

COMMUNITY CHICKEN YARDS.

Scheme is Taken up by School Boys. To Save from Garbage Cans.

Mr. Russell T. Kelley, Chairman of the Hamilton Board of Trade, who recently started the Hamilton Hog Production scheme and has since been popularizing it throughout western Ontario, has now interested himself in a Community Chicken Yard project. This plan was first brought into practice by a number of neighbours in Hamilton saving scraps of food for a returned soldiers' home, where some forty chickens were kept.

"This has worked out so satisfactorily," Mr. Kelly writes, "that a Community Chicken Yard is now being established in the next block and some ten or twelve families will save from their garbage cans, enough to at least provide one fourth of the feed for a block of from thirty to forty hens."

Mr. Kelly reports that the boys at Highfield School, Hamilton, are very much interested in the Community Chicken Yards scheme. The Principal invited Mr. Kelly to address them this week and closed the school early in order that organization work could be done.

FEED HENS ON TABLE WASTE.

Professor Elford of the Poultry Division of the Experimental Farm in a lecture before the Ottawa Poultry Association, told how household waste could be utilized as feed for chickens. With a flock of twelve pullets in his own backyard he produced eggs at a cost of 24 cents each, feeding table waste, as compared to a cost of 3½ cents at the Experimental Farm from hens fed on regular chicken feed. Table scraps in Canada, he asserted, would produce five and a quarter million eggs worth over \$3,000,000. He urged city people to set eggs this spring and rear chickens.

EARLY HATCHERY NEEDED.

It is imperative that all chickens be hatched early this year because under present conditions of high feed prices chickens hatched late can hardly be reared profitably. The eggs for hatching should be selected with care. They should each weigh about two ounces, have a smooth surface and be oval in shape. The fresher the eggs the better they are for incubation but they may be held for seven days, during which time they should be kept in a temperature of fifty to sixty degrees and they should be turned occasionally.

CARELESSNESS IN DRUG TRADE.

Chief Dominion Analyst Makes Statement Regarding Apothecary Shops.

In a report on Liniment of Camphor, Dr. A. McGill, Chief Dominion Analyst, says in part:—

"I have on recent occasions found cause to remark on the carelessness, or worse, of the retail drug trade in Canada, and it is sufficiently evident that the Adulteration Act applying to the inspection of drugs as well as foods, must be enforced as vigorously in regard to the first named class of articles as to the latter. Whether or not the fact that most of our apothecary shops are more truly described as candy, tobacco and nicknack shops, has anything to do with the lack of attention given to quality of drugs proper, it must be left an open question; but it is suggestive and cannot be allowed to pass without remark."

"JOHNNY, GET YOUR HOE."

Mr. Arthur Barnstead, Organizing Secretary of the National Committee on Food Resources of Nova Scotia, has sent the following which was composed by Mr. George E. Graham, manager of the D. A. R., and was sung with good effect at a public meeting held recently at Kentville, N.S.:—

Johnny get your hoe, get your hoe, get your hoe,
Make your garden grow, make it grow,
make it grow,
Plant your seeds from sea to sea,
Let them work for liberty,
Hurry right away, don't delay, start to-day,
Forward to the land with a right willing hand,
So we'll help defeat the Hun,
Now we've got him on the run.

Over there, over there,
Send the food, send the food, over there,
For our brave boys need it
Our brave boys need it,
The calls are coming everywhere,
So observe and preserve
Save the food, save the food and conserve.
So we'll help win the cause of freedom
And we'll plant, save and send, till it's
over over there.

NONE RICH WITH REGARD TO FOOD.

The British Ministry of Food in a pamphlet just issued says: "The stocks of food in the country are low, and therefore, with regard to food there are no rich people. We are all poor."