

## INDIAN GAMES.

BY CHAS. HUGHES, MONTREAL.

WILL you allow me to correct a statement made, that the Indian Game fowl now demanding such ridiculous prices by our American fanciers, and being advertised by them, is a new breed and variety of fowls for the first time known in America. Forty-five years now past I had the Indian Games which I procured from a school mate, the son of the late Hon. Matthew Bell of Three Rivers City, P.Q. The honorable gentleman imported them from England, and most beautiful birds they were, and for their game and pluck had no equals, they were in every way, shape, color, comb, &c., as advertised by Messrs. C. A. Sharp & Co., of Lockport, N.Y., and were the finest table fowls I ever knew or saw weighing, rooster, 10 pounds and hen about 8 pounds. The late honorable gentleman who had very extensive foundries and a magnificent farm in the environs of Three Rivers, was a most ardent amateur of the finest stock of Durham cattle, sheep and every variety of water-fowl, but exclusively only Indian Games which he distributed gratis and with a most liberal hand to the farmers in the district of Three Rivers and other localities, and in view of improving the farmers dunghill fowls, as they were termed in those days. I often saw and bought the half-breeds on our markets with typical shape and pea-combs, but various colors weighing from six to seven pounds, young stags of four months and pullets of four to five pounds. Strange to say you can still see traces of the half-breeds in some districts as I bought some in one of the parishes about 15 miles from Three Rivers City a few years since, with the resemblance in shape and pea-comb.

The Indian Game I am alluding to was, and is still supposed to be a cross of the great Malay with the English wild Pheasant.

In a future article I will give the description of another breed of extraordinary large fowls a Doctor Kimber had, they were the largest fowls I have ever seen, they were called the Duke of Leeds breed and were imported from a place called Wookham in England, I had hens which were good layers and the eggs weighed from 3½ to 4 ounces each with milk white shell.

[We should be happy to hear more frequently of our friend's ripe experience. When the Minorcas were first brought to America they were "boomed" as a new breed, but we proved conclusively from books and papers in our possession and from the personal experience of old breeders that the Minorca is a bird which was well known in England at least 50 to 60 years ago. Ed.]

## EASTERN ONTARIO ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL Meeting of the Eastern Ontario Poultry and Pet Stock Association was held in the City Hall, Ottawa, on Wednesday, Sept. 30th, at 8 o'clock. Present O. A. Rocque, President, in the chair. Messrs. Stewart, Auclair, Turcotte, Gill, Cooch, Murphy, Edwards, Devlin, Keyes, Benjamin, Geddes, and others.

Minutes read and approved.

Mr. A. L. Tourchot was elected a member.

The election of officers for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, with the following result:—Hon. President, O. A. Rocque, Orleans; President, Alex. Stewart, Hintonburg; Vice-Presidents, G. S. Oldreive, Kingston, and F. Auclair, Ottawa; Treasurer, John J. Gill, Ottawa; Secretary, Alfred Ged-

des, Ottawa; Committee, Geo. Higman, E. H. Benjamin, P. J. Devlin, Thos. Murphy, E. Edwards, E. Turcotte, Wm. Cooch, John Mason and G. C. Howison; Auditors, O. A. Rocque and E. H. Benjamin.

The President, P. G. Keyes, and the Secretary were appointed a committee to revise the prize list for the show which will be held the third week in January next.

A vote of thanks was tendered to the retiring President O. A. Rocque.

The meeting then adjourned.

ALFRED GEDDES,  
Secretary.

## FRONTIER POULTRY, PIGEON AND PET STOCK ASSOCIATION.

## ANNUAL MEETING.

FRONTIER Poultry, Pigeon and Pet Stock Association of International Bridge held its annual meeting in the rear of C. S. Jackson's store, on the evening of Oct. 19th. President, P. E. Millar in the chair. After discussing many matters of interest to the poultry fanciers present, we then proceeded and elected the following officers for the ensuing year:—President, P. E. Millar, Amagari; Vice-President, Theo. W. Woodruff, Niagara Falls South; Secretary-Treasurer, C. W. Vahey, International Bridge; Superintendent, C. S. Jackson; Directors, Messrs. Emerick, Dunn, Nettle, G. T. Good, Blackmore and Dr. Hunter.

The Association decided to hold its second annual exhibition on Jan. 26th, 27th and 28th, 1892, and secure the services of Messrs. Jarvis, of Port Stanley and Bicknell, of Buffalo, as Judges. After a vote of thanks to the retiring officers, the meeting adjourned.

C. W. VAHEY,  
Secretary.