rocks, W. Wyandottes and Rouen Ducks, afterwards we added black Minorcas, importing some eggs from Bicknell of Buffalo. In the fall he lost his situation here, and declared his intention of going out of the poultry business altogether, and of leaving the country, and wanted to sell out all his interest in the poultry to me. After making several bargains with me for his interest in them, we closed our partnership by his sending Mr. Kirby of Woodstock, to represent him and we took choice about for the birds, he got the first choice and took the prize cock and I secured all the prize hens, we each got half of the Rocks and Wyandottes, I got all the Rouen Ducks, and he the Pekins, I bought his interest in the Minorcas. Such in brief is a history of my transactions with Mr. Wallace. Now as to his charges against me, he says I never had a male from him, let me refresh his memory, in the Fall before we went into company I bought a pair of W. P. Rocks from him which he said he had got the first prize on at the Woodstock Fair, if he denies this I would refer to Mr. W. Watson, Grocer, of Woodstock, who introduced me to Mr. Wallace and who paid Mr. Wallace the money for me, this is male No. 1. I got a male with the Minorcas, No. 2. I got one with the Rouen Ducks, No. 3. He also presented my sister with a W. P. Rock and a Wyandotte, saying to kill them and make a pot pie as they were not fit birds to head a pen, that will make Nos. 4 and 5, the Wyandotte

was the one he took away however. As to the use of Mr. Wallace's name I will only say that he gave me full authority to use his name in connection with the poultry in a letter to me in October which I can prove by persons who saw the letter. Such, Mr. Editor, is as brief as I can make it a history of my connection with Mr. Wallace, and I claim that I had a perfect right to put everything into my advertisement that I did, and that there was no statement made that was not true. I do not wish to injure Mr Wallace in any way, and wish him as much success as anyone. Mr. Wallace says in his advertisement in the REVIEW that the past record of his stock refers to his own stock here, (Woodstock). Now does it, let us see. I have all of the Rouen Ducks, all the Minorcas, one-half the W. P. Rocks, one-half the W. Wyandottes. Mr. McIntyre bought all his Aylesbury Ducks, I had a letter from Mr. Kirby that he had bought all of the W. Wyandottes that Mr. Wallace took from here, and Mrs. Wallace in the presence of Mr. Kirby here last fall declared that Mr. Wallace did not own the Pekin Ducks. This leaves Mr. Wallace with just *one-half of the old stock of W. P. Rocks* and *one prize bird in the lot.*" The *italics* in the extracts from Mr. McKee's letter are inserted by us. We have neither the space nor the inclination for a newspaper war between Mr. Wallace and Mr. McKee. We have given an unbiased report of the transaction, and the statements made are entirely at variance. When these gentlemen have settled which is correct, using any legitimate means they see fit, we shall be happy to insert a joint letter or separate letters from each. The letters referred to are in our possession, in black and white, and cannot be gainsayed. Until some decision is arrived at our readers will see no more of it, indeed we apologise for going into it at such length, but our sense of justice to both parties must be our excuse.

#### THE EGG TRADE,

this season from present indications appears to have exceeded that of any previous year. We learn of many who have to refuse further orders. The sale to distant parts from Ontario has also been large, among others Mr. Bogue sent some from his prize stock of Toulouse Geese, and Mr. T. A. Duff some of Mr. James Main's black-red Game eggs, to British Columbia.

#### HATCHING BANTAMS.

Mr. Babcock's article is well worth perusal and study. Personally we like to have most of our stock out from say May 1 to 15, but any time up to June 15 is suitable. After that up to September the weather is too hot for the little things to thrive.