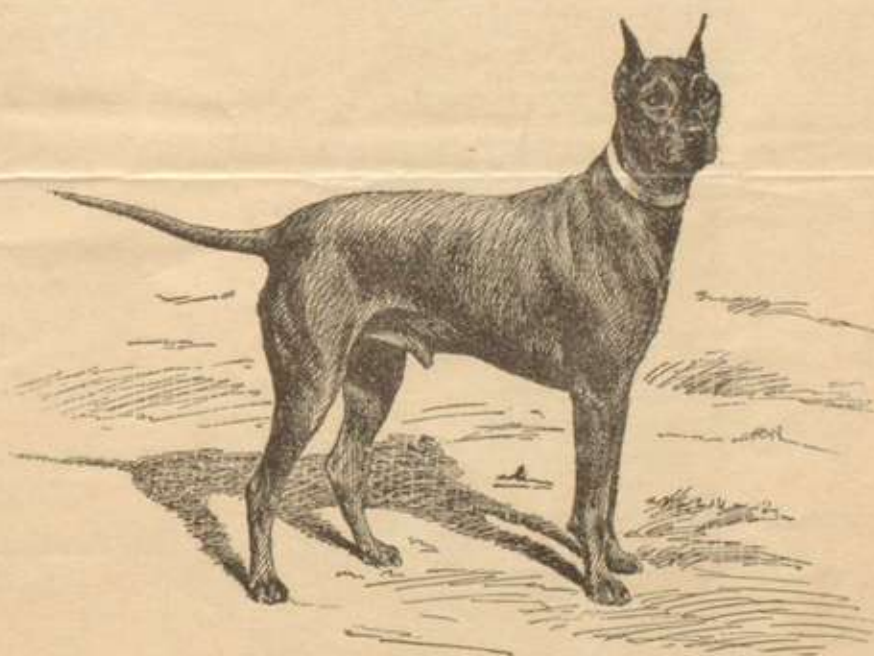


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## NOTES AND COMMENTS

### ENGLISH SETTERS.

**M**R. J. C. Nichol, of Montreal, has purchased from the Mount Royal Kennels a pair of Blue Belton Setters from the Locksley-Flo II. litter and this gentleman thinks he has now about the most beautiful pair of puppies of this breed in the country, and there are others who agree with him.

### THE CANADIAN POINTER KENNELS,

Forest, Ont., have purchased from Mr. C. G. Stoddard, Dayton, Ohio, the Pointer bitch Van Bang, A.K.C.S.B. 9451, she is by Champion Bang Bang, out of Imp. Champ. Vanity, is three years old and in whelp to Trinkets Cash (litter brother to Trinkets Bang, sire of Spotted Boy, winner of Central Field Trials Club Pointer Derby this year). The nick should prove a good one both for field and bench.

### MR. W. J. MCKEON, JR.,

Victoria, B.C., in enclosing us a dollar for GAZETTE, says he would like to become a member of the C.K.C. and have his dogs registered, but does not know to whom to apply. Isn't it about time the C.K.C. did a little advertising?



BLACK COCKER DOG, OBADIAH C.K.C. 791.

OWNED BY MR. GEO. BELL,

TORONTO, ONT.

### MR. W. G. MCCULLAGH,

Kingston, Ont., writes us: "I was pleased to see Mr. Farrow's description of the Cocker in your December issue, and I think breeders should read and study it and the judges might safely get it in book form and eat the book. I am very much pleased with the GAZETTE, and think every dog man in Canada should subscribe for it. Enclosed find one dollar for another year."

### SPRATTS' PATENT

show commendable enterprise and lose no opportunity of placing the value of their wares before the public. They have secured the entire front page of the GAZETTE for 1891.

### HAMILTON KENNEL CLUB.

The next meeting of this Club will be held on the 26th inst. Mr. Bell is again to officiate as judge and critic, and Dr. Mole, V.S., will read a paper on "The Skeleton," and if time permits on the subject of "Distemper." We look forward to future papers by this gentleman with much interest.

### THE ASSINABOIA KENNEL CLUB

is the name of an Association recently formed at Qu'Apelle, Assa., N.W.T. It is proposed to hold either a bench show or field trials next fall. Mr. Hartley Gishorne, C.E., M.I.E.E., writes us they will immediately affiliate with the C.K.C. Mr. Harry McIntosh is Secretary.



## MR. H. P. THOMPSON

informs us that he has again sent his Fox Terrier bitch Elora Tatters (Vakeel—Champ. Village Belle), who so fortunately returned to him about six weeks ago, after being lost for over four months, for service to Suffolk Coronet, owned by Mr. Jas. Mortimer, of the Westminster Kennel Club. Coronet is by Champ. Result, out of Champ. Diadem, and was purchased by Mr. Mortimer from Mr. Belmont. Blemton Volunteer who won first and specials at two of our Canadian shows this last season, besides numerous prizes on the other side of the line, is a litter brother to Coronet. One difference between these two dogs is that while Volunteer is marked rather heavily on both head and body a tan color, Coronet is only marked black and tan on head with a white body. Both the bitch and dog in this instance are bred as well as could possibly be desired, and Mr. Thompson looks forward to be able to exhibit at our shows next fall a puppy that may do equally as well, if not better than Pickle (one of the last litter of Coronet), who carried off 1st and two specials at Kingston, 1st at Toronto, and 1st at Ottawa, last September.

## MR. THOMPSON

has also had his Greyhound bitch Nellie the dam of Volunteer A.K.R. 9988, served by Jolly Ranger A.K.R. 18440, the property of the Stilton Kennels of Toronto. Nellie is a large fawn colored bitch and looks as if made especially for breeding purposes. Only two of her puppies have been shown on the bench, one at the last exhibition held in the Horticultural Gardens here where the puppy scored 1st in its class, under Mr. Davidson, and Volunteer who has three or four wins to his credit at various shows. Jolly Ranger is yet quite a young

dog being only a year old at the last Toronto Show, where he took second place in the open class.

## NATIONAL GREYHOUND CLUB.

Mr. H. W. Huntington writes us the inaugural show of this Club will be held on Tuesday, February 3rd, instead of January 17th, as formerly announced. The latter date conflicts with South Carolina show.

## THIS CLUB

we notice endorses Mr. J. F. Kirk, Toronto, as one of its judges.

## AN APOLOGY.

We owe an apology to our readers for the column in last months GAZETTE headed "They say." The "copy" for this did not receive the mature consideration we usually give matters of the kind; and being received from a gentleman who does much writing for the kennel press, we "sent it up," without giving it more than a cursory glance. We afterwards, when too late, regretted its insertion.

## PHYLLIS.

Whilst the American sporting papers are congratulating Americans on owning the sire of the 1st and 2nd prize dogs at the late Crystal Palace Show, London Eng., Canadians can be congratulated on owning the dam of the 1st prize dog, Claudius, winner of 1st there as well as at numerous other shows in England this season. He is a son of the Pottersburg Kennels' imported bitch Phyllis.

## A LARGE LITTER.

The Royal St. Bernard Kennels' R. C., St. Bernard bitch Berna II, whelped on Jan. 1st, the exceptionally large litter of 14, (9 dogs) to Martiquay.

Eight puppies are now living. Not a had New Years present.

## LORD POSIONED.

We regret to learn from Mr. Justus Roedler that his well known great Dane dog Lord, was poisoned early in December. Lord was easily the best Dane in Canada, and we could ill afford to lose him. This poisoning of valuable dogs is becoming quite too common.

## OWING TO PRESSURE

on our space this month, the C. K. C. Registrations, together with several other interesting matters, are obliged to lay over.

## MR. J. G. MITCHENER

pulls our Ottawa reporter to pieces about Dono, and says he is an exceptionally heavy boned dog, and has not a white hair on him.

## MR. SEARS,

of Melrose, Mass., has purchased that king of St. Bernards, Sir Bedivere, acknowledged to be the best of his kind in England. He has never been beaten. The price paid was \$6,300. We regret our limited space prevents a more extended notice of this grand dog.

## "NUT CRACKER."

Some dyspeptic individual over the above *nom de plume*, has, in the English *Stock-Keeper*, been running down the GAZETTE and its reporters and correspondents. This critic of critics was, we presume, unable to get any respectable canine organ on this side of the pond to lend itself to his misshapen ideas, and how the respectable *Stock-Keeper*, that champion of all that is just and general, "keeper of the grand seal," in dogdom could open its pages to such distorted utterings of a diseased



mind is past our comprehension. "Nut Cracker" winds up with the question, "Can such gentlemen as Messrs. Jackson, Gibson, Massey, Johnson, Keys and Mitchener afford to support such a sheet, and risk their reputation?"

Well, yes; we suppose they can, and without any "risk" to their "reputation," either! Look at the support the GAZETTE has received since the publication of the reports complained of; this is sufficient answer.

The GAZETTE must have struck "Nut Cracker" in a sore spot to have aroused his ire to such a pitch. "Let the heathen rage."

#### W. K. C. JUDGES.

The following judges have been appointed for the Westminster Kennel Club's fifteenth annual show of dogs, to be held at Madison Square Garden, New York, on the 24, 25, 26, & 27th of February, viz:—

St. Bernards and Pugs, Miss A. H. Whitney, Lancaster, Mass; Mastiffs, Chas. C. Marshall, Esq., New York; Great Danes, Newfoundlands, Bloodhounds, Toy Spaniels, all Terriers except Bull and Fox-Terriers, R. F. Mayhew, Esq., Brooklyn, New York; Russian Wolf-hounds, Deerhounds, Greyhounds, H. W. Huntington, Esq., Brooklyn, New York; Pointers, J. M. Tracey, Esq., New York; English Setters, and American Foxhounds, Major J. M. Taylor, New York; Irish Setters, Max Wenzel, Esq., Hoboken, New York; Gordon Setters, Dr. H. Clay Glover, New York; Field, Cocker, Clumber, Irish Water Spaniels, A. C. Wilmerding, Esq., New York; Collies and Sheep dogs, A. D. Lewis, Esq., Hempstead, L. I.; Poodles, Jno. G. Hecksher, Esq., New York; Chesapeake Bay Dogs, Jas. F. Pearson, Esq., Baltimore, Md.; Fox-Terriers, Fred

Hoey, Esq., Long Branch, N. J.; Bull-dogs, Bull-Terriers, Basset Hounds, Dachshunds, E. Sheffield Porter, Esq., New Haven, Ct.; Beagles, H. F. Schellhass, Esq., Brooklyn, N. Y. Premium lists and entry forms can be obtained from Jas. Mortimer, Supt., 44 Broadway N.Y. Entries close February 9th.

#### MR. R. P. FORSHAW'S,

Toronto, Ruby won first prize in the open class for King Charles Spaniels at the late Canton, Ohio, show, where Topsy, owned by Mr. Jos. Yorke of this city, was second. Both have gone to the Jackson, Mich. show. Mr. Forshaw is getting together quite a strong kennel of this breed, and will be pretty hard to beat in his specialty. He has lately imported from England the dog Royal Prince, and has bought from Mr. Bradford, of Montreal, the dog Romeo, second at Ottawa last year.

#### OUR ILLUSTRATION.

We give this month one of the promised illustrations of Mr. Bell's Cockers, Obadiab, C. K. C. 791. Obadiab is an entirely black dog, with grand bone, good coat and head, well-sprung ribs, and in fact a good level one all over. He is not of the "long and low" type, but rather the happy medium. He is by Ch. Brant, out of Bonita, was unnoticed at the late show in Toronto, got a C in London, a 3rd in Detroit, and was 1st in the open class at Rockford, Ill. last month. He is now in much better condition than when shown in Toronto, and, in fact, looks like a different dog. Mr. Bell thinks he has in Obadiab, a good specimen of the coming type. When asked

for his height and length, Mr. Bell stated "he measured his dogs with the eye and not with the tape line."

#### KING OF OBOS.

We received the block of this dog from the engraver, but it had such a "wooden image" look that we rejected it, and are having another engraved.

#### MR. FORSHAW'S DOGS,

we have just learned, were detained at Detroit by the Customs Officer for several days, and it is doubtful if they reached Jackson in time for the judging. This is most annoying, and there is really no reason for such action.

#### BARKLETS.

FOR a long time I have wanted to call attention to the novice class, for which provision is made in the rules of our Canadian Kennel Club. There seems to exist a diversity of opinion as to the true intent and meaning of Section 4 of Rule XV,—a vague indefiniteness, so to speak. That ought to be removed—else why do we see winners at one show, appearing as novices a week later while other dogs equally eligible pass on to a higher sphere of usefulness?

The novice class is stated to be for dogs not having "won a prize at any recognized show in Canada, the United States or England."

When does a show become "recognized"? As soon as held, or only when classified *as such* in the premium list? If the former furnishes the answer, then



I take it for granted that the second appearance should have been in the open class only; if the latter, then there is nothing to prevent a dog from winning in the Novice class at each and every show comprising the Canadian Fall Circuit.

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Again, our list of "recognized" shows is wholly American. We do not acknowledge English wins as in any way qualifying for the Challenge class, and yet we *do* recognize them as an obstacle to competition in our Novice class, which is much less important. Why this kind of anomaly? Why legislate against the dogs of England and allow Russian, French or German prize-winners to compete? Would it not be a sensible idea to expunge the word 'England' from the rule in question, and limit the objection to winners on this side of the pond? Surely the man who imports a prize dog from England ought not by rule to be deprived of the chance to win less than he who buys his just across the English Channel, or in the land of the Czar!

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X Do you know I sometimes think we don't appreciate as we ought the enterprise of the man who introduces new life and vigour to the breed of his choice by the importation of a good dog. We are apt to regard the newcomer as a rival, and when benched, to criticise him freely, and to our shame be it said we secretly rejoice if he fails to secure honors at the hand of the judge. Should he win, the old proverb about 'a new broom, etc.' is trotted out, or that affectation 'I *breed* my prize-winners' is again rehearsed, forgetful of the fact that breeding operations can only be carried on successfully *after* suitable stock has first been obtained. All honor to that man whose skill in making produces even one first-class specimen, but let us not regard too lightly the enthusiast who

sends his money across the 'salty,' in the hope of becoming the owner of something better than he now possesses! That which benefits the individual indirectly adds to the wealth of the State. So also does the importation of a good dog benefit every breeder of his kind in the country.

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"My project may deceive me,  
But my intents are fixed, and will not leave me."

That's about the way "Mount Royal" sums up the bench, box and flea question; and he is right. Not one practical breeder in a hundred prefers a bench to a box. The bench is all very well in theory, every time. Give the occupants of your kennel the chance to choose for themselves, and see which they prefer! And then a box has some sanitary advantages. Being moveable, it is easy to keep clean. It also affords protection from drafts. Give a dog two boxes—one somewhat larger than the other—and he will invariably select the smaller in which to sleep. For small dogs, such as Terriers and Toys, I have found a butter firkin or a cheese box, when half filled with straw, to answer admirably.

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"Cocker type" seems to be agitating the minds of some of our Eastern friends just now. The dog of the present is being denounced as utterly useless, and what is called the "Doc," or "Uncle Dick's" type, by way of contrast, is being lauded to the skies. I thought it might be another case of sour grapes; but after searching every show catalogue issued during the past ten years, I must confess I failed to discover a single instance where these gentlemen who are clamoring for a 12 x 24 dog, have been beaten. This seems the more incomprehensible when I find that "Uncle Dick," their *beau ideal* of a Cocker judge officiated at Ottawa in 1889, and at Kingston in 1890.

Perhaps they are Cockerless! I give it up!

\* \* \*

"So he tied his tail to a hickory stump,  
And tried to make a spring, but he  
could not make a jump."

I thought as I gazed on a photo of one of our noted winners, that it might have been a dog instead of a frog that first suggested that old nursery rhyme. The thread attached to his tail was plainly visible, and although he appeared to be straining every nerve to make a jump, the 'silken cord' will probably him there forever. Why is it that a dog's caudal appendage takes a downward curve the moment he is placed before a camera? Only those who have tried know how difficult it is to get a satisfactory picture. Several vain attempts have convinced me that the only way to get a good photo of a dog is to be the proprietor of a "Kodak," as well as a dog, and press the button when the latter is unconsciously posing in his own back yard.

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Photography is destined at no distant day to play an important part in the affairs of the kennel world. Not only would the knowledge of this art add to the pleasure of the Cynologist, but it would be of the greatest service to him in his breeding operations. By its aid he would be the better able to note improvement and make comparison that could not but be useful for future guidance. The increased facilities it would give for illustrative purposes would add much to the interest now being manifested in pure bred dogs. It would also prove a valuable assistant in securing purchasers for his surplus stock. These are but a few of the many reasons why the owner of a kennel should be an amateur photographer as well. Give any of our city photographers the average society woman for a subject, and even if she be of uncertain age, he will give you a picture that would rival Hebe in youth and



beauty; but take your dog to the same artist and you will receive a shadow that will cause you to grow weary wondering what kind of an animal the original might have been. He who would have a faithful and lifelike representation of his dog must himself be the artist.

BARKUS.

### YOWLS.

THE worthy Secretary of the C. K. C. asks breeders to register puppies as soon as whelped. I do not agree with him. Will our Stud Book gain any importance by having added several hundred pups a year who either never reach mature years or may turn out to be inferior specimens. All breeders will agree that they do not raise more than two-thirds of their litters. So then we would have a book crowded with names of dogs not in existence and many more that would be no credit to our breeders.

What we want is a Stud Book of such importance and with some restrictions to registration, so that the letters C.K.C.R. after a name will be sufficient guarantee that the animal has some merits. At present I can buy a good-looking dog on the street for a song, register it and then advertise him as C.K.C.R., No. 1000, and some poor unsophisticated mortal believes he is buying a thorough-bred.

"Barkus" asks why a good-looking pup that has had distemper should be barred from our shows. It is impossible to instance and prove particular cases, but if puppy classes, as a whole, increase the danger of spreading distemper—and I know they do—then I say these classes must go. Make a Novice class if you like, that will to a great extent take the place of the puppies. A man

with a really good pup such as "Barkus" instances can show him, but it would keep someone else from showing a lot of young stock if they knew they would run against full-grown dogs in the Novice class.

I will, however, shake with "Barkus" over the "Canadian Bred Dogs." Do not let us do anything to belittle our dogs or our winnings at Canadian shows. We do not want our cousins to point scornfully at our list of winnings and say, "Only Canadians!" We have enough good dogs to hold our own with the best, and when we win let us have the satisfaction of licking the best.

"Eureka!!" We have got it at last.—The dividing line between the Field and Cocker Spaniel. Father Farrow says in his description of Cockers at Crystal Palace: "*Just one rib shorter than the ordinary Field Spaniel.*" But then again we are in a dilemma: Has a Field Spaniel one more rib than the ordinary dog or has the Cocker one less. Who will tell us?

What a nice time they are having over Cockers in *Forest and Stream*. Truly "Gothamite" seems to have gone beyond his depth, and I fear he has been drowned. Mr. Mason handles him pretty roughly in a late issue and I am anxious to see his reply—if he has survived.

One of your Ottawaites never heard of Obo Jr. producing livers before. Well, Obo Jr. got a great many pups long before the Ottawaites "went to the dogs" and I could give them several instances of Obo Jr. misbehaving himself in this way.

There certainly is very little news in doggy circles over here just now. I suppose we are all laying low in the

calm before the storm, which will break in New York next month. I hope a large Canadian contingent will be there and I assure you the last one to arrive will not be the

CRANK.

### BLACK DUKE.

Editor Gazette:—

Black Duke won 1st at Charleston, South Carolina, yesterday.

GEO. DOUGLAS,

Sec'y Woodland Kennels.

Woodstock, Ont. Jan. 15, 1891.

### HAMILTON NOTES.

MR. J. W. Morden has purchased the well-known Fox Terrier bitch, Bacchante from Mr. Harry P. Thompson, of Toronto, and intends sending her to New York when next in season to be bred to that grand dog, Suffolk Risk. Mr. Morden should get a good litter of puppies from the union, and is to be congratulated on his enterprise.

Mr. A. D. Stewart has purchased from John E. Thayer, of Lancaster, Mass, the Fox Terrier bitch puppy, Hillside Baroness A. K. C. S. B. 18252. Hillside Baroness is by Hillside Dandy, out of the well-known Princess and ought to make a cracker.

Mr. Wm. McDonald had a big offer last week from a New York fancier for his red Cocker bitch Queenie. The sum offered was up in three figures, but he couldn't be tempted. He says he has too good a thing to give away for nothing. He intends sending the bitch to the New York show and thinks if he can get into a red class that he will get pretty near the front.

The Hamilton Kennel Club has taken hold and bids fair to do good work in the way of improving the breed of dogs in the Ambitious City.



The Club is to be congratulated upon having the services of so well qualified a Veterinary Surgeon as Dr. Mole. The Doctor is a dog lover and dog breeder and what he does not know about "man's best friend" is not worth knowing.

Mr. O'Neil cannot understand why his black Cocker dog, Sport, was ordered out of the ring by George Bell, who judged the Spaniels at the last members exhibition.

Sport took first prize in the puppy class at Toronto and his owner thought that this was a sure indication of future success. But Mr. O'Neil must remember that Cocker judges are not always of one mind, and that one "can't most generally tell" just how awards in the Cocker class will go.

Mr. A. D. Stewart is importing three pure-bred English Bull Dogs from a well-known kennel across the water and expects to give the fanciers a shaking up next season.

HEATHER.

#### HAMILTON KENNEL CLUB.

**F**IRST open meeting of the recently organized Hamilton Kennel Club was held in that city in the Foresters' Hall, James Street, on Monday evening, Dec. 15th. The attendance was very good.

Ald. A. D. Stewart, President, occupied the chair, and in opening stated that the main object of the Club was for the purpose of improving the breed of dogs in Hamilton. He also stated that the Club had already over 70 members on its roll. The dogs to be shown on such occasions must be *bona fide* property of members. The resolutions to do away with puppy classes in shows, to give uniform-colored badges in all shows, and to have no two shows on

the same date, had all been favorably commented on.

Dr. Mole, V. S., recently of London, Eng., then read an excellent paper on "The Dog, its Care and Management." At the close of the reading the Doctor answered a number of questions, and a vote of thanks was tendered him.

The judging of the Spaniels shown was then proceeded with. There were thirteen entries, of which ten were bitches, as follows:—In the dog class: Mr. D. McPhie's Pursell, Mr. Wm. McDonald's Brant and Mr. O'Neil's Sport. In the bitch class: Mr. T. H. Wynn's Busy, Mr. W. McDonald's Queeny, Mr. W. McDonald's Fanny, Mr. Charles Searle's Topsy, Mr. Joseph Kennedy's Nelly, Mr. F. Downey's Sally, Mr. F. Downey's Lady Aberdeen, Mr. C. A. Buck's Topsy, Mr. Wm. McGinnis' Black Bess and Mr. John Somerville's Fair Rosamond.

Mr. George Bell, of Toronto, was judge. In the dog class he ruled all the entries out on the ground that none of the dogs were up to the mark. In the bitches he selected four as worthy, and gave first prize to Mr. Charles Searle's Topsy, second to Mr. Wm. McDonald's Queeny, and third to Mr. F. Downey's Sally. He explained the points in which the winners excelled and were lacking. Queeny, he stated, was one of the best red Cocker bitches he had ever seen, and would be hard to beat in that class. All the others were black. He also gave reasons to the owners of the dogs why he ruled them out. Mr. O'Neil was not satisfied with the ruling, stating that his dog Sport had received a first prize at the Toronto dog show.

#### JUDGE'S REPORT.

Thirteen Cocker Spaniels, three dogs and ten bitches; the first to come before my notice were three black dogs, D. McPhie's Russell, W. McDonald's Brant and M. McNeil's Sport. After careful examination of the dogs I de-

cided to withhold all diplomas for the reason that it would have been unjust to the owners of these dogs to have given them a diploma, for they would have left the exhibition with the idea that they possessed good dogs, and it would have been an unjust thing for the judge to have done. I fully explained to the owners of every dog my reason for not doing so; for every dog was a bad specimen, and if there was more of this business done at most of our shows, the result would be that the owners would try to improve their stock. Every judge should explain to the exhibitors his reasons for withholding the prizes.

The next class contained ten bitches, nine blacks and one red: C. Searle's Topsy, first prize; she is a black bitch and a very good specimen, head a little inclined to the Field Spaniel type, neck and shoulders very good, legs perfectly straight with grand bone and good feet, well sprung ribs, good flat coat, grand hind-quarters, a well carried tail, and a good mover.

W. McDonald's Queeny, second, red Cocker, this is the best bitch of her color I have seen yet; unfortunately she has lost some half dozen of her front teeth which makes her look a little weak in muzzle, she has a good stop, nice skull, ears set on low a very pleasant expression, neck and shoulders good, good straight legs and feet, good average bone, well sprung ribs, good deep chest, good flat coat, good hind-quarters, with a correct tail and a fine mover. I should have placed this bitch first had it not been for the loss of her teeth.

F. Downey's Sally, third. A black bitch very weak in muzzle, not too good in stop, good straight legs, very flat-sided, lightly made all through, very nervous and will not show herself.

The balance of the class was only a very moderate lot.



# GREAT ST. BERNARDS AND MASTIFFS AT HOME.

## A VISIT TO WYOMING AND MELROSE KENNELS.

I had long since determined that if I should ever be in the neighborhood I would at any sacrifice have a run down to Melrose and see the great representatives of two of the noblest breeds of dogs in existence. Accordingly being in Boston on the morning of the 29th of December I at once started for Melrose, resolved to have a big day's satisfaction. But I got more than I bargained for, as I had no idea that Melrose was so beautiful a little town as it proved to be. Such beauty and serenity, even amid the snows of winter, I have not felt impressed on me since years ago I walked alone to the Black Forest in Germany.

### I. WYOMING KENNELS.

As Mr. E. B. Sears' kennels were visited first I will have a little to say of them now. These are situated in that part of Melrose, as I would say, called Wyoming, but as a number of these beautiful spots are close together it is no great matter whether they are separately named or considered part of the one place, Melrose. Mr. Sears, the proprietor, I did not meet, but was courteously shown the dogs and kennels by young Mr. Booth, brother of the English breeder from whom Mr. Sears purchased Lothario. The dogs are kept in single kennels, some of them isolated and others not, with an outlook through a door only large enough to admit the dog, on yards of but moderate size, surrounded by fences of wire netting.

There were some well-grown puppies running about on the snow in a much ampler space. Although the grounds are not large the dogs are not exactly cramped for room. However, Mr. Sears probably realizes that to get well-made, vigorous dogs there must be abundance of room and encouragement

for natural exercise, especially for puppies, and so proposes to remove soon to much larger quarters out of town. The Wyoming Kennels are giving up Mastiffs entirely and there were only two or three on the premises. Among these, however, was "Sears' Monarch," that was seen at the Toronto show two years ago, if I mistake not, as well as the St. Bernard "Plinlimmon Jr." from the same kennels. Taken as a whole "Monarch" is a fine dog.

First of all among the St. Bernards I saw "Lady Wellington" enjoying the freedom of the business office; a bitch of a capital body but with a head lacking in sculpture, though with a pleasing expression—a great virtue in a St. Bernard, in fact to my mind indispensable in a typical dog. It is just in this and in head generally that that dog of excellent body, "Plinlimmon Jr.," fails.

There were several fine bitches, some of which are recent importations, though if the great "Plevna" has arrived I did not see her. One bitch for quality and general perfection of make up greatly pleased me, yet not being a giant I fancy she will have but a poor chance at most of the larger shows.

One of the new arrivals is "Lothario," whose portrait has recently graced the pages of this Journal, and the likeness is a good one. This dog's head at once attracts attention, in fact too much attention, for it rather indicates that the rest of him is not equal to his head. He is, however, a fair dog with a remarkable head. Mr. Booth states that this head would be considered typical in England. Something of this later.

Perhaps the chief pleasure got from surveying the dogs came from the good look I had at the great Hesper. He is a truly noble and beautiful specimen. His head is typical and grand, in fact it is doubtful if it can be quite equalled even yet by that of any other St. Bernard in America. This specimen has moreover what is rare enough in the

larger varieties of dogs, a well formed stifle. Altogether a very grand specimen.

### II. MELROSE KENNELS.

I next proceeded to look up my acquaintance by correspondence, the famous breeder Mr. E. H. Moore. I found him at home, unfortunately somewhat indisposed, so the task of showing me over the kennels was assigned to that trusty kennel-man Mr. Arthur Trickett, who by the way has some brains in his head too, as I could very well see, notwithstanding his modesty.

Mr. Moore and I at once proceeded to discuss the dog in general and St. Bernards and Mastiffs in particular, in a way that was pleasant and profitable to me at least. As usual with breeders who really study Nature I found Mr. Moore's opinions valuable even on medical subjects, and it was soon evident to me that his insights were not confined to business alone. I think it would be well if more breeders believed as strongly in the value of quinine as Mr. Moore, and less in salt and sulphur in Distemper and other maladies of an acute character. By the way, Mr. Moore like many experienced breeders and exhibitors would like to see puppy classes abolished.

At length I was taken through the kennels under the guidance of Mr. Trickett. The Melrose Kennels still have a good number of Mastiffs. The first dog I saw was the famous Ch. Ilford Chancellor, who combines quality and quantity in no small degree. Several other worthy mates of this Champion were also shown me. Then came a long series of St. Bernards, not a poor one among them, the only question being as to their relative merit. Among the dogs I naturally looked for the great importation of recent date, "Alton." His massive head, powerful limbs, great neck and chest mark him off from all others. He would at one



glance be seen to outclass most dogs of his breed; and though not perfect in my opinion in either head or body, yet he is one of the finest combination of power and quality it has been my lot to see in a dog.

Champion Ben Lomond is another beautiful animal of pleasing expression, though without the dark shadings now so much prized.

Mr. Moore has reason to be proud of that home-bred dog Lord Melrose. He is the tallest St. Bernard in America, if not in the world, is well built and has quality as well as size.

These kennels are well supplied with good bitches, such as Miranda, Corrette, Lady Melrose and others, not to mention the more recent importation, Lady Sneerwell. Will she beat all Mr. Moore's other bitches when shown in America? This is a question Mr. Trickett and his visitor discussed, but I shall divulge no confidences by making known the opinions of either of us.

Corrette was nursing a litter of puppies by Alton, and it was very plain he had put his massive head on them. Bernie VI also had a litter though not of quite the same stamp.

Mr. Moore's premises are extensive, covering several acres. The main kennel building is one story high through the centre of which runs a passage and on each side of this are arranged the independent domiciles of the dogs. From these the animals may pass into yards of good size enclosed by wire fencing.

In one corner of each compartment, raised a few inches from the floor and surrounded by enough boarding to keep in the bedding, is the platform on which the dog sleeps. Such arrangements permit of that amount of privacy which I have advocated in these columns as essential to the development of canine individuality. He cannot when in his kennel proper, be seen by any other dog unless the latter stands

on his hind legs and strains to look over, not a very easy matter.

The dogs were in good health, which is owing to the cleanliness, ventilation, exercise and good feeding which obtains in this kennel.

There were also single isolated kennels for bitches and whelps. Upon making inquiries as to the nature of the feeding, I find that it consists of an admixture of bread and meat or its extract (broth) flavored with vegetables. Even the puppies get meat at an early age, a matter in my opinion of considerable importance, especially in the case of the larger breeds of dogs.

Stud dogs and brood bitches receive special attention of course.

After a very pleasant day I left Melrose in the language of the old Greek poet, "pondering many things."

#### REFLECTIONS ON MASTIFFS AND ST. BERNARDS.

It has been shown that on physical principles there must be a limit to the size that any animal can reach, i.e., there is no such thing as unlimited size possible in the very nature of the case.

Another law of growth to which the great Darwin called special attention is "correlated growth," i.e., the growth of one part as affected by another. If then we are to breed St. Bernards of great size, we must do it more slowly or pay the penalty, that this law implies. If we will have dogs three feet high, with enormous head and corresponding neck, shoulders and chest to support them, inasmuch as there is only so much growth-power in the animal as a whole, it follows that there must be a falling off somewhere. This law and the great rapidity of growth which is now so much fostered or rather unduly stimulated accounts for the rickety joints, cow hocks, weak ligaments, etc., so common in the Mastiffs and St. Bernards, especially the latter, (also Great Danes though to a less extent perhaps) of the present

day. In England it would seem that many of these faults will be condoned in a big dog with a good head, coat and markings.

This rage for size is shown in another direction. In England a dog is said to stand perhaps "35 inches at the shoulder," but when he reaches this country, by no system of measurement that we would consider valid, can he be made over perhaps 33. Nor can we get the weight claimed for the dog. Certainly it is time that there was some understanding as to how show dogs are to be measured—at least as regards height. Lord Melrose does measure about 35 inches, but he is the only St. Bernard in America that is near that by any ordinary method of measurement.

Is not too much stress being laid on "Darkshadings"? As shadings or facings they are an improvement, but with so much black color on a dog's face as to make real patches, I must question whether they do not obscure the character of the head, and detract from true St. Bernard expression, which should be open and not lowering. They may be very important even in excess in a stud dog, but in a show or typical specimen, I must object to so much as is now seen in some of the celebrities of the day.

As it is a fundamental principle in breeding that types must be kept distinct, I wish to ask if breeders are not in danger of shortening up the muzzle and increasing the width of the skull to a degree that suggests Mastiff type? Is not Lothario a case in point? Have we not reached the extreme limit of safety?

Here the law of correlated growth comes in again. The skull may be so large as to shorten the face; and in shortening up the face one part may not grow equally with the other, hence the unevenness of the jaws. Many of



the famous dogs of the day are either overshot or undershot, and this applies to St. Bernards as well as Mastiffs, though more to the latter. In the Bulldog this was aimed at, and suited the purpose for which he was bred. But in the Mastiff and St. Bernard it is a pure result of the attempt to get very short faces and too rapidly on very large animals.

Another result of the latter process, and associated with the law of correlated growth is the tendency to weakness behind, manifest in both of these breeds.

If I am right in these principles—and I think they will bear the test of science—there is food for thought in them to all breeders, and especially to those that are producing the giant dogs of the day. Is it not time judges of these classes considered their enormous responsibility? To me it seems very great. *Mount Royal.*

#### IMPORTED "GROUSE."

*Editor Gazette:*—

YOUR last number contained a paragraph stating "Corbett's Grouse isn't 'imported' under the cynologist's definition of the term." In reply I say Grouse *is* imported, and that I much prefer to accept as authority for the meaning of "imported" Webster, Worcester *et al*, to that of 'M,' or even 'they.' The United States *is* a foreign country, and the dog was brought from there, passed through our Custom House, and the Canadian *import* duty paid on him. If this does not make Grouse imported then what does? Perchance living in an aristocratic atmosphere, and occasionally brushing against nobility (?) may cause an individual to consider a dog would have to be brought from 'home,' don't you know, to be considered imported; but to plain, everyday ordinary mortals like myself, Grouse will be considered 'imported.'

If the paragraph was written to belittle Grouse, I think it will fall short of its mark, if I may judge from the letters I have received from prominent breeders, since the paragraph appeared in the GAZETTE. I am at liberty to quote from a letter I received a few days ago from Doctor Wesley Mills of Montreal, who, after referring in condemnatory terms to the paragraph, says: "it is vexatious indeed to have that fine dog Grouse belittled in this sneaking way. I propose with your permission to breed to Grouse, as I like him thoroughly. I repeat there is not an English Setter in Canada to day to which I would as soon breed."

Such unsolicited testimony to the value of Grouse as a stud dog from the proprietor of, probably, the largest kennel in Canada, and a gentleman so widely and favorably known as the Vice-President of the Canadian Kennel Club, should, and no doubt will, have considerable weight with the English Setter breeders throughout the country. I certainly consider Grouse the best English Setter in Canada, and a glance at his unextended pedigree, on another page of this GAZETTE, ought to be convincing proof of my contention, as it will be seen, he combines the blood of the grandest English Setters that ever lived—such as Champion Gladstone (113) Champion Leicester (148) Rake (212) Carlowitz, Brussels, Lanellette, Luna, Phantom, etc., etc.; and is, besides, a grandson of that sire of field trial winners *par excellence*, Count Noble (1509). Grouse is thoroughly broken on all game, and his sire Mac D, (3462) was a magnificent field dog, and was brother to the winners Fred W, Sam Ray, Jennet and other noted dogs. Mac D's late owner, Dr. L. R. Taylor, of Bancroft, Mich., in writing to me some months ago says:—"I never regretted anything so much as parting with Mac D, as he

was the grandest dog I ever knew, handsome as a picture, and simply perfect afield. You should be proud of owning his counterpart in Grouse, the very best dog that ever left Michigan." He is a dog of great stamina, and if am any judge, will, if properly mated, transmit his good qualities to his descendants. I may be permitted to say I did not buy him for either the show bench or the stud (except for our own bitches), but for my own shooting, and it was not till after much solicitation I placed him in the stud at all. If the breeders throughout Canada avail themselves of his services they will certainly be doing *themselves* a greater benefit than me. The dog has had four services since his card appeared in the GAZETTE, and three more are now booked to him—not bad for the dog that is "not imported."

In conclusion I wish to say that it is not my idea of gentlemanly conduct for "M" to have dragged my name into print when writing his paragraph referring to Grouse, especially as the dog was advertised in the name of the Kennel. Yours,

THE KINGSTON SETTER AND POINTER KENNELS.

Kingston, Ont., Dec. 29th, 1890.

#### NASTINESS IN BRIEF.

*Editor Gazette:*

I have watched the birth, growth and development of the C. K. GAZETTE with a sense of satisfaction at its freedom from the bitter wranglings that too often appear in other journals devoted to dogs. Accordingly, great was my surprise and regret on seeing in the last number a series of paragraphs headed "They Say," which contain more pure effrontery and downright nastiness to the square inch of print than it has been my lot to meet in many a day. In what a condition that writer's liver must be!!! I can only believe that they



would never have appeared in your respectable journal, Mr. Editor, but from some oversight. Let us have plain good English, free from the current slang and certainly free from such ——— well, such as make these paragraphs so fetid.

Yours truly,

CONSTANT READER.

### THOSE OFFENSIVE SKITS.

*Editor Gazette,*—

**U**NDER the heading 'They Say,' in your December issue, appeared a number of paragraphs that, in my opinion, should never have seen the light of day; such familiar, and in some cases offensive, personalities did not tend to elevate the tone of the last GAZETTE. The GAZETTE is but a young creation, and cannot afford, so early in its career, to permit injudicious, flighty or malicious persons to contribute anything to its columns that may have a tendency to lower its standing and respectability. Unfortunately cynologists are not especially noted for their fraternal regard for the interests of each other; and "those offensive skits," if read between the lines display an uncommon amount of malice and inuendo. A keen observer discover the point of the assassin's knife.

I trust we have seen the last of such childish and undignified—not to mention malicious—rubbish as those 'They Say' paragraphs in the GAZETTE."

Yours,

CYNOLOGIST.

### CHAMPION DOC.

*Editor Gazette:*—

**I**N last issue of your paper a writer makes a statement in regard to Doc that is wanton and unkind, as it is devoid of facts. He states,

in commenting upon the litter of pups recently produced by Mr. Mercer's little bitch Moera, by Doc, that it is a fine litter &c, and practically says further on (I have not a copy at hand) that it is unusual for Doc to get puppies that live. This is sheer nonsense and a wretched libel from a thoughtless writer. The probabilities are that this statement was based upon the fact that a bitch belonging to a Mr. Jos. R. Dennis, of Newark, having been bred to Doc, dropped before they were due (if my recollection serves me) fifteen pups, all of which were dead. This might have resulted from numerous causes, as all breeders know, and should not, in an isolated case of this sort be attributed to the sire. Again, in another case lately, from three bitches bred successively to him the total result being twenty-four pups—three pups died from one litter, perhaps from intestinal parasites, or from ordinary causes, no one can tell as they were promptly buried. Of course at odd times a pup in a litter will die before being weaned, but this happens with bitches bred to all other stud dogs, rarely, if ever, with an exception.

In conclusion I must state that Doc is getting as large litters as any Spaniel on the bench to-day, and quite as healthy and robust as the most of them, as witness the entries of some of his stock at most of the Bench Shows.

A. CLINTON WILMERDING.

New York, Dec. 29th, 1890.

### WHAT IS A COCKER SPANIEL?

*Editor Gazette:*—

**I**N your last issue appears a letter from Mr. F. H. F. Mercer under the above caption in which he says "it is more than time that some definite understanding was come to on this momentous question to Canadian breeders. Already the wind is setting

in the direction of a sensible type of dog." Then he goes on to compare two opposite types, taking for examples Jersey and Doc, and winds up by saying that "in a few years the Doc type, and not the Jersey, will be in the ascendant."

Rushing from one extreme to another is what has been the bane of this Cocker question. Every Cocker breeder is anxious that this vexed question may be settled once for all, and a type fixed so that we may know what a Cocker really is.

Although by no means in favor of the very long and very low Cockers, yet I am of the opinion that it would be better to stick to the long and low type than to take up the toy type. I take it that it is the aim of every Cocker breeder to produce a dog that will—1. Win on the bench; 2. Work well in the field; 3. Reproduce either or both of these qualities in his get.

Now, let us compare Doc and Jersey in these three respects. We find that each has a long list of wins; that Doc has been placed over Jersey by some judges, and has been beaten by him under others. Comparing the wins I think we will find that Jersey came to the front much more rapidly than Doc, although the competition was, I believe, much keener.

As regards their merits in the field I know that Doc would be worse than useless, and in this, I believe, Mr. Mercer entirely agrees with me. More than that, I have yet to see the dog of the Doc type that could hunt. It is better to leave such at home in the laps of their mistresses. Of Jersey's qualities in the field I know nothing but from practical experience over dogs of the long and low type, I think he would, even there, be superior to Doc.

As regards the third point, Jersey has not been long enough in the stud to judge of the qualities of his get. However I see it noted in the press that Mr.



Willey looks upon him as his coming stud dog, and that he has just produced from Mr. Bush's Novel a very superior litter. Doc has been a long time in the stud, but his greatest feat has been the production of the largest Spaniel litter. Few, if any, of his get, have gained any prominence on the bench. One great feature of his stud performances is the large percentage of deaths in the litters he gets. This, however, may be due to mismanagement of the bitches.

Before Mr. Mercer is through breeding to Doc he will have learned that he doesn't reproduce his type, that puppies of his get will be found large enough to go into the Field class, and others wouldn't weigh enough to get into the Cocker class; and still others that in length and lowness will out-rival a Jersey, and all from the same litter—at least that has been my experience in breeding to dogs of the Doc type. If he wants to get an evenly sized litter let him breed to a long and low specimen.

CROAKER.

(Official).

# CANADIAN KENNEL CLUB.

## EXECUTIVE MEETING.

THE meeting of the Executive of the Canadian Kennel Club advertised in the last issue of GAZETTE, was held at the Rossin House, Toronto, on Wednesday, January 7th. Present:—J. Lorne Campbell of Simcoe, President; S. F. Glass, Secretary-Treasurer; G. C. Taylor. H. B. Donovan and C. A. Stone of Toronto. After reading the role of officers the minutes of the last meeting were read and duly approved. Secretary Glass then proposed the following names for membership, seconded by H. B. Donovan, and duly elected: A. Brown Niagara Falls; M. McPherson, Toron-

to; James Harris, James Douglas and G. W. Prescott, Toronto; P. H. Smith St. Stephen, New Brunswick; C. A. Bradt, Niagara Falls; J. Lindsey, Montreal; W. H. Beattie and W. G. Laidlaw, Wilton Grove; Captain F. H. D. Vieth, Ottawa; G. N. Levens, Belleville; George Purches, Qu'Appelle, Ass. N.W. T., and A. D. Stewart Hamilton. C. A. Stone proposed the name of C. A. Winchell, Toronto seconded by G. C. Taylor. Dr. Wesley Mills proposed J. C. Nichol of Montreal, seconded by C. A. Stone; both were elected.

Mr. A. D. Stewart of Hamilton being present addressed the Executive. He thought that in the interest of dog shows and Canadian breeders it was desirable to prohibit puppy classes at bench shows. After some discussion on this point it was decided that whilst the risk of showing puppies was great, exhibitors had to assume the responsibility of the risk themselves, and it would therefore be unwise to attempt to pass any such by-law at present. Mr. Stewart next drew the attention of the Executive to the desirability of establishing by by-law a uniformity of colors to designate prizes at bench shows. This was conceded by all to be a necessary reform, and in accordance therewith it was moved by S. F. Glass, seconded by H. B. Donovan, that at all bench shows or competitions held under the rules of the C. K. C., that 1st prize be designated by a blue ribbon or card; 2nd prize by red ribbon or card, and 3rd by yellow.

Mr Stewart also introduced the matter of clashing of dates, and compelling all shows to provide separate classes for dogs and bitches. The Executive thought whilst legislation in both cases was desirable, it would be better not to take any action at present, especially as the Secretary announced that from the dates already claimed, it was thought there would be no clashing in 1891.

President Campbell moved, seconded by S. F. Glass, that C. A. Stone, Geo. C. Taylor and H. B. Donovan be a committee to draft a petition and arrange for the circulation of same for the removal of duty on dogs. Carried.

Moved by H. B. Donovan, seconded by C. A. Stone, that all Clubs holding bench Shows under the C. K. C. rules and patronage, must be approved by the Canadian Kennel Club, and be required to pay an annual fee of \$10. Carried.

It was moved by C. A. Stone seconded by Geo. C. Taylor, that any member accepting the privileges of the C.K.C., and refusing to pay the necessary fees after proper notice, shall be expelled from the Club. Carried.

Moved by H. B. Donovan, seconded by S. F. Glass, that the sum of \$50.00 be paid to our late Secretary, Mr. C. A. Stone for his past services. Carried.

The meeting then adjourned at the call of the President.

S. F. GLASS,

Sec. Treas.

## THE ORIGIN, BREEDING AND MANAGEMENT OF THE DOG.

READ BEFORE THE HAMILTON KENNEL CLUB, DEC. 15, 1890.

BY W. MOLL, M. R. C. V. S.

Mr. President and Gentlemen:

INTRODUCING the subject of the breeding and management of dogs, I am at a loss to know where to commence a subject that is so familiar, and yet of which so little is known practically.

It is within the power of almost everyone in this city to keep a dog, for many reasons.

The first and most essential reason is that food is cheap and abundant.

Most of the houses are provided



with a back-yard, garden or wood-shed at the very least, and I can see no difficulty in at once finding a place for a dog kennel, where the animal can be kept warm and sheltered for the night, and allowed plenty of freedom during the day.

Upon the feeding, housing and exercising of a dog depends his health, his spirits and his appearance; and given the conditions as I have stated, I do not see that there can be any objection to keeping at least one canine pet.

In this respect, let the canine be the best that can be procured—be it the St. Bernard, Mastiff, Poodle or Terrier, and by all means do not keep a mongrel cur, they cost as much to board and keep clean as a good animal; they are more liable to vermin and disease; they are, as a rule, dirty; they are invariably neglected, and consequently a source of danger to others; this neglect breeds all manner of complaints which deteriorate the standing of the canine race, for I hold that there is a certain dignity about a well-bred dog that is characteristic. One can often see this on our streets. A well-bred, good behaved dog, walks majestically along with its master, taking no heed of the snarling curs. Should any of them attempt a liberty by too closely fraternizing, a sharp bite soon sends him about his business, whereas the mongrel will associate with every dog that comes along, inviting him off to play, and gambol like many a rude animal of the larger growth.

In tracing out the life history of the dog it is scarcely necessary to go into the origin or natural history of the animal, and very few men take any interest in the habits of such animals as the Australian Dingo, or the Indian Dhole, as most of their natural instincts are lost under domestication, although they still retain a number of aboriginal or wild habits, for we know the dog, how-

ever well and regularly fed, often buries like the fox, any superfluous food, and we see him turning round and round on the carpet as if to trample down grass to form a bed. We see him on bare pavements and sidewalks scratching backwards, as if to throw earth over his excrement, although, as I have seen, this is scarcely or never effected, even when there is earth. These are all habits of instinct retained under domestication; yet we can see in the dog tribe, how completely under control a dog can be, not from fear, but from the instinctive love of the dog for his master; for it is almost certain that all breeds of dogs are developed from the Wild Canidae, or Wolf Tribe. This can be seen in the sharp ears of the Collie or sheep dog, [and the sleigh dogs of the Esquimaux. The ears of the wild dogs of Australia, India and South America are all sharp pointed, so that it is fair to suppose that our present varieties descended from one common stock, which, by close attention to their various peculiarities and conformations, have produced the wonderful perfection of form that we now have, and is known as successful breeding.

We hardly know anything about the origin or history of our various breeds and distinctions, as only the results of modified breeding are seen, and not until a sufficient number of one particular variety is seen, can the members be classed and named into a distinct species; so that it is only right to suppose that breeders have noticed a peculiarity, and then tried to reproduce it and form a distinct class.

Therefore we may say that the various breeds of dogs have been obtained by observing the various changes of instinct.

Thus the Bloodhound and dogs used in the chase, hunt by scent. The Greyhound and Pointer hunt by sight, and it does certainly show that these traits of character are born in them;

for a young Pointer, the very first time taken out with the gun, will stand, and even back down at the sight of game; also retrieving is certainly to a large degree inherited by Retrievers, and a tendency to run around, instead of at a flock of sheep, by Shepherd dogs. I cannot see that these actions performed by young animals without experience, or tuition, are due to anything else than hereditary predisposition. Although it is only fair to suppose that no one would have thought of training a dog to point at game, unless they had seen a peculiar movement in some particular kind of field dogs; and thus the sub-breeds and varieties have been brought to perfection.

Few persons, except breeders are aware of the systematic care taken in selecting animals, and of the necessity of acquiring clear and almost prophetic vision into futurity.

Lord Spencer's skill and judgment were well known, and he writes: "It is therefore very desirable before any man commences to breed cattle or sheep, that he should make up his mind to the shape and qualities he wishes to obtain, and steadily pursue the object." And the same may be said of the animal we are considering this evening, viz., the dog.

The great principle of the division of labor of life has been brought to bear on selection for in certain districts of England the breeding of bulls, horses, sheep, pigs and dogs is confined to a very limited number of persons, who by devoting their whole attention to this department, are able from year to year to furnish a class of animals that are steadily improving the general breed and consequently always taking prizes at our various exhibitions. This is a very great source of revenue, putting money into the pockets of all those who devote sufficient time and trouble to the subject.

It is well known that the rearing and



letting of choice rams, bulls, horses pigs, dogs etc. is one of the chief sources of profit to several eminent breeders.

I am not sure that the method practiced in parts of Germany is known, but the principles of selection is carried in the Merino sheep to an extreme point. So important is the proper selection of breeding animals considered, that the best flock masters do not trust to their own judgment, or to that of their shepherds, but employ persons known as sheep classifiers, who make it their special business to attend to this part of the management of several flocks, or if possible, to improve the best qualities of both parents in the lambs.

In Saxony, when the lambs are weaned, each in his turn is placed upon a table, so that his wool and form may be minutely observed. The finest are selected for breeding purposes, and receive a first mark on the ear.

When they are a year old, and prior to shearing, another examination takes place. Those in which no defect can be found, receive a second mark, and the rest are condemned. A few months afterwards, a third and last examination is made. The prime rams and ewes receive a third and final mark; but the slightest blemish is sufficient to cause the rejection of the animal.

These sheep are bred and valued almost exclusively for the fineness of their wool; and the result corresponds with the labor bestowed upon their selection. Instruments have been invented to measure accurately the thickness of the fibres, and an Austrian fleece has been produced of which twelve hairs equalled in thickness one from Leicester sheep, and, as a result, who has not heard of 'Saxony flannel' and 'Austrian Blankets.'

All of this matter goes to prove that judicious and painstaking selection, can only improve existing breeds; and anyone who desires to improve their

dogs must be particularly careful to breed only from the best of each succeeding litter.

Too little is known of the general principles upon which the breeding of dogs is and should be conducted, and so many opinions are entertained on the subject, that I shall not attempt any unsupported theories, but be content to repeat those maxims for the use of the breeder, which are, at all events, founded on common experience. The offspring partakes in an equal degree of the character of both parents. It is an unsettled question whether the father or the mother contribute most to the formation of the progeny. I, myself am of the opinion the father has a very great influence in correcting the bad, as well as propagating good qualities of the progeny, and that the characteristics of the father are more likely to be impressed on the offspring than those of the mother.

In breeding animals of a pure kind the principal rule to be observed is, to breed from the very best of both sexes, to cull the faulty ones every time, saving only the females for future use that are as free from defect as possible. It has often been remarked that some of the best bitches throw some wretched or bad specimens of dogs, so that one can only rely on a long pure pedigree.

(To be continued.)



# DOGS AT VICTORIA, B. C.

**W**ANT of space forced the management to refuse a number of owners entries for their dogs. However, we had some fine specimens shown here; being large entries in several of the classes.

We hope next time to be able to furnish better quarters for the canines.

The following is a list of awards:—

Rough St. Bernard dog, Master H Gordon; do puppy, R Cunningham 1st; W H Ellis 2nd. Smooth coated St. Bernard, Dr Duncan. Greyhound bitch, W McKeon; puppy W McKeon. Pointer dog, W C Bryant, 1st; F Higgins 2nd. Irish Setter Dog, Dr Duncan 1st; J J McHenry 2nd; do bitch J J McHenry; do puppy, W McKeon 1st; Fred G Macgurn 2nd. Llewellyn Setter dog, L H Webber 1st; Bertha Louisa Routledge 2nd; do bitch, H A McLean 1st; L H Webber 2nd. Field Spaniel (over 28 lbs) bitch, Joe Silk 2nd; 2nd do (over 28 lbs) liver and white dog, L H Webber. Cocker Spaniel(not over 28lbs) black and white bitch, E W Matthews; do puppy E W Matthews 1st; J G Miller 2nd. Cocker Spaniel (under 28 lbs) liver and white bitch, E W Matthews. English Retriever dog, George Richardson 1st; W Harrison 2nd; do bitch George Richardson 1st; Beaumont Boggs 2nd; do puppies, George Richardson 1st and 2nd. Collie dog, L S N Barrett; do bitch, Frank Montero 1st, W J Wrigglesworth 2nd. Bull Terrier (smooth) bitch, Dr R Riddell; do rough bitch, W C Bryant. Bedlington Terrier dog, W R French. Russian dog, F Montero. Black and Tan dog, Miss T Wilde (special). Fox Terrier bitch, Wm McKeon, 1st and 2nd; do puppies, J J Ward 1st; W C Bryant 2nd.

[Our B. C. friends should affiliate with the C. K. C., and have their dogs registered.—Ed.]

## KENNEL REGISTER.

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### BRED.

*Lady Rose—Grouse*—Mr. C. H. Martin's English Setter bitch, Lady Rose C. 328; to The Kingston Setter and Pointer Kennels' Grouse, C. 743. (MacD—Pansy Mason), Dec., 19th.

*Phyllis—Bob Obo*—W. B. Palmer's black Cocker bitch, Phyllis, to Rideau Kennels' Bob Obo, Nov. 14th, 1890.

*Cleo—Bob Obo*—Corktown Cocker Kennels' black Cocker Bitch Cleo, to Rideau Kennels' Bob Obo, Dec. 30th, 1890.

*Topsy—Bob Obo*—Mr. Chas. Searle's black



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BEAUTY MAQUOKETA	LAVOLETTE (2353) Champ. GLADSTONE (113)	FANNY (359) RAKE (219)	DART (333) Champ. LEICESTER (140)

Sire, Mac D.

3462 A.K.C.S.B.

SPARK		COUNT NOBLE (1309)	
MAGNET (E 6312)	CARLOVITZ (43)	NORA (7217)	COUNT WINDEM (E 2162)
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