

## EDITORIAL.

## Our Frontispiece.

This illustration was prepared especially for the Manitoba Poultry Show, and portrays prize-winning birds, the property of some of the principal poultry fanciers in Manitoba. They are as follows:

Pen No. 1 shows a pair of Plymouth Rocks and a pair of White Wyandottes, owned by S. Ling, Fort Rouge, Manitoba.

No. 2 are Plymouth Rocks, owned by R. Rutherford, Manitoba.

No. 3 are Black Wyandottes, owned by A. Cule, Winnipeg, Man.

No. 4 illustrates H. K. Zavitz's poultry house and some of his birds. The house is 160 feet long; the adjoining yards are 110 feet long by 12 feet wide. A stove is used through the winter months for preparing food and heating purposes.

No. 5, occupying the central portion of the illustration, is a cut of the extensive poultry house and yards, and also some of the birds belonging to H. A. Chadwick, Deer Lodge, St. James, Manitoba. The house, which was erected last summer, is 110 ft. long, by 16 ft. wide and 6 ft. high, and is divided into 10 pens, woven wire being used for partitions; a large double window facing south lights each pen. A passage runs the full length of the building along the north side, and a stove in the centre keeps the whole building dry and quite warm. The fowls in this building seem to be in fine condition; dust baths, gravel and all other essentials are liberally supplied. In pen No. 1 are the Buff Cochins; in pen No. 2, Langshans; in No. 3, White-faced Black Spanish; in No. 4, Partridge Cochins; in the next pen are Banded Plymouth Rocks, next to which are kept Light Brahmas, which are followed by Dark Brahmas, Dorkings, Pea Fowls and Pearl Guineas.

No. 6 in our illustration shows a pair of Black Minorcas and a pair of Wyandottes, owned by Thomas Read, Winnipeg, Man.

No. 7 is a pair of White Leghorns, owned by Mr. J. McClure, Winnipeg, Man.

No. 8 is a trio of Black Minorcas, owned by C. Midwinter, Man.

No. 9 contains an Indian Game Cock and a pair of Brown Leghorns, owned by William Jones, Austin, Manitoba.

## Our Poultry Number.

As the poultry industry of Canada has assumed such enormous proportions of late years, and bids fair to become one of the most important departments of agriculture, we have decided to issue at stated intervals special poultry numbers.

The present issue is the first of this series, and will be found to contain a vast amount of valuable material, comprising a full report of the Ontario Poultry Association's Exhibition and Convention at New Hamburg, the prize essays which were written on "Poultry Raising from a Farmer's Standpoint," and much other matter of interest to both poultry breeders and farmers generally.

## The Poultry Exhibition.

The Twentieth Annual Exhibition of the Poultry Association of Ontario, which was held in the town of New Hamburg, from the 2nd to the 5th of January, 1894, was an unqualified success in every particular.

The number of entries was in excess of that of any former year. At the show in Hamilton last year the entries numbered 1,285, which was the largest entry list up to that time. This year the entries numbered 1,351, an increase of 59 over any previous year. The attendance was good, and the exhibitors all seemed to be in the best of spirits, well satisfied with the decisions of the judges, and also with the sales they had made and the prices received. Not only was the show, numerically speaking, a success, but the quality of the exhibits was wonderfully good.

One of the first men which we met was that veteran poultry breeder, Allan Bogue, who pronounced it the best show on earth, and said, "Oh! if I had only had this show at Chicago we would have swept everything."

In all the classes there was a large number of World's Fair winners present.

One notable feature of the exhibit was that it was remarkably strong in the business fowl of Ontario—those capable of producing the eggs and dressed poultry for our export trade, while the ornamental and lighter varieties were not so numerous as in former years. A glance at the entry list will show this. In Plymouth Rocks there were 120 entries, 74 barred and 46 white. This is the largest number of this breed ever shown. They appear to be steadily gaining in popular favor every year; with the exception of Bantams they were the largest class on exhibition.

Leghorns were a close second, with 120 entries, followed by the Polands with 85, and the Wyandottes with 80 entries, while the other breeds were all well represented.

The classes for ducks were well filled, there being 45 entries.

Turkeys and geese were not so numerous as would be wished, the entries being but 12 and 11 in each class respectively, but the quality was all that could be desired. This lack of numbers was doubtless owing to the high express rates charged on the heavy breeds. The feeling of the Association seemed to be that the society should raise the prizes on turkeys, geese and other large fowls at least sufficiently to counterbalance the additional express charge, and thus encourage the breeders of such to bring them out to the exhibitions. The judges were Messrs. Sharp Butterfield, Windsor, T. H. Smelt, Woodstock, and L. G. Jarvis, Port Stanley, on poultry; and Mr. I. B. Johnston, Toronto, on pigeons and pets. They appeared to have performed their duties satisfactorily to all.

As usual, Mr. Wm. McNeil carried off more prizes than any other exhibitor, he having 20 varieties on exhibition—in fact, he is one of the largest breeders in America.

When the classes were all so well filled with such an excellent display of birds, it is impossible in the small space at our disposal to mention all, so will have to be content with naming a few of the chief exhibitors of the different breeds.

In Brahmas, Haycock & Kent, Kingston, E. H. Donnelly, Sandwich, J. H. Sanders, London, and C. J. Daniels, of Toronto, made creditable displays.

There were 33 entries in the light class, and the dark class was well up with 23 specimens.

All the winning light Brahmas were really grand specimens, especially the first prize cock and hen, while I am sure that the dark Brahma class as a whole was the best I ever judged at the Ontario show, and about the most of that variety." This is the opinion of the veteran poultry judge, Mr. Sharp Butterfield.

The Cochins class was well represented, Mr. Geo. G. McCormick, of London, winning the prize for the largest display, as well as a large number of other prizes. Other exhibitors were Messrs. McNeil and Bogue, of London, and J. G. Pequegnat, of New Hamburg. Of this class the above-mentioned authority said: "I am sure that our Ontario show never held so many good ones before."

Wyandottes—There was a grand display of this comparatively new breed. The chief exhibitors were Messrs. McCormick, London; Haycock & Kent, Kingston, and C. J. Daniels, Toronto.

Plymouth Rock—This favorite breed was well up to the front with 17 exhibitors. Haycock & Kent were successful in winning the most firsts, while the other prizes were well divided.

Leghorns were a good class, both as regards quality and quantity, and this was especially true of the single comb variety. As Mr. Butterfield said, "Leghorns were right up in G." Mr. Thos. Rice, Whitby, showed some very fine White Leghorns, two pullets scoring 97½ and 98. He has the honor of owning the highest scoring birds in the show. He also showed Brown Leghorns, Black Minorcas and White Plymouth Rocks.

In Hamburgs Mr. Butterfield said that it was the largest collection of good birds he had ever seen together on the continent. There was a large number of World's Fair prize winners.

Spanish were really a fine class in every particular, with a large number to choose from.

Polands were above the average, and many lovers of this breed exclaimed that they had never seen them so well represented before.

Houdans were out in good style. The largest exhibitor in this breed was Mr. D. C. Trew, of Lindsay.

Colored Dorkings were chiefly represented by the show of Mr. Allan Bogue, of London.

Games were a good class all through.

In Ornamental Bantams Wm. McNeil and Richard Oke were the chief exhibitors.

Dr. Niven, of London, made a fine display of ornamental birds, and Mr. F. W. Hodson, of London, exhibited a Sandhill Crane from Manitoba, which was the centre of attraction to admiring crowds.

Ducks made a good showing, the principal exhibitors being Allan Bogue, London; Mrs. Main, Milton; T. A. Duff, Toronto, and W. A. Knight, Bowmanville.

Geese and turkeys were shown by Allan Bogue and J. Bell, Amber.

An interesting feature of the show was the display of cross-breeds. Although this is the first year that prizes have been offered for crosses, there were 14 entries, the majority of which were Indian Games and Dorkings. Mr. Allan Bogue, of London, showed a number of this cross.

The first prize cockerel was a cross between a Partridge Cochin and an Indian Game, and was won by Mr. C. H. Thurston.

In pullets Mr. John Petch, of Shakespeare, was first with a slate-colored cross between a Leghorn and a Plymouth Rock. Messrs. Webber and Robinson, of Guelph, received second for both pullet and cockerel. The pullet was a Dorking and Langshan; weight, 6½ pounds. The cockerel weighed 8½ pounds, and was a cross between a Black Java and Langshan.

The third prize cockerel was a cross between Dorking and Partridge Cochin, while a pullet, the produce of an Indian Game and Partridge Cochin, owned by Mr. Allan Bogue, obtained the third prize.

As it was decided, after a hard-fought struggle, that the show will be held another year in Hamburg, we would suggest that a more suitable building be provided for the accommodation of the visitors. The light was exceedingly bad, the passage-ways were narrow and dark, and, as one of the judges said, in some cases birds worthy of prizes were overlooked, owing to the darkness and the impossibility of noting the fine points of difference in the dim-light; this gave cause for suspicion of partiality in the breasts of several of the exhibitors.

## The Annual Meeting of the Ontario Poultry Association.

The annual meeting was held in the Town Hall of New Hamburg, on the afternoon of the third day of the exhibition, January 4th.

The President, Mr. L. G. Pequegnat, of New Hamburg, opened the convention with a neat speech, in which he reviewed the work of the past year, and congratulated the society upon having held the grandest show that had ever been held in Canada.

The reading of the minutes of the last meeting and of the reports of the secretary and treasurer then followed. They showed that the finances of the society were in a very flourishing condition.

## REPORT OF WORLD'S FAIR COMMISSIONER.

Mr. Allan Bogue, London, then gave a report of his work as Poultry Commissioner to the World's Fair for Ontario. "The poultry men of Ontario," he said, "are to be congratulated upon the hearty manner in which they responded to the request of the government to make such a display that would be a credit to the Province and the poultry industry. They did so, and have opened the eyes of the world in regard to poultry-raising in Canada. The marked success which attended our efforts has surpassed even our most sanguine expectations, and had it not been for the radical changes made in the mode of entry by the fair managers at the last moments our display and prize-winning would have been even larger and more successful."

In considering the exhibit and results it must be borne in mind that the United States had a much greater fowl population to select birds from, and if possible they were more interested in the great undertaking than any other people. Under these circumstances they made as complete an entry as was possible of the very best selected birds. Notwithstanding all this the Province of Ontario has secured more than her proportional share of the cash prizes and honor ribbons. We also found a ready market for our surplus stock, as the sales made amounted to something over \$1,500. The total number of specimens on exhibition was 3,573—2,904 fowls and 469 pigeons and pets. Ontario showed of these 883 fowls and 155 pigeons and pets." Mr. Bogue then read a detailed statement of the prizes won in the different sections, from which we take the following:—

In all 3,373 birds were shown. Of this number Ontario exhibited 1,038 and the United States 2,335, or more than twice as many. In prizes on total exhibit of poultry and pet stock Ontario was successful in winning 497 awards and the United States only 698. The awards were divided as follows:—

	Ontario.	United States.
First prizes.....	222	312
Second prizes.....	164	216
Third prizes.....	78	101
Fourth prizes.....	33	69
Total.....	497	698

	Ontario.	United States.
Percentage of birds winning of number shown.....	48	30
Percentage of number of awards made.....	41.8-10	58.2-10
Percentage of amounts of awards.....	43.1-25	56.24-25

	Ontario.	United States.
Percentage of birds winning and of number shown.....	44	25
Percentage of the number of awards made.....	43.46	56.54
Percentage of the amount of awards.....	44.43	55.57

HON. JOHN DRYDEN.

The Hon. John Dryden, Minister of Agriculture, was then called upon to address the meeting. He congratulated the association on the large attendance of the meeting, there being about one hundred members present, besides a large number of visitors. He then referred to the success of the Canadians at Chicago, and said that if our birds had not the beautiful plumage of more southern climes we had the business fowl of the world, the one that would make the best return in dollars and cents. He said that Ontario had succeeded in convincing the world that her poultry was far ahead of anything that was to be had in any other country. One thing that he regretted exceedingly was that all the fowls of the country were not up to the standard set by the members of this association. He would be glad to do anything in his power to distribute some of this information, which would improve this standard among the farmers of Ontario. He then showed that it was not the small department of the farm that so many people think, by stating that the statistics show that there are in this province 7,000,000 fowls. This number at present would give at least \$3,000,000 in live poultry and \$1,000,000 in