

Information for the Farmer.

Communications to be addressed to "Agricultural," Colonist.

FEEDING FOR EGGS.

It seems strange that in this enlightened age, when there is so much literature concerning poultry, how to feed, how to care for and how to manage hens in general, that people should confess that they cannot make hens lay. I have known many cases during the winter where eggs were as scarce as hen's teeth.

There are a few points which are absolutely necessary to be considered in this regard. First of all, fowls must not be of uncertain age. The farmer must know to a certainty the exact age of all his hens. Pullets, of course, are our earliest layers, or rather should be, if hatched in the autumn.

Next our yearling hens should be made to moult early so as to follow the season of the year. A flock of two-year-olds should moult in the spring. Keeping hens longer than this I consider a mistake.

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My flock is supplied with fresh water once every day, and never until after ten o'clock. I consider this the best hour, because the hens are then warmed up and ready to drink. Giving water at any other time is a mistake.

Some breeds lay better than others, but all breeds will lay eggs if their matters are studied. The breed does not matter so much as the care. Plymouths, Rocks, Leghorns, Langshans, Cochins, Dorkings and Houdans are all good layers.

These few points, which I have endeavored to treat simply, if followed, will bring the desired result, which is eggs. E. O. Rossie, in Country Gentleman.

PRINCIPLES IN STOCK RAISING.

When the farmer begins to study his animals with a view to their improvement, he learns a number of things that surprise him greatly.

association. The farmer is at first disposed to resist improvements, to criticize and often to condemn improved breeds and breeders. He maintains that he can do as well with his own stock as with any other.

It is when a farmer goes to market with his cattle or sheep that he finds there is a wonderful difference in the selling price; that while one bunch of sheep will bring \$7.00, another bunch equally fat may not bring \$5.00.

He is at first disposed to lay the blame on the "Big Four," but further investigation will show him that the men who sell stock have no prejudice either for or against any breed or color of hair.

He finds that there is a type of all kinds of improved stock to which he can sell safely his grain or grass on ninety days or six months, or a year's time with the probability that it will pay him a better price than the dealer at the nearest station who buys his grain to sell to other people.

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the raw material of the soil into forms suitable for use—he manufactures an endless succession of—meat and milk, fleece and fibre, speed and draught, cereal and fruit. In this way permanency is assured.

A rotation of crops and the keeping of the stock must go hand in hand. An important rotation brings with it several elements of profit unknown to a system of farming where no rotation is followed.

Truly, live stock—improved live stock—should be, if it is not so already, the foundation of successful agriculture in Canada. Let every farmer take this as his watchword as he enters the new century.

Progress of The Big Trial

Col. Peyton Tells of the Agreement Made With Mr. Mackintosh.

Expressly Stated That Majority Was to Get as Much as Minority.

Yesterday morning in the Supreme Court, before Mr. Justice Drake, the case of Williams vs. B. A. C. was continued, the cross-examination of D. W. Henley being completed, and Col. Peyton, the majority stockholder, being examined.

To Mr. Davis, Mr. Henley said he had never seen the power of attorney given by the B. A. C. to Mr. Mackintosh. The agreement made by the latter was not final—only a definite agreement of what they were willing to do.

To Mr. Bodwell witness stated that on June 28 he authorized the plaintiff in the case, Lyman F. Williams, to act for him in the negotiations. He authorized no one to sign for him.

Col. Peyton, of Spokane, the next witness, testified that he had signed the agreement for the sale of the Le Roi mine to the B. A. C. in London, as attorney-in-fact for the Le Roi, authority for which was hardy contested.

Arriving back in Spokane on June 20, he met Mr. Mackintosh, who said he held the power of attorney for the B. A. C. and that witness, therefore, need not have made the expensive trip to England.

After the Rossland meeting of the 26th, he had a conversation with Mr. Mackintosh, who said that the only thing he wanted to negotiate for the majority stock. Witness replied that they were willing to sell for \$6, but not for \$5.

Afterwards an agreement was entered into on the \$6 basis, Mackintosh consented to return to Seattle, while Mr. Dow is one of Seattle's most respected citizens. He is well known in Victoria.

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Laid at Rest—The funeral of the late Miss Frances Crawford took place yesterday morning at 10 o'clock, at the residence of her nephew, Mr. E. C. B. Bagshaw, to Christ Church cathedral, where the funeral services were performed by Rev. Canon Bonland, who also officiated at the grave. The pall-bearers were Messrs. Allan S. Dumbell, H. McEwen, J. S. Bond, W. P. J. Gooch, Frank I. Clarke and Capt. J. B. Michel.

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Memorial Services.—A committee representing the Board of Federated Societies yesterday waited on the government and were promised the use of the Government building grounds on the occasion of the memorial services to be held by the societies on the day of the Queen's funeral. Rev. Mr. Barber, Rev. Mr. Rowe and Rev. Richard McBride will in all probability be the speakers.

Point Ellice Bridge.—A circumstance which may possibly have the effect of delaying an early commencement of the work of erecting a new steel bridge at Point Ellice is the probability of a decision being given in the matter of whether it would not be wise to erect the bridge from a point at the foot of Johnson street.

The Street Collision.—Charles Stettson and H. J. Daley, two witnesses in the case of Smith vs. Empress of Japan, who were called by the Admiralty court yesterday morning, as it was deemed necessary to take their evidence, as they contemplated leaving the country. Both were examined by Mr. Bodwell, and Stettson cross-examined by Mr. Taylor. Daley stated that on the morning of the collision he could see from the Empress the lights of the Abbie Palmer at some distance.

Death's Hand.—Sir James Gillespie, of the firm of Gillespie and Paterson, 2400 Charlotte street, Edinburgh, Scotland, is dead. He was the second son of George Gillespie, of Biggar Park, Lanarkshire, and a cousin of George Gillespie of the late Bank of British Columbia, now known as the Canadian Bank of Commerce here, and also of J. R. G. Gillespie, of the late Bank of British Columbia, Vancouver. He was connected with many of the charitable and benevolent institutions in Scotland, and he occupied a prominent position there.

Back From Africa.—Private "Ben" Hunkell, who went from British Columbia with the second Canadian South African contingent, arrived in Nelson recently on his way to Victoria. The Nelson Tribune says: "Mr. Hunkell was connected with the mounted rifle-men, and had much scouting to do. He was under Col. Evans, who went with the company from Winnipeg, as he entered the service at Port McLeod. Mr. Hunkell was sick with the fever while there, and was confined for some time to the hospital. After his recovery he was engaged with the company in the pursuit of Gen. Dewet. During one of these engagements he was hit with a shell, which nearly terminated his life. He was in such close quarters that the firing of the big guns affected his hearing, and he has nearly lost the use of it entirely."

From Saturday, Jan. 26. The large advertising firm of G. McKim & Co. of Montreal, escaped luckily during the recent great fire which visited the city, saving all their books and records. They have taken offices in the new Star building, and are now doing business as usual.

Federation League.—A branch of the Federation League is shortly to be established in Victoria. Mr. F. Napier Denison is corresponding with the Central League, and expects to have the project in shape before long. It is thought that the organization will be well supported by the young men of the city, and will be a valuable addition to the city's resources.

Passing Their Honeymoon.—Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Dow are spending the first days of their honeymoon in Victoria, at the home of Mr. James Marie, Frederick street. Mrs. Dow, formerly Miss Agnes Smith, is well known in the city, and her husband, Mr. Dow, is one of Seattle's most respected citizens. He is well known in Victoria.

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HIS HONOR the Lieutenant-Governor directs the publication of the following Proclamation and Notices received from the Honourable the Secretary of State for Canada. J. D. PRENTICE, Provincial Secretary, 26th January, 1901.

EDWARD VII. by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, KING, Defender of the Faith, etc., etc. To all to whom these presents shall come, or whom the same may in any wise concern.—GREETING.

DAVID MILLS, Attorney-General, Canada. WHEREAS, Saturday the second day of February, has been fixed for the obsequies of Her late Majesty, Our Royal Mother of Great Britain and glorious memory.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made patent, and the Great Seal of Canada to be hereunto affixed. WITNESS, Our Right Trusty and Well-Beloved Cousin, the Right Honourable Sir GILBERT JOHN ELLIOT, Earl of Minto and Viscount Melgund, of Melgund, County of Perth, in the Peerage of the United Kingdom; Baron Minto, of Minto, County of Roxburgh, in the Peerage of Great Britain; Baronet of Nova Scotia; Knight Grand Cross of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, &c., &c., Governor-General of Canada.

At Our Government House, in Our City of Ottawa, the twenty-sixth day of January, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and one, and in the first year of Our Reign. By Command, R. W. SCOTT, Secretary of State.

HERALD'S COLLEGE. 24th January, 1901. THE EARL MARSHAL'S ORDER for a general mourning for Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, in pursuance of an Order of His Majesty in Council, dated the 24th day of January, 1901. These are to give public notice that it is expected, that all persons upon the present occasion of the death of Her late Majesty, of blessed and glorious memory, do put themselves into deepest mourning, the said mourning to begin upon the 28th instant.

NORFOLK. EARL MARSHAL. GOVERNMENT HOUSE. 25th January, 1901. Pursuant to the above Order, mourning will commence throughout the Dominion on Monday next, the 28th instant. By Command of His Excellency, HARRY GILFILLAN, Captain, A.D.C., Acting Governor-General's Secretary.

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