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BARRIE'S new poultry house will cost \$200; the new Toronto building is well under way and will cost a little over \$3000, with interior fittings.

Send in news items of any description interesting to poultrymen. Write a short account of your experience with fowls, and if you have any questions to ask we will answer them to the best of our ability.

Coops with owner's name on canvas for shipping birds to exhibitions, drinking fountains, wire netting, etc., can be had from the D. A. Jones Co., Beeton. See advertisement.

It was indeed a surprise and pleasure to us to read the words of congratulation and encouragement from Mr. Root in the issue of last week. It is doubly prized as coming from one who is above leaning to the common forms of flattery. But few will believe how much such expressions of good will cheer the worker and when discouragements press, urge him on with renewed zeal. It is our single aim to advance the industry of poultry culture to the place it should occupy among the first of the commercial enterprises of this great Dominion. If we are successful it will be because we are in sincere earnest and have our hearts in the work before us.

For I can assure friend Root that in this work there are "two hearts that beat as one" being so very fortunate as

to have for our better half one of the most earnest and thorough of poultry keepers. And unless this had been the case, the heavier duties of life would have forever deprived us of the pleasure of indulging our fondness for our feathered pets. Hence your kind words Mr. Root have a two fold mission and are doubly appreciated.

BROODERS IN SUMMER.

WE HAVE had many letters requiring private answers which have referred to the use of brooders for the summer months, and what temperature should be maintained, etc. In our opinion it is far better, if the mothers can have good range, to let hens take the summer hatched broods. If hatching is carried on until June a good motherly hen will nurse twenty chicks till they are able to provide for their own wants, and know enough to get into the shade on hot days and to bask in the sun's rays on cool ones. The chicks with the hen and good range get abundant exercise, plenty of insects, and develop finely and quickly. But if you want to do the very best for your chickens keep them in a good brooder and push them forward for four or five days before you give them to the hen. This year after warm weather set in I had to give most of my incubator hatched chickens to hens, and as sometimes a hen refused them I have had to keep them in the brooder for awhile. I have invariably found these latter to get much ahead of those which were given to the hens as soon as hatched. I had intended not to raise any chicks this year so that the new place might