

POULTRY YARD

Poultry at Ottawa

The poultry show at the Central Canada Exhibition is one of the live features of the Fair. As most fall fairs poultry exhibits are few, and the tent usually accorded for their use is pushed into an out-of-way corner at Ottawa the poultrymen are given a first-class position in the flower pavilion, and they fill it to the limit. This year entries numbered around 2,000 birds, with the utility breeds most strongly represented. Most of the entries came from fanners in the Ottawa district, but the finest flocks of other portions of Ontario entries as well. Waterfowl and turkeys were "something immense," making a larger percentage of the exhibit than ever before.

A feature of the poultry show was the candle-dancing demonstration of the Dominion Live Stock Branch, in charge of W. A. Brown, B.S.A. The object of the demonstration was to make both farmers and townspeople more fully acquainted with conditions that exist in the egg trade. In the dark room to the rear of the main exhibit visitors could see eggs candled at any time. The feature of the main booth was a display of 30 cases of eggs graded according to the market requirements. This exhibit showed that only 30 to 35 per cent. of receipts are classed as new laid; 40 to 45 per cent. as No. 1; 15 per cent. as No. 2; and five per cent. as bad. Other exhibits showed eggs properly graded to meet the requirements of the best market.

One of the most unique exhibits in the poultry line that we have ever seen was staged in connection with the Central Farm exhibit in Horticultural Hall. The feature of the exhibit was a comparison of the production of two hens. To one side was a Plymouth Rock hen that last year laid 165 eggs. A placard near by informed the visitor that "100 hens like this will make a profit of \$27." To the right of the exhibit was another Plymouth Rock hen that last year laid 32 eggs; "100 hens like this one will net a loss of \$56," the placard informed us. To still further impress on the visitor the comparative usefulness of these two hens a basket containing 165 eggs stood beside the cage of the efficient producer and a basket containing 32 eggs in a corresponding position beside the robber hen. The produce of the first hen had a value of \$4.12, and a profit of \$2.77, and the value of the product of the second hen was \$1.36, with a loss of \$56.

Large or Small Cows

At the Wisconsin Experiment Station it has been found that the large cows return more profit per cow than the small ones. Cows 900 lbs. and under returned products worth \$54.30 and the feed eaten; cows 901 lbs. and over returned products worth \$61.36; cows 1,001 lbs. and over returned products worth \$66.23; cows 1,101 lbs. and over returned products worth \$72.21; cows 1,201 lbs. and over returned products worth \$79.64; cows over 1,300 lbs. returned products worth \$85.01. Mr. Warren in his book on Farm Management in commenting on the above says:

"The large animals of any breed are much more economical of labor and barn room and usually give as much or more milk for the feed consumed." The large cows used their feed with the same efficiency as the smaller ones. In fact the largest ones are a trifle more efficient than the small ones.

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