

Inter-department Correspondence



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I discussed with Conklin the offer made to him by the Quebec Government and he told me he preferred to remain at the College and would remain there. I further discussed with him his relations to those Departments where there was live stock, The Department of Animal Husbandry and the Department of Poultry. I told Conklin that I would hold him responsible for advice as to the health of animals and birds; that he was to visit the herds and flock as often as he thought advisable and that in any instructions he felt called upon to give his word was to be supreme and the Departments would have to carry out his instructions. Apparently this has not always been done. The Professor of Poultry and the Professor of Animal Husbandry being quite satisfied to take Conklin's advice but evidently using their own judgment as to their action. Conklin says that he has advised year after year that the sickness in the poultry flock could never be eliminated unless the chickens were moved to a new run. He also told me that seven years ago he had advised that a certain bull in the herd be not used and gave as his advice that should any progeny result from the use of that bull they should not be used either. His advice was ignored, with the result that we are faced with a serious loss in the herd. I told Conklin I regarded him as holding a position equivalent to that of a divisional veterinary officer, whose business it was to cure sick animals if

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