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THE PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION.

THE POULTRY BREEDERS of Ontario naturally look forward to their Annual Provincial Exhibition with a degree of pleasure and satisfaction only known to themselves. It is to them the acknowledged principal exhibition of the year, not only of the province of Ontario, which contributes directly towards its support, but in fact of the whole Dominion of Canada. The amount offered in prizes is large, and the sum appropriated to the poultry class of the exhibition, said to be in due proportion to that offered in the classes of a higher order. The prizes are open to competition to all breeders and fanciers, no matter from what county or locality they may hail; the awards said to be made on the ground of merit solely, totally unbiassed by any private or personal consideration whatever, and necessarily to carry with

them that weight to which they are or ought to be entitled, emanating as they do from so high a source; the Judges said to be men of rectitude, not amateurs ill-informed in the respective merits of fowls, but breeders of well known repute; not chosen with the view to further the interests, or award prizes to this or that Exhibitor whose fowls are not otherwise deserving of it, but with acknowledged ability to perform the work undertaken by them, and that their decisions, when given, will commend themselves to the minds of all unbiassed poultry breeders on the ground of merit only. Such are the views entertained by a large number of poultry breeders and exhibitors, regarding our Provincial Exhibition and the awards made in the poultry class. But alas! how vain, when viewed by the light and knowledge of the knowing ones who have the control and management of it.

We did not attend the Exhibition this year *in propria persona*, nevertheless we were not unrepresented. Our faithful aid was there, and "tak his notes," and a fearful category of grievances and mismanagement he presents for our inspection. Inadequate accommodation for the fowls; the usual inattention to their wants and comforts while on exhibition; carelessness and incompetency remarkably visible in the arrangement of the coops; supreme confusion in the classification of the differ-

ent breeds; inappropriate coops, and not nearly enough even of them; the usual amount of ignorance, or even worse, on the part of the Judges in awarding prizes, are a few out of the long list now lying before us. And why should these things be? Because the management of this class of the exhibition is placed in the hands of incompetent and incapable men, utterly ignorant of the duties they undertake, and criminally careless of the interests committed to their charge; because the judges appointed by such persons are chosen—not with a view to their proficiency in poultry knowledge, nor for their adeptness in discriminating between two evenly matched pens of fowls, but because they are the representatives of certain favorite localities prominently represented at the Council Board, or the unflinching supporters of some well-known exhibitors, whose love of poultry consists in the amount of prizes they pocket annually, and the *eclat* attached to the receiving of such, together with the subsequent benefits derived as poultry breeders whose stock take first-class prizes at the first and principal exhibition of the Province. These are some of the reasons why this state of things exists.

But the time has arrived for an end to be put to such despicable proceedings. The poultry breeders of the Province of Ontario have a right to expect—nay, to demand—that their principal exhibition shall be fairly and properly conducted, that even-handed justice shall be meted out to all exhibitors alike, regardless of all other considerations than that of merit in the specimens shown; yet it is a notorious fact that the very contrary is the case. Unprincipled and incompetent men are almost invariably appointed as judges, prizes are awarded in many cases to specimens wholly unworthy of the least notice. Disreputable exhibitors, aware of this fact, take advantage of the ignorance or credulity or favoritism of

the judges, and, by the most direct means, seek to influence their judgments, even supposing them capable of giving a fair one. A most notable instance of this occurred at the last exhibition. Two persons, shall we say *gentlemen*?—one a judge, the other an exhibitor, both from the same locality—after the fowls were placed in their show pens and before the judges commenced their labors, made a careful survey of each coop; those of the exhibitor carefully examined, and their merits accurately pointed out, whilst the defects in others were as carefully noted. Is it necessary for us to add that this exhibitor had a lion's share of the prizes awarded him. Who will have the hardihood to assert that this model judge assumed his duties with an unbiassed mind? what language is too strong to be used in depicting the conduct of this model pair? and yet they are but fair specimens of the class of men who have acted as judges and exhibitors at our Provincial Exhibitions for the last twenty years. We beg to inform this pair of worthies—judge and exhibitor—that their names are now in our possession, to be published hereafter should occasion require it.

As already stated, we did not attend the exhibition in person, and cannot therefore undertake to point out separately wherein the judges acted wrong in awarding prizes, but we have undoubted authority for saying that in many instances their judgments were wholly erroneous and without the least shadow of justification in awarding prizes to some of the specimens which were honored with them. We cannot, however, pass over unnoticed a flagrant act of favoritism evinced by the judges toward one exhibitor. A prize was offered for "the best collection of fowls owned and exhibited by one person." Any ordinary individual would understand the word "collection" in this case to apply only to such coops of fowls as were placed

together by themselves for competition in that section of the class. Not so, however, with the judges, whose minds became exceedingly elastic on this occasion—so much so, indeed, that the word collection was held to include all fowls exhibited by one person, no matter whether placed together or competing in their respective classes; and, acting on this unprecedented decision, the prize was actually awarded to an exhibitor who showed no birds as a collection. Comment on this is unnecessary. We are glad, however, to be able to record the fact that at least one judge of the quartette had the manliness (we should say honesty) to enter his protest against this and other unwarrantable acts of his co-judges, but failed to enter it on the judges' books, in ignorance of the fact that to make it effectual it was necessary to do so. We trust, however, he will yet take occasion to make public his dissent.

It is to us matter of regret and mortification to be compelled thus to write of that department of our Provincial Exhibition to which our journal is devoted. Persistent fault-finding is not our hobby; but in the interest of poultry breeders and exhibitors, we cannot, and will not, allow such glaring acts of injustice to pass unnoticed. In the future, as in the past, we shall continue strictly to watch the actions of those who control it, and not fail to point out their shortcomings when necessary, and thus continue our self-imposed task until the management of the poultry class shall cease to be what it ever has been—a by-word and a reproach.

THE CANADA GOOSE.

This is one of the most beautiful of the goose tribe, as well as one of the most abundant of the North American species, breeding even in the milder latitudes, but in vast numbers in the

more northern parts, from which it migrates southwards on the approach of winter.

In a state of nature the Canada Goose eats worms and soft insects, as well as grass and aquatic plants, which the typical or goose proper never does. It is stated by those who have kept them in a domestic, or confined state, they do not breed till they are at least two years old, and so far approach the swan, like which also, the male appears to be fit for reproduction earlier than the female. But Audubon says "That this tardiness is not the case in the wild state, I feel pretty confident; for I have observed having broods of their own many individuals, which by their size, the dullness of their plumage, and such other marks as are known to the practical ornithologist, I judged to be not more than fifteen or sixteen months old. I have therefore thought that in this as in many other species, a long series of years is necessary for counteracting the original wild and free nature which has been given them; and, indeed, it seems probable that our attempts to domesticate many species of wild fowls, which would prove useful to mankind, have been often abandoned in despair, when a few years more of constant care might have produced the desired effect."

The Canada Goose, or as nearly all American writers call it, the American Goose, is universally known over the whole country; its regular periodical migrations are the sure signal of returning Spring or approaching Winter. Late in the autumn, especially when the wind is from the North, these wild geese are seen sailing high in the air, making their accustomed tour at that season. The Autumnal flight lasts from the middle of August to the middle of November; the Vernal flight from the middle of April to the middle of May.

The flight of the wild goose is heavy and laborious, generally in a straight

line, or in two lines, approximating to a point, or rather in the form of two sides of a triangle; in both cases the van is led by an old gander, who utters a peculiar resounding hoarse cry, resembling in sound the words "honk," "honk"! as if to ask how they come on, which is usually answered by some of the party—"All's well." When bewildered in foggy weather, they appear sometimes to be in great distress, flying about in an irregular manner, making a great clamor.

The Canada Goose was introduced into Great Britain at least 200 years ago, and may now be regarded as fully naturalized there. It is a great ornament of lakes and artificial ponds, from which it makes excursions in small flocks over the surrounding districts.

In the uniform breadth of the bill the Canada goose resembles the swan, of which family Cuiver claims it is identical with. It is fully three feet and a half from the tip of the bill to the extremity of the tail, but its neck is long and slender, and it does not exceed the common goose in weight so much as in length. The bill, the feet, the head, great part of the neck, the greater quill feathers, the rump, and the tail are black, the back wings and flanks grayish brown, edged with a lighter brown. The under plumage generally grayish brown, the breast and belly pure white. A few white feathers are scattered about the eye. A crescent shaped white mark forms a conspicuous mark on the throat, whence this species has received the name of Cravat Goose. The long delicate neck of this bird gives it quite a snake-like appearance.

We reproduce the following account of a Canada Goose which, says Willughby, "is so very extraordinary, that I am aware it would with difficulty gain credit, were it not that a whole parish is able to vouch for the truth of it. The Canada geese are not fond of a

poultry-yard, but are rather of a rambling disposition. One of these birds, however, was observed to attach itself, in the strongest and most affectionate manner, to the house dog, and would never quit the kennel except for the purpose of feeding, when it would return again immediately. It always sat by the dog, but never presumed to go into the kennel except in rainy weather. Whenever the dog barked the goose would cackle, and run out to the person she supposed the dog barked at, and try to bite him by the heels. Sometimes she would attempt to feed with the dog; but this the dog, who treated his faithful companion rather with indifference, would not permit. This bird would not go to roost with the others at night, unless driven by main force, and when in the morning she was turned into the field, she would never stir from the yard-gate, but sit there the whole day in sight of the dog. At last orders were given that she should be no longer molested, but suffered to accompany him as she liked. Being thus left to herself, she ran about the yard with him all night; and, what is particularly extraordinary, and can be attested to by the whole parish, whenever the dog went out of the yard, and ran into the village, the goose always accompanied him, continuing to keep up with him by the assistance of her wings, and in this way of running and flying follow him all over the parish. This extraordinary affection of the goose toward the dog, which continued to his death, two years after it was first observed, is supposed to have originated from his having accidentally saved her from a fox in the very moment of distress. While the dog was ill the goose never quitted him day or night, not even to feed, and it was apprehended she would have been starved to death, had not orders been given for a pan of corn to be set every day close to the

kennel. At this time the goose generally sat in the kennel, and would not suffer any one to approach except the person who brought the dog's or her own food. The end of this faithful bird was melancholy; for when the dog died, she would still keep possession of the kennel, and a new house dog being introduced, which in size and color resembled the one lately lost, the poor goose was unhappily deceived, and going into the kennel as usual, the new inhabitant seized her by the throat and killed her."

THE CANARY.

The receipt of the CANADIAN POULTRY CHRONICLE by this morning's post, mailed from the office, has revived a long slumbering intention to endeavor to stir up, among its readers, an enthusiasm for my speciality, the most beautiful and interesting of our feathered household pets, the Canary.

How far the breeding and rearing of these lovely little songsters may have progressed in America, or to what extent it may have assumed the character of a "fancy," as understood when applied to the breeding and exhibition of poultry, pigeons, rabbits, &c., I don't know; but my impression is that surely it can hardly be known what rich gems of color we produce here and in what delightful variety, or what an institution the Canary has become as an exhibition bird, or some evidence of the fact would appear in the CHRONICLE, and the canaries would occupy more than *three* classes in a show of such magnitude as that of the New York State Poultry Society. "Would it surprise you to learn" that here we have as many as ten or a dozen distinct varieties; that these are extended into about fifty classes; and that at our exhibitions as many as a thousand birds and upwards are frequently caged?

I read now and again of importations of Canaries into America, large importations. What class of birds are they? Are they merely common Canaries, ordinary song birds, birds with neither shape nor colour, like the barn-door fowl among poultry, the blue pigeon of the stable yard, or the little prick-eared grey rabbit of the schoolboy's hutch? Or do they number among them high class birds, wonderful in shape and brilliant in plumage? Are there among them Jonques as deep in color as a Seville orange, and others, the Buffs or Mealy birds, as deep a golden yellow but frosted over with silvery white? Are there any among them as rich in color as these, but, in addition, beautifully and regularly variegated with deep green markings approximating to black? Any with large crests, either harmonizing with the bright plumage of the bird or affording the striking contrast of green and gold as marked and decided as a white top-knot on a black Poland? Are there any of those remarkable birds the Belgians, whose wonderful anatomical conformation must be seen to be understood, birds in which form, symmetry, and style supersede colour; and do any gold or silver-spangled Lizards, glittering, &c., wearing burnished helmets and dressed in bronzy green livery, every feather embroidered with an edging of gold or silver lace *glittering like their scaly prototypes*, ever find their way across the Atlantic? Does the London Fancy, a Canary which in its dark nest feathers is as unassuming and unpretending as a sparrow, but which emerges from its first moult like a butterfly from its chrysalis—does it ever visit you to astonish and delight by its remarkable metamorphosis? And the more sober Cinnamons, the Quakers among Canaries, wearing a more homely but not less interesting costume, one capable of infinite variety of ornamentation, are they in your cages? The graceful Glasgow

Don, which has its home across the Tweed, the noble Yorkshire, the majestic Manchester Coppy, with its self-colored crest overhanging its eyes like the thatch of a penthouse, a very Skye terrier, and other varieties of lesser note all beautiful and engaging, are they inmates of your breeding cages?

The prettiest of our English Finches, the liveliest, merriest, and withal the tamest of his tribe, the Goldfinch; the sturdy Bullfinch; and that delicious songster the Linnet, all of whom have apparently such powers of fascination that but few Canary hens can resist their attentions—do they ever form a part of your consignments of British birds? And taking advantage of the great willingness with which they form an alliance with the Canary, do you ever try to produce those remarkable hybrids, evidences of some frail maiden having loved “not wisely but too well,” and whose family indicate only too closely the direction in which her truant affections have strayed? But not always; for while the greater portion of Goldfinch and Canary mules show unmistakable evidences of their paternity, other rare and consequently valuable specimens bear strong resemblance to their erring mother, having a spotless plumage, and only a faint blush on their faces to show their relationship to the gay little fellow, the impress of whose rosy cheeks they wear. Others, variegated with marvellous beauty and exactness and having the brilliant colors of the Finch intensified by combination with their own bright plumage, occupy the highest positions at our exhibitions, and happy is the man who is the fortunate possessor of a strain of hens which, departing from the usual beaten track, present him with these fair gems in place of the more usual result of the pairing of the Canary and Goldfinch, a family of Creoles.

I ask these questions for information,

knowing nothing of the position of this “fancy” in America; and if there be any desire to know further about the breeding and rearing of these universal favorites, an occupation replete with the deepest interest and becoming alike to the high and the low, gentle and simple, learned and rude, young and old, I shall be happy to supplement this my first chat with the New World by a few hints for the guidance of those who may wish to put up, as we say here, a few pairs either for the purpose of breeding high class specimens for exhibition, or simply having the pleasure of studying their habits during the interesting period of incubation, a matter which has always been a subject of wonder and contemplation to the greyest head amongst us—ever since the day when a grey head, long since laid low, lifted us in his strong arms and showed us in the ivy-covered wall or old hawthorn bush, that marvel of instinct and constructive skill—the wonder and admiration of all time, and sublime illustration of His care of His creatures, without whose knowledge “not even a sparrow falleth to the ground,”—a bird’s nest.

W. A. BLAKSTON.

Sunderland Grammar School.

Correspondence.

THE PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION.

GODERICH, Oct. 1, 1871.

EDITOR POULTRY CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR,—I dare say I am a stranger to you, although I sometimes see your valuable little monthly which treats of poultry matters. I have been a breeder of Cochins and Bramhas for some time back, and feeling curious to see what other breeders could show, I took a holiday and paid a visit to the ancient city of Kingston on the occasion of the last Provincial Exhibition, expecting to see a large number of fine birds and that the best birds would get the prizes. In the first place I was not disappointed; there was the largest and finest collec-

tion of poultry there I ever saw at a Provincial Exhibition, but in the next place, so far as my humble judgment goes, the worst birds, in many cases, got the prizes. It is not my intention to trespass on your valuable space by criticising the judgment of the judges, except in so far as the Asiatic breeds of poultry are concerned, as I am more conversant with them than the other birds. To give a general criticism would occupy too much of your space. In the case of Dark Brahmas, I found second prize given to a trio, the cock of which had a single comb, while the hens were badly matched and had vulture hocks. In the case of Partridge Cochins, first prize was given to a very inferior, badly matched trio; second prize to a trio which, while they were well matched, the cock was too leggy, while between these two trios was a trio of magnificent Partridge Cochins, the finest by far in the exhibition, passed over altogether. In the case of White Cochins, first prize was given to a very poor trio indeed. Cock miserably small and hens badly matched. Second prize to a trio the cock of which was badly vulture hocked, but hens very good and well matched, while alongside was a trio of White Cochins very much superior to both in size, matching and general appearance. But, perhaps, in the case of Buff Cochins the unfairness or unfairness, or more properly speaking both, of the Judges was most apparent. First prize was given to a trio, of which both cock and hen birds, with other disqualifications, had dark hackles, which would at once disqualify them from exhibiting at any proper poultry exhibition. The second prize was given to a fair trio of Cinnamon Cochins, large size and well matched, but as in the case of the others the finest trio was passed over, and a magnificent Buff cock and two splendid hens did not receive a passing notice from the gentlemen who did or did not judge the poultry. Now, Mr. Editor, while I do not pretend to know about all sorts of poultry, I do know something about these birds, and I dare say it is safe to presume that the judging in the other classes was in a par with this. Why is it? Is it not possible to get gentlemen to judge the poultry or anything else at our Provincial Exhibition who are able and willing to do the fair thing, irrespective of who are exhibitors or from where they come? I understand this is no new thing at Provin-

cial Exhibitions and that there is universal dissatisfaction at the manner in which judging is conducted in all classes of the exhibition, but my short stay did not enable me to do more than give a passing notice to these things. It is really too bad, Mr. Editor, that people should have to take their animals long distances with the hope that if their's is best they will get prizes, but when they, after this trouble and expense, find through favoritism or ignorance, poorer specimens carry off the prizes which ought rightly to belong to them. This is a disgrace to our Provincial Exhibitions, and ought to be, if possible, remedied before another year. But there is no hope of any change unless the press take it up and insist upon a radical change in the manner of appointing judges and the *personel*. The old foggy board who do little besides drawing their pay will do nothing unless made to do so, and there is nothing will teach them fair play like a good hammering through the press, and I do hope, Mr. Editor, you will do your part in as far as the poultry is concerned, by handling them without gloves through your useful journal the POULTRY CHRONICLE.

FAIR PLAY.

OTTAWA AGRICULTURAL SHOW.

TO THE EDITOR, CANADIAN POULTRY CHRONICLE.

Sir:—This time last year I sent you an account of the Poultry Branch of the City of Ottawa Agricultural Society. This year I will attempt the same. Perhaps in some of my remarks I may be rather harsh on the Judges, and on those to whom the duty belonged of seeing that proper arrangements were made for the proper classification of the various breeds. A more miserable or imperfect arrangement could not be had,—Ducks, Geese, Pigeons, and the various breeds of fowls were indiscriminately mixed. This may perhaps partially account for the very unsatisfactory judging, and certainly it could not have been much worse. Good birds were passed over, and birds that showed distinct marks of inferior breeds were awarded the first and second prizes. One of the judges has some pretensions of knowing pure

from impure, and it is said that he overruled the others, as some of his breed of fowls were there and he wished them to be awarded the prizes. I merely give this as a report. The variety of fowls was not large, nor were the fowls in good condition, as they were moulting. One looked in vain to see some Dorkings, Houdans, Creve Cœurs, Dominiques, Black Hamburgs or White Leghorns—perhaps for the simple reason that if they were sent there under their proper name, some official or judge would designate them some other name, as was done in the case of some Bantams.

The show of Game Fowls was middling, but of all the birds that were awarded prizes, not one pair was properly matched. A Black-breasted Red cock was matched with a Grey hen; with a Duckwing cock the hen was a Brown-red; in another coop there was a fine Brown Red cock, and with him there was a trio of Duckwing hens; in another coop a Duckwing cock with two hens—one of them a Dark Grey and the other a Brown Red. This will give you some idea of how much the judges knew of their duty. There never was an exhibition at which so much dissatisfaction was expressed as at the present one. I can the better make these remarks, as I am not an interested party, not being myself an exhibitor, having had quite enough of judging at the previous exhibition. This will continue to be the case until proper arrangements are made for receiving the fowls, and having a fit person to take charge of them. One drawback, and a very serious one, is the exorbitant prices charged for conveying fowls to the grounds, a distance of one mile. They only charged the modest sum of \$1 a coop—as much as the express would charge for conveying the same to Toronto. Another drawback to there being a larger variety of fowls is: you are obliged to pay \$2., and for this you can enter as many birds as you like. Now,

if they made a charge of 50cts. for each coop, there would be more entries and a greater variety of fowls, and better competition.

There are several parties in this city and in the county who are desirous of improving their breeds, but are prevented from so doing by the high prices asked by importers and breeders in the west. This is really a great drawback, and one that should be obviated, if possible. There is no objection to pay a reasonable price for fowl; but when it exceeds that, then the breeding of fowl becomes anything but remunerative or profitable, either for sale or domestic purposes. I trust this may have the desired effect, and cause a step in the right direction. B.

Ottawa, Oct. 10, 1871.

THE NATIONAL LIVE-STOCK JOURNAL OF CHICAGO.

We are glad to learn by circular received that the publishers of this journal have resolved on commencing its republication immediately, and that the October number, which was destroyed in the bindery, will soon be re-issued.

The old adage, "A friend in need is a friend indeed," will, we trust, be amply verified in the case of this journal, and that the appeal now made by its publishers will receive a hearty and cordial response. Let each previous friend and subscriber redouble his efforts and subscription, let its subscription list be increased one-hundred-fold, and its pages well filled with advertisements; and by united effort let all endeavor to place it where it stood prior to the great Chicago fire of the 9th October, 1871—in live-stock matters, the leading journal of the Great West.

CURIOUS PEAHEN'S EGG.—R. M. Griffith, Wilmington, Delaware, has a peahen that produced three eggs joined end to end, the united length being 9 inches!—each egg containing a perfect yolk.

Poultry Items.

IMPORTATIONS.—Mr. A. McLEAN HOWARD, Toronto, recently received from Miss Berresford Pierce, England, 4 Pairs Silver pencilled Hamburgs, and 3 trios Houdans. The Silver pencilled Hamburgs are very superior birds, which together with those bred by himself from birds from the yards of Messrs. Pickles and Beldon of England, form the finest collection of this breed we know of in Canada. The Houdans are said to be of the finest stock in England. We direct attention to Mr. Howard's advertisement in another column.

Mr. JOHN CARRUTHERS, Toronto, received per steamship *Hibernian*, from Scotland, one trio White Cochins, and one trio Black Spanish, very fine birds.

POULTRY SALES.—Mr. JOHN FORTSYTH, Toronto, reports the following sales. To Mr. J. A. Brodie, Toronto, 1 cock and 3 hens Dark Brahmas for \$45. J. J. Berry, New Jersey, one trio White Cochins, \$90. One trio Partridge Cochins, \$85. W. T. Sheppard, Chicago, one trio Rouen Ducks, \$20. One White Cochin cock, \$10. One Partridge coloured cock, \$15. One Buff Cochin cock, \$20, also one pair Rabbits. H. M. Thomas, Brooklin, one Partridge Cochin Cockerel, \$10. One Dark Brahma Cockerel, \$10. One trio Partridge Cochin Chickens, \$75. Also to Lee and Judson, Milwaukee, 1 Dark Brahma Cockerel. George Purvis Aruprior, 8 Aylesbury Ducks. Richard Lane, Cobourg, 1 Aylesbury Drake.

Mr. H. M. THOMAS, Brooklin, reports the following sales:—To Mr. Joseph Hickson, Montreal, one trio Partridge Cochins for \$80, and one trio White Cochins, \$60; to Mr. Daniel Allen, of Galt, one Black Spanish Cock, \$35; also, several pairs and trios of Dark Brahmas, Buff Cochins and Houdans to other purchasers.

CONNECTICUT STATE POULTRY SOCIETY.—The annual Exhibition of the Connecticut State Poultry Society, will be held at Hartford on the 14th, 15th and 16th November.

DELAWARE STATE POULTRY SOCIETY.—The annual Exhibition under the auspices of this Society will open at Wellington on the 11th January, and continue till the 18th.

Prize Lists.

THE PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION.

The *Toronto Globe* says: The show of poultry at Kingston in 1867, it may be remembered by those who visited the exhibition in that year, was a very poor one. It was very gratifying to find a marked contrast between that and the present exhibition in this class of stock. The stimulus given to this department of stock raising by the Poultry Association, the interest still kept up by the *Poultry Chronicle*, with the valuable information it continues to disseminate, have evidently produced good fruit. The Exhibition this year will compare favorably with any of those held by the Provincial Association. The number of entries exceeds 300, which, considering that the greatest number of the birds have been sent from a distance, and that a section of the west which has usually contributed a very large proportion to poultry exhibitions was entirely unrepresented, is a very respectable number. Of the quality of the birds, it may be safely said that taken as a whole they have not been surpassed by any previous show. The chicken classes were particularly good, and among them were birds that would have taken prizes in competition with adults. The varieties most meagrely represented were the Hamburgs, though there were good birds among them; and of pigeons also there was a very small show. Of the larger breeds of fowl, especially the dark Brahmas and Cochins, there was a fine display, with some magnificent specimens recently imported. The discrepancy between the number of entries and the amount of accommodation for the number of birds actually sent, rendered it very difficult to make proper arrangements for the disposition of the birds according to their breeds, and the show was lacking in this element of order and instruction.

PRIZE LIST.

JUDGES—Messrs. Gage Miller, Virgil W. Pastor, Jr., Whitty; A. R. Schofield, Fonthill; W. A. Middleberger, St. Catharines.	
Dorkings, best trio, white, 1st prize, H. W. Thomas, Brooklin	\$4 00
Dorkings, trio, coloured, 1st prize, James G. Miller, St. Catharines	4 00
2nd do., James Maine, Trafalgar	2 00
Polands, trio, white crested, black, 1st prize, James Ma	4 00
2nd do., John Carson, Kingston	2 00

Polands, trio, golden, 1st prize, J. A. Miller.	4 00
2nd do., H. M. Thomas.	2 00
Polands, trio, silver, 1st prize, J. A. Miller.	4 00
2nd do., Thos. Shannon, Picton.	2 00
Game, pair reds, (black, blue or brown,) 1st prize, J. A. Miller.	4 00
2nd do., J. A. Miller.	2 00
Game, pair duckwings, 1st prize, J. A. Miller.	4 00
2nd do., F. Berry.	2 00
Game, pair pile, white or blue, 1st prize, J. A. Miller.	4 00
2nd do., John Smith, Burford.	2 00
Cochin, trio, (cinnamon or buff, 1st prize, H. M. Thomas.	4 00
2nd do., John Forsyth, Toronto.	2 00
Cochin, trio, Partridge, 1st prize, H. M. Thomas.	4 00
2nd do., John Forsyth, Toronto.	2 00
Cochin, trio, white or black, 1st prize, H. M. Thomas.	4 00
2nd do., John Forsyth.	2 00
Brahmas, trio, light, 1st prize, H. M. Thomas.	4 00
2nd do., John Forsyth.	2 00
Brahmas, trio, dark, 1st prize, J. A. Miller.	4 00
2nd do., H. M. Thomas.	2 00
Spanish, trio, black (white faced,) 1st prize, J. A. Miller.	4 00
2nd do., John Forsyth.	2 00
Spanish, trio, white, 1st prize, A. Terrill, Brighton.	4 00
2nd do., J. A. Miller.	2 00
Silver pencilled, trio, 1st prize, A. P. Briggs, Kingston.	4 00
Golden spangled, trio, 1st prize, W. H. Wallbridge.	4 00
2nd do., H. M. Thomas.	2 00
Silver spangled, trio, 1st prize H. M. Thomas.	4 00
2nd do., J. A. Miller.	2 00
Creve Coeur, trio, 1st prize, H. M. Thomas.	4 00
2nd do., T. Friendship, Kingston Township.	2 00
Houdans, trio, 1st prize, J. A. Miller.	4 00
2nd do., H. M. Thomas.	2 00
Bantams, pair game, black red, 1st prize, J. A. Miller.	4 00
Bantams, pair game, duckwings, 1st prize, J. A. Miller.	4 00
Bantams, pair, selbright, 1st prize, J. A. Miller.	4 00
2nd do., James Main, Trafalgar.	2 00
Bantams, pair, white, feathered legs, 1st prize, John Carson.	4 00
2nd do., A. N. Scott, Kingston Township.	2 00
Any variety of fowl, not specially classed, trio, 1st prize, H. M. Thomas.	4 00
2nd do., John Carson.	2 00
Turkeys, pair, bronze, 1st prize, J. A. Miller.	4 00
2nd do., N. Bethel, Thorold.	2 00
Turkey cock, best and heaviest, 1st prize, N. Bethel.	4 00
2nd do., J. A. Miller.	2 00
Geese, pair, common, 1st prize, J. Cullis, Hamilton Township.	4 00
2nd do., J. B. Gibson.	2 00
Geese, pair China, 1st prize, A. Terrill, Brighton.	4 00
2nd do., J. Carson.	2 00
Ducks, pair, Aylesbury, 1st prize, J. Forsyth.	4 00
2nd do., J. Cullis.	2 00
Ducks, pair Rouen, 1st prize, J. Forsyth.	4 00
2nd do., N. Bethel.	2 00
Ducks, best pair any other variety, 1st prize, J. Carson.	4 00
2nd do., Angus Shaw, Portsmouth.	2 00
Guinea Fowls, best pair, 1st prize, J. Featherstone, Toronto Tp.	4 00
2nd do., Angus Shaw.	2 00
Pea Fowl, best pair, 1st prize, Angus Shaw.	4 00
2nd do., Dr. Day, Kingston Tp.	2 00
Collection of Poultry, owned and exhibited by one person, 1st prize, J. A. Miller.	6 00
2nd do., H. M. Thomas.	3 00
Pigeons, best carrier, pouter and tumbler, 1st prize, John Carson.	3 00
Collection any other variety, 1st prize, J. Carson.	3 00
2nd do., George Crawford, Kingston.	1 00

CHICKENS AND DUCKS OF 1871.

Dorkings, best trio, white, 1st prize, H. M. Thomas.	3 00
Dorkings, best trio, coloured, 1st prize, J. A. Miller.	3 00
2nd do., R. Shearer, Niagara.	1 00
Brahmas, best trio, light, 1st prize, H. M. Thomas.	3 00
2nd do., J. A. Miller.	1 00
Brahmas, best trio, dark, 1st prize, J. A. Miller.	3 00
2nd do., H. M. Thomas.	1 00
Cochin, best trio, cinnamon or buff, 1st prize, John Forsyth.	3 00
2nd do., H. M. Thomas.	1 00
Cochin, best trio, partridge, 1st prize, John Forsyth.	3 00
2nd do., J. A. Miller.	1 00
Houdans, best trio, 1st prize, J. A. Miller.	3 00
2nd do., H. M. Thomas.	1 00
Hamburgs, best trio, silver or golden spangled, 1st prize, H. M. Thomas.	3 00
2nd do., do.	1 00
Polands, trio, white crested black, 1st prize, John Smith.	3 00
2nd do., Wm. Smith, Burford.	1 00
Polands, trio, silver or golden, 1st prize, H. M. Thomas.	3 00
2nd do., Wm. Booth.	1 00
Game, pair reds, black, brown or blue, 1st prize, J. A. Miller.	3 00
2nd do., J. A. Miller.	1 00
Game, pair duckwings, 1st prize, J. A. Miller.	3 00
2nd do., J. A. Miller.	1 00
Game, pair, piles, white or blue, 1st prize, J. A. Miller.	3 00
2nd do., F. Berry.	1 00
Ducks, pair, Aylesbury, 1st prize, J. Cullis.	3 00
2nd do., J. Forsyth.	1 00
Ducks, pair, Rouen, 1st prize, J. A. Miller.	3 00
Ducks, pair, any other kind, 1st prize, P. Hinman, Grafton.	3 00
2nd do., A. N. Scott.	1 00
Fowls, pair of 1871, of any other kind, 1st prize, James McCannion, Kingston Tp.	3 00
2nd do., H. M. Thomas.	1 00

EXTRAS.—A. Terrill, Brighton, common goslings and Muscovy ducklings; H. M. Thomas, pair of lop-eared rabbits; Geo. Croft, collection of French rabbits; G. O'Hara, Toronto, Muscovy ducks, commenced.

HAMILTON CENTRAL FAIR.

The Exhibition and Fair was held in the City of Hamilton, on the 4th, 5th and 6th days of October. The show of poultry, as regards the number of entries was large, numbering 351; but the accommodation was very bad. The place allotted them was a miserable, small, dark shed, wholly unfit for such a purpose; several of the exhibitors showed their birds in their own coops outside of it. The arrangement was equally as bad as the accommodation, and altogether the poultry part of the exhibition did not favorably impress the visitor. There were undoubtedly some good birds, but there were also more poor ones than we have been accustomed of late to see at first-class exhibitions.

PRIZE LIST.

Judges—W. H. Van Ingen, Woodstock; W. J. Case, M.D., Hamilton; and Jno. Plummer, London.

Pair white Dorkings, 1st prize, \$3, Jno. Plummer, Jr., London.

Pair colored Dorkings, 1st prize, \$3, Jno. W. Bussell, Trafalgar; 2nd, \$2, Wm. Manhanic, Nelson.

Pair white crested black Polands, 1st prize, \$3, Jno. Plummer, Jr.

Pair golden Polands, 1st prize, \$3, W. H. Thomas, Whittby Township.

Pair silver Polands, 1st prize, \$3, Thomas McColl, E. Flamboro.

Pair Game Fowls, (black breasted and other reds) 1st prize, \$3, Jno. Plummer, Jr.; 2nd, \$2, Thos. Furlong, Barton.

Pair Game Fowls, any other variety, 1st prize, \$3, Thomas Furlong, Barton; 2nd \$2, Thomas Furlong, Barton.

Pair buff Cochins, 1st prize, \$3, H. H. Thomas; 2nd, \$2, Jno. Plummer, Jr.

Pair white Cochins, 1st prize, \$3, Jno. Plummer, Jr.

Brahma Pootras, light, 1st prize, \$3, James H. Somerville, Hamilton; 2nd, \$2, H. H. Thomas.

Brahma Pootras, dark, 1st prize, \$3, John Plummer, Jr.; 2nd, \$2, F. W. Fearnan, Hamilton.

Spanish Fowls, 1st prize, \$3, Mark Hill, Hamilton; 2nd, \$2, Wm. Hendrie.

Golden or silver pencilled Hamburgs, 1st prize, \$3, Jas. H. Somerville; 2nd, \$2, Mark Hill.

Golden or silver spangled Hamburgs, 1st prize, \$3, John Plummer, Jr.; 2nd, \$2, H. H. Thomas.

Scabright Bantams, 1st prize, \$2, Thos. Harper, Barton; 2nd, \$1, J. H. Somerville, Barton.

Any other variety of Bantams, 2nd prize, \$1, Mark Hill, Barton.

Turkeys, colored, 1st prize, \$4, John W. Bussell; 2nd, \$3, Ira Rymal, Barton.

Turkeys, white, 1st prize, \$4, John W. Bussell; 2nd, \$3, Peter Grant, Barton.

Wild Turkeys, 1st prize, \$4, J. W. Bussell; 2nd, \$3, John Smith, Burford.

Geese, white, 1st prize, \$3, Peter Grant, Barton; 2nd, \$2, Archibald Thompson, East Flamboro.

Geese, colored, 1st prize, \$3, J. W. Bussell; 2nd, \$2, Peter Grant.

Aylesbury Ducks, 1st prize, \$1, John Plummer; 2nd, \$2, James H. Somerville.

Rouen Ducks, 1st prize, \$3, Mark Hill; 2nd, \$2, J. Rowatt, North Dorchester.

Any other kind of Ducks, 1st prize, \$3, James H. Somerville; 2nd, \$2, Wm. Deland, Glanford.

Guinea Fowls, 1st prize, \$3, Josh Featherstone, Toronto Township; 2nd, \$2, J. W. Bussell, Trafalgar.

Pea fowls, 1st prize, \$3, Jno. Smith, Burford; 2nd, \$2, James H. Somerville.

Any other variety of fowl not included in above classes, 1st prize, \$3, Jas. H. Somerville; 2nd, \$2, H. H. Thomas.

CHICKENS AND DUCKS OF 1871.

Dorkings of either variety, 1st prize, \$3, H. H. Thomas; 2nd, \$2, Daniel Allen, Galt.

Game fowls of either variety, 1st prize, \$3, Jno. Johnson, Nelson; 2nd, \$2, John Plummer, Jr.

Spanish fowls, 1st prize, \$2, H. H. Thomas; 2nd, \$2, John Plummer, Jr.

Cochin Chinas of either variety, 1st prize, \$3, Daniel Allen; 2nd, \$2, H. H. Thomas.

Brahma Pootras, 1st prize, \$3, Daniel Allen; 2nd, \$2, F. W. Fearnan.

Hamburgs, any variety, 1st prize, \$3, John Weatherston; 2nd, \$2, W. Raynor, Barton.

Polands, any variety, 1st prize, \$3, H. H. Thomas; 2nd, \$2, H. H. Thomas.

Aylesbury Ducklings, 1st prize, \$3, Wm. Hendrie; 2nd, \$2, R. R. Waddell, Barton.

Ducklings, any other variety, 1st prize, \$3, J. Rowatt; 2nd, \$2, John Plummer.

Fowls of 1871, of any other variety, 1st prize, \$3, H. H. Thomas; 2nd, \$2, Daniel Allen.

PIGEONS.

Carrier, Fouter and Tumbler Pigeons, 1st prize, \$2, Mark Hill; 2nd, \$1, Mark Hill.

Jacobins, Fantails, Barbs and Trump-ters, 1st prize, \$2, Mark Hill; 2nd, \$1, Mark Hill.

Collection of Pigeons, any other kind, 1st prize, \$2, Mark Hill, East Flamboro; 2nd, \$1, Luke Mullock, East Flamboro.

RABBITS.

Pair of Lop-Eared Rabbits, 1st prize, \$2, J. W. Fearnan; 2nd, \$1, H. H. Thomas.

Pair of Common Rabbits, 1st prize, \$2, E. C. Fearnside; 2nd, \$1, W. G. Horning, Barton.

EXTRAS. H. H. Thomas for Golden Pheasants, R. R. Waddell for Scabright Bantam Chickens, Miss E. J. Taylor, Barton, for pair of Doves, W. Hill, Barton, for pair of Geese of 1871, also for Colored Guinea Pigs, Daniel Allen, Galt, rose-colored Leghorn Fowl.

WESTERN FAIR,

Held at London, Ont., 26th to 29th September, 1871. The show of poultry at this exhibition was large, and among them were some very fine specimens. Mr. Daniel Allen, of Galt, showed some very superior specimens in the Dark Brahma and Cochins classes, which commanded universal admiration.

PRIZE LIST. - POULTRY.

JUDGES. - Dr. Case, Hamilton, S. Lusted, Windsor, and W. H. Van Ingen, Woodstock.

Pair white Dorkings, 1st prize, \$3, John Bogue, London; 2nd, \$3, E. Booth, Thorndale.

Pair colored Dorkings, 1st prize, \$3, W. & G. Peters, London; 2nd, \$2, John Bogue.

Pair white crested black Polands, 1st prize, \$3, Ed. Booth.

Pair golden Polands, 1st prize, \$3, W. & J. Peters; 2nd, \$2, J. Bogue.

Pair silver Polands, 1st prize, \$3, W. & J. Peters; 2nd, \$2, J. Bogue.

Pair game fowls, black crested and other reds, 1st prize, \$3, John Plummer, London; 2nd, \$2, Jas. Short, London.

Pair game fowls, any other variety, 1st prize, \$3, W. & J. Peters; 2nd, \$2, Jas. Short.

Pair buff Cochins, 1st prize, \$3, W. & J. Peters; 2nd, \$2, J. Bogue.

Pair white Cochins, 1st prize, \$3, J. Plummer.

Pair Brahmas Pootras, light, 1st prize, \$3, W. & J. Peters; 2nd, \$2, J. Bogue.

Pair Spanish fowls, 1st prize, \$3, W. Bell, London; 2nd, \$2, W. & J. Peters.

Pair golden or silver pencilled Hamburgs, 1st prize, \$3, W. & J. Peters; 2nd, \$2, J. Bogue.

Pair golden or silver pencilled spangled Hamburgs, 1st prize, \$3, W. & J. Peters; 2nd, \$2, J. Bogue.

Pair Scabright bantams, 1st prize, \$2, W. & J. Peters; 2nd, \$1, J. Plummer.

Pair any other variety bantams, 1st prize, \$2, E. Booth; 2nd, \$1, W. & J. Peters.

Pair turkeys, any color, 1st prize, \$4, J. Fisher, Hyde Park; 2nd, \$3, James Anderson, Westminster; 3rd, \$2, J. Bogue, London.

Pair geese, white, 1st prize, \$3, A. Hibblethwaite, London; 2nd, \$2, W. & J. Peters.

Pair geese, colored, 1st prize, \$3, W. & J. Peters; 2nd, \$2, Thomas Routledge, Hyde Park.

Pair Aylesbury Ducks, 1st prize, J. Bogue; 2nd, \$2, W. & J. Peters.

Pair Rouen ducks, 1st prize, \$3, Josh Rowatt, Nilestown; 2nd, \$2, J. B. Land, Dorchester.

Pair any other kind of ducks, 1st prize, \$3, J. Bogue, London; 2nd, \$2, O. H. Wyckoff, London.

Pair Guinea fowls, 1st prize, \$3, Armor Clarke, Ingersoll; 2nd, \$2, Thomas Patrick, Ilkerton.

Pair Pea fowls, 1st prize, \$3, W. & J. Peters; 2nd, \$2, A. Hibblethwaite.

Pair any other variety of fowls not included in above classes, 1st prize, \$2, W. & J. Peters; 2nd, \$2, D. Allan, Galt.

Collection of any other kind not otherwise exhibited, 1st prize, \$5, J. Plummer; 2nd, \$4, J. Bogue; 3rd, \$3, D. Allan.

PIGEONS.

Carrier, Pouter and Tumbler pigeons, 1st prize, \$2, H. B. B. Allen, London; 2nd, \$1, O. H. Wyckoff, Jacobins, Fantails, Barbs and Trumpeters, 1st prize, \$2, O. H. Wyckoff.

Collection, pigeons, any other kind, 1st prize, \$2, H. B. B. Allen; 2nd, \$1, C. A. Stone, London.

RABBITS.

Pair of Lop-eared Rabbits, 1st prize, \$2, Wm. McBride, London.

Pair of common Rabbits, 1st prize, \$2, Alf. Hildethwaite.

CHICKENS AND DUCKS OF 1871.

Pair of Dorkings, either variety, 1st prize, \$2, W. & J. Peters; 2nd, \$1, J. Booth, London.

Pair Game, either variety, 1st prize, \$2, Chas. Bragg, London; 2nd, \$1, John Plummer.

Pair Spanish, 1st prize, \$2, Ed. Booth; 2nd, \$1, J. Plummer.

Pair Cochins China, any variety, 1st prize, \$2, W. & J. Peters; 2nd, \$1, D. Allen.

Pair Brahma Pootra, 1st prize, \$2, W. & J. Peters; 2nd, \$1, D. Allen.

Polands, any variety, 1st prize, \$2, J. Bogue; 2nd, \$1, W. & J. Peters.

Pair Aylesbury Ducklings, 1st prize, \$2, J. Bogue; 2nd, \$1, W. & J. Peters.

Pair Rouen Ducklings, 1st prize, \$2, Alex. McKenzie, Crumlin; 2nd, \$1, Josh. Rowatt.

Pair of any other kind of Ducklings, 1st prize, \$2, D. Allen; 2nd, \$1, O. H. Wyckoff.

Extra prizes awarded to Robt. Sutherland, Dorchester, for a nest of Ferrets; to Wm. Bell for a pair of Honduras Chickens; to Dr. McAlpine, of London, for a pair of Doves, and to John Long, London, for a cage of Wild Ducks.

GUELPH CENTRAL FAIR.

The South Wellington and Guelph Township Agricultural Societies has this year held an Exhibition and Fair at Guelph on the 10th and 11th of October, which proved to be in every way a marked success. In Poultry the number of entries was 296, a fair proportion of which appeared on the grounds. Amongst those specially to be noticed was a pair of Rouen Ducks exhibited by Mr. James Wain, of Milton, a pair of Game Fowls and several pairs of Dorkings, all imported birds. J. Featherstone, of Toronto Township, exhibited a pair of crested Polands and a pair of Guinea fowls which were much admired. Mr. Daniel Allen, of Galt, also exhibited some fine dark Brahmans, Buff Cochins, and Rose Combed Leghorns. In Spangled Hamburgs, Mr. John Bogue, of London, showed good specimens, and Mr. West, of Guelph, exhibited a fine pair of pea fowls. In Ducks Mr. F. W. Stone, of Guelph, showed a large and fine collection, also Mr. Frank Sturdy, of the same place.

PRIZE LIST.

Judges—James Peters, London; James Goldie, Guelph.

Pair white dorkings, 1st prize, \$3, John Bogue, Westminster; 2nd, \$2, W. Benjamin, Guelph.

Pair colored Dorkings, 1st prize, \$3, James Wain, Milton; 2nd, \$2, J. Bogue.

Pair white crested black Polands, 1st prize, \$3, J. Featherstone, Toronto; 2nd, \$2, W. Rudd, Guelph.

Pair golden Polands, 1st prize, \$3, H. M. Thomas, Brooklin; 2nd, \$2, J. Bogue, Westminster.

Pair silver Polands, 1st prize, \$3, J. Bogue.

Pair Game Fowls, (black crested and other reds), 1st prize, \$3, James Wain, Milton; 2nd, \$2, J. Stone, Guelph.

Pair game fowls, other variety, 1st prize, \$3, John Bogue; 2nd, \$2, A. Speers, Chingacousy.

Pair buff Cochins Chinas, 1st prize, \$3, D. Allen, Galt; 2nd, \$2, H. M. Thomas, Brooklin.

Pair white Cochins Chinas, 1st prize, \$3, H. M. Thomas; 2nd, \$2, John Hockin, Puslinch.

Pair Brahma Pootras, light, 1st prize, \$3, Geo. B. Goe; 2nd, \$2, H. M. Thomas.

Pair Brahma Pootras, light, 1st prize, \$3, D. Allen, Galt; 2nd, \$2, H. M. Thomas, Brooklin.

Pair Spanish fowls, 1st prize, \$3, T. Sturdy, Guelph; 2nd, \$2, John Bogue.

Pair golden or silver spangled Hamburgs, 1st prize, \$3, John Bogue; 2nd, \$2, H. M. Thomas.

Pair crested bantams, 1st prize, \$2, J. Marian; 2nd, \$1, Alfred Stone, Guelph.

Pair any other variety bantams, 1st prize, \$2, John Pipe, Guelph; 2nd, \$1, W. Thompson, Puslinch.

Pair turkeys (any color) 1st prize, \$4, W. Thompson; 2nd, \$3, Miss Pipe, Guelph; 3rd, \$2, John Bogue.

Pair wild Turkeys, 1st prize, \$4, James Wain; 2nd, \$2, F. W. Stone, Guelph.

Pair geese (white), 1st prize, \$3, F. W. Stone; 2nd, \$2, W. Thompson.

Pair geese (colored), 1st prize, \$3, F. Sturdy, Guelph; 2nd, \$2, F. W. Stone.

Rouen ducks, 1st prize, \$3, F. Sturdy; 2nd, \$2, Charles Heath, Puslinch.

Any other kind of ducks, 1st prize, \$3, John Bogue.

Guinea fowls, 1st prize, \$3, J. Featherstone, Toronto; 2nd, \$2, R. Badgson, Puslinch.

Pea fowls, 1st prize, \$3, R. W. Mathews, Guelph; 2nd, \$2, Mrs. Vale, Guelph.

Any other variety of fowl not included in above classes, 1st prize, \$3, H. M. Thomas; 2nd, \$2, D. Allen.

Collection of any kind not otherwise exhibited, 1st prize, \$5, D. Allen; 2nd, \$4, H. M. Thomas.

PIGEONS.

Pair carrier, pouter and tumbler pigeons, 1st prize, \$2, John Bogue; 2nd, \$1, Wesley Henry, Guelph.

Pair Jacobins, fantails, barbs and trumpeters, 1st prize, \$2, John Bogue.

Collection of pigeons, any other kind, 1st prize, \$3, D. Coffee, Guelph; 2nd, \$2, Thos. Tansley,

CHICKENS AND DUCKS OF 1871.

Dorkings, either variety, 1st prize, \$2, H. M. Thomas; 2nd, \$1, John Bogue.

Game, either variety, 1st prize, \$2, Thomas Tansley; 2nd, \$1, H. M. Thomas.

Spanish, 1st prize, \$2, H. M. Thomas; 2nd, \$1, John Bogue.

Cochins China, of any variety, 1st prize, \$2, John Bogue; 2nd, \$1, T. Sturdy.

Brahma Pootras, 1st prize, \$2, John Bogue; 2nd, \$1, H. M. Thomas.

Polands, any variety, 1st prize, \$2, John Bogue; 2nd, \$1, H. M. Thomas.

Aylesbury ducklings, 1st prize, \$2, John Bogue; 2nd, \$1, F. Passmore, Pilkington.

Rouen ducklings, 1st prize, \$2, F. Sturdy, Guelph.

Any other kind ducklings, 1st prize, \$2. E. Passmore; 2nd, I. Wm. Thompson, Postmel.

EXTRA PRIZES:—W. J. Fry, Guelph, Mexican dog puppy; D. M. Thom, 8, 100, 1 English pheasants; D. Allen, Catt, vice chair of Leathers.

WESTERN NEW YORK FAIR.

PRIZE LIST.

Buff Cochins, old, 1st, no awards; 2nd, W. R. Warren, Albion, N. Y. Do., young, 1st, B. E. Cartright, Buffalo, N. Y.; 2nd, John Weis, Rochester, N. Y.

Partridge Cochins, old, 1st, Gorton & Hollister, Rochester, N. Y.; 2nd, no awards. Do., young, 1st, Geo. C. Chapman & Co., Rochester; 2nd, E. S. Phelps, Rochester, N. Y.

White Cochins, young, 1st, B. E. Cartright, Buffalo; 2nd, no awards.

Dark Brahmas, old, 1st, T. A. Sommers, Rochester; 2nd, F. W. McKindley, Rochester. Do., young, 1st, B. E. Cartright, Buffalo; 2nd, T. A. Sommers, Rochester.

Light Brahmas, old, 1st, W. R. Warren, Albion, N. Y.; 2nd, T. A. Sommers, Rochester. Do., young, 1st, T. A. Sommers; 2nd, E. S. Phelps, Rochester.

Grey Dorkings, old, 1st, Gorton & Hollister; 2nd, no awards.

White Dorkings, old, 1st, Gorton & Hollister, Rochester; 2nd, Henry Harrison, Rochester. Do., young, 1st, H. Harrison, Rochester; 2nd, no awards.

Houdans, old, 1st, Gorton & Hollister, Rochester; 2nd, no awards. Do., young, 1st, no awards; 2nd, E. Deitrich, Rochester.

Spanish, old, 1st, O. Howland, Auburn, N. Y.; 2nd, Raymond Bro's, Rochester.

White Leghorns, old, 1st, Raymond Bro's, Rochester; 2nd, O. Howland, Auburn, N. Y.

Golden Polish, old, 1st, Raymond Bro's; 2nd, no awards.

Silver Polish, old, 1st, C. H. Vick, Rochester; 2nd, F. Murray, West Brighton.

Black-breasted Red Game, old, 1st, Gorton & Hollister, Rochester; 2nd, C. W. Yaky.

Brown Red Game, old, 1st, C. W. Yaky; 2nd, no awards.

Red Pile Game, old, 1st, C. W. Yaky; 2nd, no awards.

Golden Hamburgs, old, 1st, O. Howland; 2nd, no awards.

Silver Spangled Hamburgs, old, 1st, Robt. Bell, West Brighton; 2nd, no awards. Do., young, 1st, H. S. Martin, West Brighton; 2nd, no awards.

Silver-pencilled Hamburgs, young, 1st, Robt. Bell; 2nd, F. Murray.

Black-breasted Red Game Bantams, old, 2nd, E. S. Phelps.

Common Bantams, 1st, G. A. Widmer, Rochester; 2nd, no awards.

Silkies, old, 1st, B. A. Fassett.

Bronze Turkeys, old, 1st, A. Hotchkiss. 2nd, F. Murray.

White Turkeys, 1st, O. Howland; 2nd, H. G. Fass. Bremen Geese, 1st, F. Murray; 2nd, J. Pierce, West Brighton.

Common Geese, 2nd, E. Brooks, West Brighton.

Aylesbury Ducks, 1st, Robt. Bell; 2nd, F. Murray.

Black Cayuga, 1st, W. White; 2nd, no awards.

Rouen Ducks, 1st, no awards; 2nd, J. Hannon.

Lop Ear Rabbits, 1st, G. A. Widmer; 2nd, G. A. Widmer, Rochester.

Common Rabbits, 1st, W. A. Smith; 2nd, S. Leggett.

The judges gave universal satisfaction, and performed their duties in the most creditable manner. The "Standard of Excellence" was the guide in judging. The able Superintendent, Mr. W. J. Winfield, of Rochester, executed his difficult task in a way that did honor to his name, showing partiality to no one, and doing justice to all. G.

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Wild—1. J. Y. Bicknell; 2. O. Howland.

Guinea Fowls—1. J. Y. Bicknell.

Common Rabbits—1. M. A. Harris, Albany; 2. E. A. Wendell.

EAST DURHAM AND HOPE EXHIBITION.—

The annual Exhibition of the above Agricultural Societies was held on the 10th and 11th October, and passed off very successfully.

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Pair Geese, John McMurty, J. Foot. Pair Turkeys, John McMurty, Col. Williams. Bantams, Wm. Simpson. Pair Pigeons, Wm. Simpson. Collection of Pigeons, Wm. Simpson. Pair Ducks, James Found, Col. Williams. Pair Dorkings, Wm. Simpson. Pair Black Spanish, Samuel Bromell. Pair Polands, Wm. Simpson. Pair Domestic Fowls, Wm. Simpson, John Foot. Brokma Pootras, Col. Williams. Pair Hamburgs, Wm. Simpson. Collection of Poultry, Wm. Simpson Col. Williams.

The Port Hope Guide says: "The pigeons shown at the Union Exhibition, by Mr. Simpson of this town, were really deserving of the large share of notice they attracted during the fair. The number of varieties and beauty of the different birds, made Mr. Simpson's collection the finest we have ever witnessed, if not the best on the continent. The rarity of many of the specimens point to the conclusion that it has cost no small amount in procuring them by importation. Each variety shown was worthy of admiration; but those of the species of Yellow Jacobins, Black Barbs, and Runts were particularly fine."

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COMB OF COCHIN CHINA COCK—(A. L.) There is no fixed size for the comb of a Cochin Cock. The essential points are

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