

POULTRY.

(Under this heading, all questions relating to poultry will be answered.)

THE next meeting of the executive of the Dog and Poultry Society will be called by the secretary, as the auditing committee have not yet finished their labors.

The failure of Green, Worlock & Co's bank will perhaps make people with small sums of money think that there are other ways of utilizing them than by leaving them at interest. It will not have been an unmixed evil if it results in many small accounts being withdrawn from banks and used in commercial enterprises.

We have seen the books of several parties who have investigated the question of "Poultry for Profit," and we can say, without fear of contradiction, that there is no other business that will give larger returns on investments of, say from one to five hundred dollars, and at the same time not require a man to devote his whole attention to it.

We note the advent of a new poultry fancier. In the absence of further particulars we can only state that he favors White Leghorns, and the other night helped himself to ten prize winners belonging to Rev. F. W. Clinton, of Cedar Hill.

It is to be hoped that the City Council, if they decide to help the Agricultural Society, will stipulate that poultry will be on the prize list.

It certainly was disgraceful for a Society to hold an agricultural exhibition and refuse to allow poultry to be shown. We have good evidence that personal feeling was used to influence the directors in deciding not to allow poultry exhibits.

At all the Old Country and Eastern shows it is now admitted that the poultry displays are the most attractive and the best drawing cards among the live stock departments, and more prize money is now offered every year.

"Old Subscriber" writes to the *Canadian Poultry Review*: "I have lost over \$30 worth of fowl. They get sores in the mouth, a cheesy matter and a rattling in the throat. I have tried all the remedies I know. I tried the cure for canker I got from you three years ago. It is all no good, and I am perfectly discouraged. I never had anything like it before. I have a warm house, cleaned out every morning, clean water every day, feed wheat, barley, oats and oyster shells, soft feed in morning and dust both."

The above disease has been prevalent here the past three years, and is an aggravated form of canker. As our friend's housing and feeding are practically perfect, the disease has been brought in by other birds. We have seen it in fowls varying in age from six weeks to six years, and have always been able to cure it. All we use is a well known cough syrup—a teaspoonful every four hours in adult cases.

Many recommend Leghorn males for crossing with the larger breeds of broilers, but it has been our experience that a Leghorn will eat its head off while growing feathers, and that the broiler season is likely to pass before it reaches marketable size. Leghorns are built for laying, and we will write on them in a future issue.

J. W. W. writes: "As an amateur and lover of poultry, I give my experience: I have tried numerous varieties, but found most profitable a cross between Dorking and Game. I took to this kind, noticing that for dressed birds for the table in England so many prizes were taken. The quality of flesh is first-class, the plump breast and fine symmetry being most noticeable. I also found on a small run that it was a mistake to have too many birds on the ground. Six early raised Dorking pullets and a Game rooster produced me more eggs than when I kept three times the number, and laid well through the winter, and the house scraps nearly kept them. Green food is most necessary, and a patch of ground might profitably be sown with rye for them to graze. They will then have green food when otherwise they would be without it. I would prefer mixed grain for feed and a few sun flower seeds, with a load of sand for them to bathe in. If confined in a small run, lime or, better still, old plaster should be given them; cleanliness is most necessary, and fresh water to drink."

Henroost robbing is becoming rather prevalent in the suburbs of Victoria.

When will Canadian exporters learn to exercise care in shipping their produce to England? Complaints have been received about the careless shipping of eggs, poultry and other commodities, resulting in loss to the exporters.

The *British Fancier* informs us that Mrs. Entwistle has sent out to Dr. W. W. Walkem, of Nanaimo, B. C., a trio of black-red Game Bantams, and a trio of duckwings.

The sound and practical knowledge usually wielded by the poultry press is a powerful lever in the fulcrum of the industry.

It is not every one, even those who have considerable experience with fowl, who possess the knack of picking out good layers from a strange stock. But it can be done, and one who has kept fowls for many years describes the way in which it can be easily managed, as follows: There goes a hen with a thick neck, large head, ill shaped, walks listlessly about, seemingly with no intention or purpose in view. She doesn't care to scratch, but hangs around the hen house, evidently waiting for her next feed. She gets up late in the morning, and goes to bed early in the evening. The hen may be put down as a very poor layer. Here comes another hen. She walks briskly, and there is an elasticity in her movements that denotes she has something in view. She is neat and natty in appearance, small head, with

slim neck, nicely arched or curved. She forages or scratches all day long, and may be too busy to come for her evening meal. She is at the door in the morning waiting to be let out. She snatches a few mouthfuls of food, and is off to the meadow, looking for insects. Before she gets out in the morning she generally deposits her daily egg in the nest, or returns after a short forage. By studying these traits, and acting on them, any person may, in a few years, succeed in building up a grand laying flock of birds.

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