

A PROTEST.

Editor Review :—

HAS the D.M.P.A. an official band? No, I think no: It seems a pity that this is so, for are not an official band and proven records the main points in a Homing Pigeon Club.

When the D.M.P.A. was first organized that is what I for one thought would be the outcome. Not having any direct interest in the association till this summer, and hope to have more next summer, the question of bands has not taken much of my attention, as I use bands with my own initials and numbers on.

But now all this is changed. In Manitoba we have formed the Prairie City H. P. Club. This year it has been a local concern, more for the purpose of testing the quality of our stock. But what are we to do in 1894? Go on as a local concern? No, we wish to be allied with some association which will give us advantages, which we are not able to obtain among ourselves.

Shall we become members of the D.M.P.A. or the American League or Mrs. Starr's Proven Records. If we join either of the last, we will reap great advantages, while if we join the D.M.P.A. what will be obtained? Nothing.

Now if our Eastern brothers-in-the-fancy will only make this the main point of the D.M.P.A. they will obtain innumerable benefits, and the D. M. P. A. will have another auxiliary for 1894 worthy the name.

I am Sir,

Fraternally,

F. McARTHUR.

Winnipeg, Aug. 24th, 1893.

A late issue of the *Fancier*, which recently suspended publication for a time owing to the sheriff being in possession, contains several allegations as to the business methods of the editor of the REVIEW, which are false in every particular. We have had a rod in pickle for some time for the publisher of the *Fancier* but object to defouling our pages with matter of an unsavory character. If this person resided in Canada where the law courts could be resorted to no mention would have been made of the affair whatever, as was our course in a recent somewhat similar case, but as such is not feasible we must beg our readers indulgence.

MAJOR-GENERAL HASSARD, C. B.

A RECENT issue of the *Fanciers Gazette* (London, England), contained an interesting but too brief an account of the career of General Hassard, whose name will be remembered by many of the older breeders, as one of the pioneers of fancy poultry breeding and exhibiting in Canada, and which we take the liberty of reprinting.

"General Hassard is one of the patriarchs of the "Fancy" being now in his seventy-second year—a fact which, we venture to think, will be a surprise to many even of those who know him well, for no one would certainly imagine from his appearance that the year of his birth was 1822. At what age he first embarked upon the Fancy we are not quite sure but he was an exhibitor of "Carriers" as far back as the Crystal Palace Show of 1859, and with sundry necessary intervals, due to absence on foreign service, has been an enthusiastic supporter of the variety ever since. He also takes much interest in working Homers, with which he has also attained to substantial success, and had a loft of them, if we remember rightly, even while at the Cape, where he did a great deal towards promoting an interest in these useful little messengers. Our subject is also distinctly "sweet" on poultry in general, and Cochins in particular. With these he scored his first victory at the Crystal Palace Show of 1860. But Carriers—whites especially—have always been the gallant officer's prime favourites. Much more might be added as to General Hassard's Columbarin career, but space will not permit. We must not, however, leave our subject without, at least a brief reference to his brilliant military life, which comprises much distinguished service, and commenced in 1840, when he joined the Royal Engineers subsequently proceeding to the Crimea, where he was present at the taking of Sebastopol, receiving the medal clasp, Sardinian and Turkish medals, and the Order of the Medjdie. He also served in several subsequent expeditions, and then proceeded to Canada, where he remained seven years, and was made a Companion of the Bath for his services there. Then from 1877 to 1881 he was second in command in South Africa, and received the medal for the Zulu Campaign, in connection with which he was mentioned no less than four times in despatches. He also holds a special pension for distinguished service, and is at the present time an Inspector of Drawing for the Department of Science and Art. General Hassard has twice filled the presidential chair of the National Peristeronic Society, and he also organised the Canada West Poultry Society, which practically represented the inauguration of the Fancy in that part of the world."