

I would here state in my concluding remarks that Mr. James Grist at the present time has a flight of forty of these very interesting birds, and when that forty mount the elements, and the bright sunshine glistens on their white flights, well may he who beholds them believe them to be a mass of gorgeous butterflies, and happy in their aerial home.

Philadelphia, Sept. 1st., 1878.

Fast Time by Carrier Pigeons.

The race from Scranton, Pa., to New York city was flown on the 22nd, and was well contested by John Van Opstal, who entered six birds; Mr. Donner, ten; Mr. Mumpeton, eight, and Mr. Rothmaler, one.

The birds were to have been started the day previous, but a storm forced a postponement. At the time of starting, 8:10 a. m., the wind was blowing from the northeast, and the birds were obliged to fly partly against it.

The distance from Scranton to New York is 147 miles by rail, and 106 in a direct line.

About 11:20 a. m., a flock of pigeons was seen circling about the East River bridge, where they separated, six recrossing to New York and the others continuing their flight to Williamsburg. The New York birds, Mr. Van Opstal's, alighted on their coop at 11:22 a. m.; Mr. Donner's two minutes later; two other stragglers came in at 11:30 and 11:45, the ninth at 11:57, and the other a trifle later. The first of Mr. Mumpeton's birds arrived at 11:27, and the others a little later, singly and in pairs. Another race from Towanda is contemplated, and it is hoped that sufficient interest will be awakened to make these pleasant competitions popular everywhere.—*Poultry B. Fella*

The Pigeon Fancy in Canada.

Four or five years ago great interest was taken in Canada in the pigeon fancy, and our breeders competed very successfully at exhibitions with their American cousins, but lately the same energy has not been displayed. There is now, however, every indication that the fancy will again take a prominent place, especially that for the Homing Antwerp. From different localities we hear of the importation of first-class stock, the proposed formation of clubs, and of races in contemplation.

The columbarian mania has extended westward as far as this place, Strathroy, where a couple of good lofts have been fitted up, and stocked with first-class birds from Messrs. John VanOpstal, of New York, and James Grist, of Philadelphia. Two pairs of these birds were imported from Belgium, and took part in long-distance races there; they

have also been successful competitors in races in America this season. The younger birds are now in training and the aged ones are rapidly adding to the stock.

We hope to hear of many clubs being formed to foster this truly fascinating and innocent sport, and of many friendly trials of speed and endurance during the next year.

Nova Scotia Poultry and Floricultural Association's Exhibition.

This exhibition was a decided success. There were 160 coups of fowls shown, a great many of them splendid specimens.

We are indebted to Mr. H. Gibson for the list of prizes, and are pleased to see that he carried off 1st honors with his Black Spanish, also on Yellow Canary hen.

PRIZE LIST.

Poultry and pigeons in pairs; chickens in collections of not less than four, any sex.

Asatics.—Light Brahmas, 1st, J. W. Betcher; chicks, 1st, J. W. Hutt; W. Stevens, honorable mention. Dark Brahmas, 1st, J. W. Betcher; chicks, 1st, T. J. Egan. Buff Cochins, 1st, George Piers. Partridge Cochins, 1st, T. Goudge; J. E. Young, h. m.; chicks, 1st, T. Goudge, John Settle, h. m.

FRENCH.—Houdans, 1st, Frank Hyde; chicks, F. C. Ellett.

SPANISH.—1st, W. H. Gibson; E. Goudge, h. m.; chicks, 1st, E. Goudge; same, h. m. White Leghorns, chicks, 1st, H. Keeler. Brown Leghorns, 1st, H. H. Black; Geo. Piers, h. m. Black Leghorns, chicks, 1st, Geo. Piers; Geoffrey Morrow, hon. mention.

GAMES.—Black Red, 1st, Geoffrey Morrow; M. H. Richey, h. m.; chicks, 1st, Geoffrey Morrow; C. H. Mackinlay, h. m. Brown Red, chicks, 1st, Geoffrey Morrow. Black, chicks, 1st, W. Evans.

HAMBURG.—Silver Puccinell, 1st, W. G. Winton; chicks, 1st, W. E. Harrington; George Piers, h. m. Golden Spangled, 1st, Daniel Beechmer; chicks, A. Downs; same, h. m. Black, chicks, 1st, A. Mackinlay; W. G. Winton, h. m.

POLISH.—White Crested Black, 1st, F. C. Stevens; chicks, 1st, same. Golden Spangled, 1st, E. G. Kenny; chicks, 1st, F. C. Stevens.

AMERICAN.—Plymouth Rocks, 1st, W. Stevens; chicks, 1st, Geoffrey Morrow; Mrs. Martin Murphy, h. m. Dominiques, 1st, Oscar Chase; chicks, E. G. Kenny.

BANTAMS.—Game, 1st, A. Downs; Joseph Edwards, h. m.; chicks, 1st, John Brander. Frizzles, 1st, A. Downs; W. Rhind, h. m.; chicks, 1st, W. Rhind; same, h. m. Rose Comb Black, 1st, J. L. Barton; chicks, 1st, same. Golden Seabright, 1st, G. H. Bond; chicks, 1st, Mrs. John Duffield; Geo. Graham, h. m.

DORKINGS.—Colored, 1st, H. Keeler; chicks, 1st, same.

TURKEYS.—Bronze, 1st, J. W. Hutt. White, 1st, S. A. White.