

WINTER FEEDING AND CARE OF POULTRY

Good feed and care are necessary in order to procure maximum egg production during the winter months. Stock should be comfortably housed and not overcrowded. Allow about four square feet of floor space per bird, and see that all cracks and openings at the rear and sides of the house are closed to prevent draughts, otherwise colds are likely to develop which not only retard production but often cause the loss of birds. A little permanganate of potash used in the drinking water (enough to give a deep wine color) will help to prevent the spreading of catarrhal colds, but in more serious cases birds should be isolated, and treated by washing the eyes, nostrils and throat with a solution of boric acid.

Cotton used in the open front houses should be kept brushed off, and should be opened up on fine days to facilitate ventilation, this will also prevent the accumulation of moisture, which is more injurious to the health of birds than cold. Plenty of clean litter should be provided for scratching purposes. Lice bums, should be kept in control. This may be done by dusting the birds with insect powder or by smearing the skin around the vent with blue ointment about the size of a pea. Care should be taken not to smear the feathers with this ointment.

A grain mixture should be fed in the litter morning and evening. Feed at the rate of about one quart per day to ten birds. A mixture consisting of equal parts cracked corn, wheat and oats has given splendid satisfaction at this Station. Buckwheat or barley may be used to replace the corn, but in such case, only the best oats available should be used in order to reduce the amount of fibre.

A dry mash should be kept in hoppers before the birds at all times. A mash consisting of 100 pounds wheat bran, 100 pounds corn meal, 75 pounds ground oats, 15 pounds linseed meal, 3 pounds charcoal, and 100 pounds beer scraps will give good results. If skim milk, buttermilk or meat is available the beefscrap may be omitted. A portion of the above mash may be moistened with skim milk moistened with skim milk or water or water and fed to the birds at noon. Give them what they will eat up clean in a few minutes.

Commercial ready mixed scratch feed and mashes may be fed if so desired, but slightly greater gains have been obtained at this Station by feeding the home-mixed feed.

Grit, oyster shell and fresh water should be provided at all times.

Conservatives Win Halifax Seat

Heading the polls in Halifax, Dartmouth and county, W. A. Black, of the steamship firm of Pickford & Black on Wednesday won the first Conservative victory in the constituency since 1917 and broke the ranks of the solid sixteen Liberal representatives sent to Ottawa from Nova Scotia by the general election of 1921. He defeated his only opponent, George A. Redmond, Liberal, by a majority of about 1,800 votes.

Mr. Black won out in every ward in Halifax and in Dartmouth, and the county gave him a substantial lead on his opponent. His majority over Redmond in Halifax City was 573, in Dartmouth 391 and in the county 830. The total number of votes polled was 24,904 out of an electorate estimated at 60,000. Only in a few divisions of the county was there a majority for the Liberal candidate. In this by-election the government lost a seat that was carried by the Liberals in the last election by a majority of 5,000. Elevation of Hon. A.K. MacLean to the presidency of the Exchequer Court of Canada precipitated this by-election which led to the loss of a seat and reduced the government to a minority at Ottawa. Far reaching endeavor of the newly constructed Conservative political organization, activity of the Conservative women voters and the sympathy of the Labor party is believed to have played a large part in the Conservative victory. Never for some years have the Conservatives worked so hard to win a seat in federal parliament.

Halifax and St. John, Maritime rights and the development of Maritime ports became the issue and not for a long time have so many orators been imported to assist in campaigning for a by-election in this county. Discrimination against the ports of Halifax and St. John in favor of Portland, Me., were charged against the government, while the government, represented in the constituency at various times by the Premier, the Ministers of Finance, National Defence and Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment pointed to the increased shipping at Halifax and St. John, the proposed elevator at Halifax and many smaller achievements under way.

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Green feed, such as cabbage, mangels, beets, turnips, clover, sprouted oats and alfalfa should also be provided daily. The latter two may be steamed and fed in the mash, or the leaves may be fed dry in racks or boxes. A dose of Epsom salts at the rate of one pound per hundred birds, given at intervals of two or three weeks, will help to keep the birds healthy and prevent intestinal disorders.

Profit from hens depends very largely upon winter egg production. Breeding plays an important part in winter production but in order that the result from breeding may be obtained good food and care are necessary.

BLACK RIVER MAN IS ELECTED AS GARDINER'S MAYOR

Gardiner, Me., Dec. 2.—Donald S. McNaughton, was elected mayor of Gardner last week over Dr. Bert E. Lamb, who has served as mayor for the last ten years by a majority of 187 votes in the biggest election ever held in the city.

A total of 1177 votes were cast the largest number ever known and of this number, Mr. McNaughton received 1183, carrying Wards 1, 3, 5 and 6, while Mayor Lamb with 995 votes carried Wards 2 and 4.

This was the first election under the new charter which was adopted by the voters this year.

Mr. McNaughton, a prominent business man, was born at Black River, near Chatham, N.B., and came to the United States in 1890. He became a citizen by naturalization twenty-years ago and has lived in this community for twenty-six years.

His business activities in Gardner have covered a period of nineteen years beginning at first with a shoe business. For the last seven years he has been a member of the Wakefield McNaughton Furniture Company and also conducts a real estate and insurance business.

Mr. McNaughton is forty-nine years of age and married. He is affiliated with Hermon Lodge F and A.M. of Gardner, is a Commandery Mason and a Scottish Rite member of the 32nd degree and a member of the local I.O.O.F. He is superintendent of the Sunday School of Highland Avenue Methodist Church; president of the Associated Board of Trade and has instrumental in making the summer Chautauquas in Gardner a success.

OLD EARTH CELLAR BEST FOR APPLES

One of the problems of the householder each year is what quantity of apples he can store economically, and another question, "Why did not my apples keep well last winter?" or "is there any way by which I can keep them better this year?" This does not apply, of course, to those who are fortunate in having the old fashioned cellar without a furnace which was cool but frost-proof, and moist without being damp. It was and is in such a cellar that apples can be kept to the best advantage and where they will best retain their flavour.

The nearer the conditions approach those in this old earth cellar the better the results will be. First, the fruit should be kept as cool as possible without freezing. If the temperature can be kept between 35 and 40 F., this would be best. The higher the temperature the shorter the life of the fruit.

Next in importance is retaining the moisture in the fruit. If the individual specimens are exposed to a very dry atmosphere they will wither, hence the desirability of keeping them in such a way as to retain the moisture as much as possible, even though the air of the storage room be dry. This can be obtained, to some extent, by keeping the fruit in a closed package and better still, in addition, by wrapping each individual specimen in waxed or oiled paper, which will do much to preserve the moisture in the fruit, and to keep disease from spreading to another. It is also desirable, if one has nothing else in storage that will be adversely affected to keep an open vessel with water in it in the room.

A careful choice of varieties should be made if one is going to lay in several barrels, or more than the family can use in a month or so, as notwithstanding favourable conditions for storage, the length of season that any variety will remain in prime condition is limited.

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Here and There

In order to handle the grain this fall the Fort William, Ont. force of 360 elevator men will be increased to 700. From 120 to 150 grain trimmers will be employed.

For the five months to August, 1923, Canadian newspaper exports were valued at \$36,303,043 against \$27,257,382 for the same period in 1922. Pulp exports in the same period were valued at \$20,008,461 against \$16,076,533.

Grain loading on Canadian Pacific lines during the month of September totalled 28,376 cars or 38,245,200 bushels. This at the beginning of the loading season which was two weeks late this year on account of the retarded harvest.

This has been the greatest season for automobile tourists Montreal has ever experienced, according to the Secretary of the Automobile Club of Canada. Cars, he stated, had come into the city over the King Edward Highway at the rate of two hundred a day, an unusual number from California, Florida, Carolina and Virginia being noticeable.

There was nearly \$160,000,000 increase in the total trade of Canada for the first five months of the current fiscal year, according to a return made by the Department of Customs and Excise. The total trade of the Dominion, according to the return, for the five months ending with August, was \$785,000,000, as against \$625,000,000 during the same period a year ago. Imports during the period were about \$393,000,000, as against \$303,000,000 a year ago, while exports of Canadian produce rose from \$316,000,000 approximately to \$386,000,000.

There is a heavy demand for bushmen, according to the Government Labor Bureau at Montreal. The big lumber companies have been engaging men for the bush, and the prospects are that the demand will be sufficient to make fall and winter conditions good. Wages paid this year by the lumber companies are higher than last year, the rates paid being \$40 and \$45 a month, whereas a year ago the schedule was down to \$25 a month.

With the completion of the harbor works now in progress, Montreal will be in a much better position in 1924 to handle a record flow of grain than ever before. Windmill Point elevator will be increased by 1,250,000 bushels storage capacity, making its total capacity 3,250,000. Four additional shipping berths are being provided at this elevator and will be in commission early next month, and the elevator's loading capacity will be increased from 50,000 to 90,000 bushels an hour.

Reports to the Canadian Pacific Railway, show that there arrived at Winnipeg from the British Isles this year for the purpose of working on the harvest, 11,883 men. Special efforts are being made to find occupation for as many as possible to cover the winter period, and it is stated that it is now probable that a considerable number of these harvesters from Great Britain and the Irish Free State will remain in the Dominion.

Addressing a recent meeting of the Vancouver Board of Trade, President E. W. Beatty, of the Canadian Pacific Railway, announced that the company proposed immediately to add two large modern steamers to its coast fleet in order to take care of increasing tourist traffic over the company's coastal lines. He also announced the early completion of a new pier at the harbor at a cost of several millions, which has been made necessary by the steady development of Canada's trans-Pacific trade.

Cancer Cure Not Yet Found, Says Expert

New York, Nov. 30.—Dr. Judin Jose Mostajo, noted surgeon and president of the Permanent Commission for the Control of Cancer, in Peru, called yesterday on the Santa Lucia for Lima, after completing a two year's tour in an effort to learn what civilization is doing to end the dread disease, that his country might benefit. He has visited practically every European country, and toured extensively in the United States.

Dr. Mostajo said he found no cure for cancer. But he was impressed by the fact that civilization is awakening to the need for spreading knowledge concerning the disease, particularly the "danger signals" that those afflicted may receive treatment in time to be cured.

Nowhere, is any organization conducting so systematic, broad and effective a campaign as in the American Society for the Control of Cancer," said Dr. Mostajo.

"I have really had to come to North America for a vindication of our own idea that in lieu of a medical remedy the only available way to combat mortality from cancer is to give the public the facts. That is what we have been doing in Peru since our society was organized there three years ago."

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