

- 1st—Because the farmer ought, by their means, to convert a great deal of the waste of his farm into money in the shape of eggs and chickens for market.
- 2nd—Because, with intelligent management, they ought to be all-year revenue producers, with the exception of perhaps two months during the moulting season.
- 3rd—Because poultry will yield him a quicker return for the capital invested than any of the other departments of agriculture.
- 4th—Because the manure from the poultry house will make a valuable compost for use in either vegetable garden or orchard. The birds themselves, if allowed to run in plum or apple orchards, will destroy all injurious insect life.
- 5th—Because, while cereals and fruit can only be successfully grown in certain sections, poultry can be raised for table use or layers of eggs in all parts of the country.
- 6th—Because poultry-raising is an employment in which the farmer's wife and daughters can engage, and leave him free to attend to other departments.
- 7th—Because it will bring him the best results in the shape of new-laid eggs during the winter season, when the farmer has the most time on his hands.
- 8th—Because to start poultry-raising on the farm requires but little capital. By good management poultry can be made, with little cost, a valuable adjunct to his farm.

Vancouver Island is exceptionally suited for this industry, and is destined to become such a poultry centre as the Petaluma Valley in California. In Petaluma they clear only \$1.00 per bird, but on this Island \$2.00 can easily be made by each hen per year.

LAND REQUIRED

The land used for poultry should have good natural drainage, but at the same time it should be suitable for the growing of grass and clover, even in the dry season, as green food is a most important item in the fowls' ration.

To work up to 1,000 head of poultry, at least 10 acres would be required. The mistake is often made of keeping poultry too much on the intensive method, but although this may answer for a few years, before long it will be found that the land is becoming contaminated, and the poultry suffering in consequence.

In selecting land, see that water can be had conveniently.