

PIGEONS AT THE INDUSTRIAL TORONTO.

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THE pigeons numbered some 300 birds and on the whole were a very good lot. Some of the classes were not as well filled as they might have been, and of course at this time of year, many of the birds were in deep moult.

CARRIERS.—A small class but contained several birds of extra quality, notably the winning dun and black hens. Black cock, 1st a fine large heavily wattled fellow, a little off in condition of eye cere; 2nd good upstanding bird, nice even eye and beak wattle. Black hen 1st quite a youngster, very even wattle, narrow skull, will make a grand one, 2nd an older bird, not as nice eye wattle, fair beak. Dun cock, 1st fair, poor eyes pinched in front, heavy beak wattle. Dun hens, 1st grand young bird, fine eye wattle, long slender neck and narrow skull, 2nd also a youngster of great promise, beautiful eye ceres, will make hard ones to beat when fully developed. Any other color cock, 1st a nice white, 2nd a splash. Hens, 1st and 2nd both good quality whites.

POUTERS.—A fair lot, but we do not see such grand birds exhibited now, as we used to eight or ten years, when the Messrs. Weldon, Charlesworth, Simpson and others were in it. Blue-pied cock, 1st sound color fair crop, very slight wing marking, nice stocking-booted limbs, slightly foul thighs, 2nd poor color and marking, might have given way to an unnoticed bird. Hens, 1st a large rough limbed hen, gay marking, and snipped, 2nd fair color and markings, nicely booted limbs. Black-pied cock 1st a good black well marked, nice limbs. An old winner. Hen, 1st and 2nd both fair in limbs and marking, not extra large. Red or yellow-pied cock, 1st a fine red, good limbs, crop and wing, wins well, 2nd a large heavy booted yellow rather thick in girth. An unnoticed red in this class was the best of the lot, great length of limb, but very poor color. Hen, 1st nice color, fair legs and marking, not much length of feather; 2nd a fair yellow too much hock feather. White cock, 1st not as long in feather as several others in this class, but better limbs under him, rather heavily booted; 2nd only fair, not much length. Hens, 1st a nice one, wins easy; 2nd fair, short in limb and feather.

BARBS.—Black cock, 1st a grand wide skulled fellow, good eye, short stout beak; 2nd not as good, fair eye-wattle, tride long beak. Hen, 1st a nice even bird, good color. Red or yellow cock, 1st a grand red, but getting rough in

eyes; 2nd a nice yellow. Hen 1st a red; 2nd a yellow; both extra good quality. Any other standard color, cock, 1st a grand white with immense width of skull; 2nd also a white, will make a good one, with age. Hen 1st a white good skull and wattle for a hen; 2nd a good quality dun with clean beak.

TUMBLERS.—Short face almond cock, 1st and 2nd birds of good quality, but both slightly stained beaks. Hen 1st a little beauty, grand head and eyes, and beautiful clean beak; free from stain, which adds so much to the appearance of an almond Tumbler. Any other standard color cock 1st and 2nd, both splashes with good heads and clean beaks. Hen 1st a good kite: 2nd a dun with almost flesh colored beak. Any other variety bald or beard, cock, 1st a silver dun bald, pleasant faced; 2nd a blue bald, nicely cut. Hen 1st a silver dun, fair quality; 2nd a blue, rather better in marking than 1st. Any other variety, any other standard color cock, 1st a long faced sound colored red; 2nd a blue roller. Hen, 1st and 2nd, both rich colored reds

FANTAILS.—Blue or silver cock, 1st a good blue, nice style, very flat tail but badly split in centre; 2nd not so good in color or spread of tail, but better filled in centre. Hen, 1st and 2nd both good blues, thicketails, 1st especially so in centre and very evenly spread. White cock, 1st a long feathered bird, even in centre, fair style and carriage; 2nd fair tail not much motion. Hen, 1st a good hen, nice carriage and very thick, heavy tail; 2nd very light tail but full of style. Any other standard color cock, 1st and 2nd both excellent blacks with large even spread of tail and great length of tail feather. Hen, 1st a good black large spread; 2nd fair, not much length of feather, but has more action.

JACOBS.—Red or yellow cock, 1st a red only fair, good flights, but poor under color and too much white under the beak; 2nd, red, slightly better markings, but loose feathered. Hen, 1st a red not very heavy in chain, good color and flights; 2nd a poor colored yellow, fair quality; an unnoticed red close in feather should have won here. White cock, a large long feathered bird, very close for a white, poor hood, but the best Jack in the show. Any other standard color cock, 1st a grand black, rather slaty underneath, good eyes and plenty of feather; 2nd better color but not as long feathered and moulting badly. Hen 1st a nice black good flights and marking, and well colored underneath: 2nd only fair in hood and color, but well carried back, a little short in flights.

TRUMPETERS.—Any standard color cock, 1st a fine black with beautiful even rose, fair crest, good foot feather; 2nd a good black mottle. Hen, 1st a fair black not very long in