

days after Mr. Lewis received them and have laid steadily ever since.

### MONTREAL NOTES.

OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

Things are very quiet here just now. The hatching season has been fairly successful. We have not had many accessions to the ranks of the fancy this year.

Mr. Thomas Hall is now on his Lansdowne property, and tells me that with early hatches he was not so successful as last year, but the later ones were very successful. He finds the chickens much stronger this year than usual. He has about 150 Light Brahma chicks all in first-rate condition. He hopes to be able to visit the western shows this winter.

Mr. Thomas Costen writes me as follows: "This season's hatching consists of Plymouth Rocks and Wyandottes principally, with a few Pekin Bantams. The late hatches turned out twelve to the dozen; in nearly all reported from the early part of the season, (that is, the March eggs) about fifty per cent. hatched. Chicks are doing remarkably well. My latest venture is the Wyandotte, and they have exceeded my expectations altogether; as layers I never had any breed to equal them, as winter producers beating my Plymouth Rocks completely."

Mr. Porter who is a manufacturer of incubators, as well as a thorough fancier, has bought out Mr. Hall's stock of Leghorns.

One of our most successful breeders is Mrs. Austin; she has the earliest chicks round Montreal, and can show young birds weighing from 6 to 8 lbs.

Our old fanciers will have to look to their laurels in the show room next winter.

### NOTES.

In a letter dated June 9th, Mr. A. C. Hawkins tells us that he had at that date over four thousand chicks out, and two hundred and fifty hens yet to come off.

Mr. Hawkins evidently has no faith in artificial incubation.

Mr. E. Gerred has left to spend the summer in England. During his absence his incubator factory will be under the charge of Mr. E. J. Otter.

Mr. Belmont Perry in the *Ohio Poultry Journal* speaking of Seabright Bantams says: "Some of the males are sterile, and care should be exercised in buying stock to see that it is from an experienced breeder, as this fault is transmitted."

We are for the first time aware that a sterile male can transmit his sterility to his offspring (?); however, "live and learn."

We regret to learn that Mr. G. W. Lawrence, City Treasurer, Stratford, and Treasurer of the Stratford Poultry Association, met with an accident a short time ago, falling a distance of ten feet from a tree (he was pruning) and breaking his ankle. We trust his recovery may be speedy.

At a meeting of the Toronto Board of Trade to consider the question of Commercial Union with the United

States, Mr. G. B. Smith, M.P.P., for East York, thus expressed himself.

"One-half the people of Canada are farmers, and one-quarter are engaged in pursuits entirely dependent on that class. So that in numbers and in the matter of production they are to be considered first, and they are in earnest about this question, and they have only one opinion about it. They want to send their wool and cattle, barley and horses to the United States. To show what advantage this freedom of trade would be to the farmer I will take one article, viz., eggs. Last year we exported to the States, free of duty, \$1,720,000 worth, while our manufactures was not more than one-half in excess of that. The barnyard fowls have produced two thirds as much wealth for exportation as the manufacturers of this country have! Give our manufacturers a larger field and their exportations will increase likewise."

Nearly two million dollars worth of eggs to the States alone! Who says the poultry industry is a small one?



### THE AFRICAN OWL.

BY K. H. JACKSON.

The African Owl is among the smallest varieties of fancy pigeons, and seems to be a great favorite among fanciers. Their colors are most commonly blue and silver, but they are not unfrequently met with in whites, blacks, yellows, reds, etc., when brought to anything like perfection, they command high prices, so that to a beginner I will only say that the price generally paid for a good pair of African Owls would stock a pigeonry with flying Tumblers of the commoner sorts. Their points are as follows: BEAK, short and thick. WHISKERS, small, but filling up the concave in the forehead. HEAD, round and