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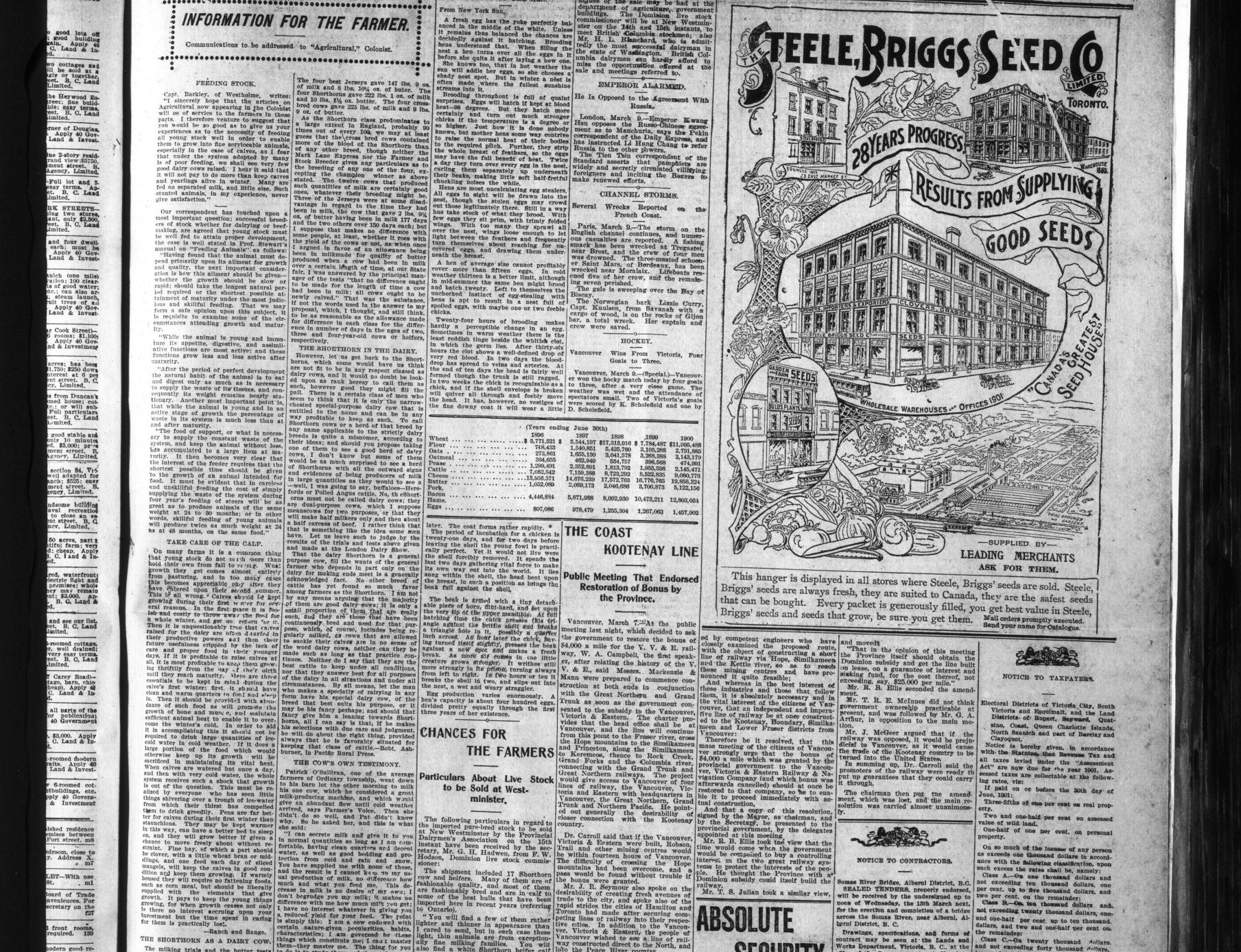
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logues of the sale may be had at the department of agriculture, government buildings. The Dominion live stock commissioner will be at New Westmin-ster on the 14th and 15th instants, to meet British Columbia stockmen; also Mr. H. L. Blanchard, who is admit-tedly the most successful dairyman in the state of Washington. British Col-umbia dairymen can hardly afford to miss the opportunities offensed at the sale and meetings referred to. From New York Sun From New York Sun. A fresh egg has the yoke perfectly bal-anced in the middle of the white. Unless it remains thus balanced the chances are decidedly against it hatching. Brooding hens understand that. When filling the nest a hen turns over all the eggs in it before she quits it after laying a hew one. She knows too, that in hot weather the sun will addle her eggs, so she chooses a shady nest spot. But in winter a nest is often made where the fullest sunshine streams into it. Brooding throughout is full of quaint

often made where the fullest sunshine streams into it. Brooding throughout is full of quaint surprises. Eggs will hatch if kept at blood heat-98 degrees. But they hatch more certainly and turn out much stronger chicks if the temperature is a degree or so higher. Just how it is done nobody knows, but mother hens some way contrive to raise the normal heat of their bodies to the required pitch. Further, they strip the whole breast of feathers, so the eggs may have the full benefit of heat. Twice a day they turn over every egg in the nest. curling them separately up underneath their beaks, making little soft half-fretful chucking noises the while.

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Hens are most uncalculating egg stealers. All eggs in sight will be drawn into the nest, though the stolen eggs may crowd out those legitimately there. Still in a way they sprawl all to ver the nest, wings loose enough to let light between the feathers and frequently turn themselves about reaching for una covered eggs, and drawing them underneath the breast.
A hen of average size cannot profitably cover more than fifteen eggs. In cold weather thirteen is a better limit, although in mid-summer the same hen might brood, and hatch twenty. Left to themselves the unchecked instinct of egg-stealing with hens is apt to result in a neet full of the size apt to result in a neet full of the size apt to result in a neet full of the size apt to result in a neet full of the size apt to result in a neet full of the size apt to result in a neet full of the size apt to result in a neet full of the size apt to result in a neet full of the size apt to result in a neet full of the source of wood, is on the rocks of Gijon bar, a total wreck. Her eaptain and crew were saved.





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Drawings, specifications, and forms of contract may be seen at the Lands and Works Department, Victoria, B. C., at the office of the Government Agent, Nanaimo, B. C., and at the Government Office, Al-berni, B. C., on and after the 23rd instant. Fach to data would be a seen and the second of the second be and the sec

berul. B. C., on and after the 28rd instant. Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted bank check or certificate of de-posit made payable to the undersigned for the sum of five hundred (\$500) dollars, as security for the due fulfilment of the con-tract, which shall be forfeited if the party security for the due miniment of the con-tract, which shall be forfelted if the party tendering decline to enter into contract when called upon to do so, or if he fail to complete the work contracted for. The checks of unsuccessful tenderers will be returned to them upon the execution of the main tender of the fail to complete the work contracted for. The checks of unsuccessful tenderers will be returned to them upon the execution of the main tender of the fail the checks of unsuccessful tender of the fail the enter the tender of the fail the enter tender of the fail the checks of unsuccessful tender of the fail the enter tender of the fail tender of the fail the enter tender of the fail tender of the fail the enter tender of the fail tender of the fail tender of the fail the fail tender of tender of the fail tender of the fail tender of the fail tender of tender of the fail tender of tender



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