

of London is so well known to all stockmen that it need not be referred to here. Energetic, thorough, and firm in the administration of the rules and policy of his association, he is also courteous and obliging to anyone that his duties bring him in contact with. The time-honored phrase, "*Suaviter in modo, fortiter in re,*" (kind in manner, decided in action) describes his characteristics as an

executive officer to a dot, and well explains the general esteem in which he is held.

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## POULTRY KEEPING FOR PROFIT.\*

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### LOCATION AND SIZE OF THE POULTRY YARD.

In selecting a location for the poultry yards, great caution must be exercised. Select a high and dry piece of ground, which inclines to the south, if possible, and having thereon an abundance of good shade. The soil should be rather sandy, so as to insure a perfect drainage. A sticky clay soil is to be avoided, as dampness is detrimental to the health of old as well as young stock. The more range the fowls have, the less expense it is to keep them, and the egg production and general health is far better than when they are too closely confined. Though we prefer free range, yards either 25 x 150 or 50 x 150 feet are very satisfactory, while many breeders of fancy or pure bred fowls do not occupy even as much ground. The yards should be sown to clover or grass, so the fowls may have an abund-

Mr. F. E. HEGE was for some time the leading partner in the firm of F. E. Hege & Co., the owners of the famous Riverside Poultry Farm, of New Berne, N.C., one of the largest and most complete poultry establishments in the United States, where Buff and Partridge Cochins, Indian Games, Black Langshans, Silver and White Wyandottes, Barred and White Plymouth Rocks, Black Minorcas, Light Brahmas, and White and Brown Leghorns, as well as many other varieties of fowls are very extensively raised. This farm is sixty acres in extent, and is devoted wholly to poultry and pets. It contains fifty breeding yards for chickens, each 25x180 feet, 125 breeding pens for rabbits, and eight pheasant yards. It is one of the show stock places of the Southern States. It is now owned and managed by Mr. Hege's late partner, Mr. William Dunn. Mr. Hege has also been a noted prize winner at all the leading American poultry shows. In November, 1895, owing to ill-health, Mr. Hege gave up his business, and accepted the position of poultry manager of the newly established poultry division of the North Carolina Agricultural Experiment Station, in which post he has been very successful. Mr. Hege is still a young man, having been born only in 1868, but he has established a continental reputation of which he may well be proud. He began breeding fowls when only fourteen years of age. His business was all worked up by himself from such a beginning as any boy of enterprise might make. His success ought to be an encouragement to our young Canadian boys to try to achieve similar results.

ance of green food, which is a positive necessity. Yards the sizes above mentioned are large enough for from twelve to twenty five fowls. On farm where land is plentiful it is best to place houses in different parts of the land, in close proximity to the home, in order to be convenient. Not more than twenty-five grown fowls should run together in order to realize the most from them; fifty hens in one flock will not produce near what the same hens would if divided into two flocks; besides, where so many run together, disease is more certain to put in its appearance.

### POULTRY HOUSES.

The farmer can no more expect to realize a profit on his hens when they are not properly housed than he would from his cattle when allowed to remain out in all manner of weather. In housing the poultry it is not necessary to build elaborate,

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