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Average
per hen
185.50
173.50
171.00
157.50
152.66

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218.00
212.33
207.00
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200.50

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204.00
198.83
196.50
207.16
192.50

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233.33
217.16
208.50
207.83
203.66

on.
243.50
240.50
237.50
234.00
230.00

Having referred to these competitions it might be well to mention the comment on the system of feeding by the *Daily Telegraph*, in part as follows.

"There were no American ideas in the way of scratching sheds, patent drinking vessels, feeding troughs etc. No green bone, poultry spice or other specialty guaranteed to make fowls lay. Neither theories nor scientific facts were brought into play, while the chemist with his protein, carbo-hydrates and other elements which go to make up a balanced ration were given the go-by, all showing that the best laying done anywhere has been done under the simplest conditions and from the use of the usually recognized poultry foods."

Strange as it may appear, the Plymouth Rocks did not appear in any of the contests. As they may be termed our national breed, I may say that, although they had no place in any of the competitions, they are none the less capable of producing eggs.

We have many Canadian records where the Plymouth varieties have considerably exceeded the 200 egg mark. At the Maine Experimental Station where trap nest methods have been given special attention a trio of Barred Plymouth Rocks made the following records.

Hen No. 617, 251 eggs. Hen No. 318, 237 eggs. Hen No. 1003, 240 eggs, thus giving the Barred Rocks the highest individual record within the knowledge of the writer.

According to our last Dominion census the average number of eggs laid by our Canadian hens is 91 per year. With a possible 251 it will be readily seen that by giving more care in the selection of laying strains to breed from, the average might easily be doubled with the same number of hens.

Must Get Next the English Farm Laborer.

EDITOR FARMER'S ADVOCATE:

Once again I write you, this time the subject uppermost in my mind is the labor problem. I have, like a host of other farmers, been wondering where it will end if some relief is not soon forthcoming.

Picking up certain papers I see they have too much in B. C., too many Japs or Hindoos; the Mayor of Chicago wires the Mayor of Vancouver that he can supply all the white help he will need but I notice the Chicago man fails to state the class or nationality of this same white help. It seems very queer to me that Chicago can supply help for Vancouver, when thousands of farmers in the States were just crying for help. Again Sec. Bonaparte made a ruling just last spring, granting States the permission to assist desirable emigrants to said States—all this being done to relieve the labor situation.

Now it looks to me that that famous Chicago telegram had the smack of a labor union in it. I am with Mr. George Kerr who in his recent letter to you stated some facts very plainly. Now Mr. Editor who is it that is making this great howl against the Asiatic emigration? Has the farmer been heard from? I think not, it's been all done as far as I can see by this or that labor union. Now I'll tell you the truth Mr. Editor—that a brown, yellow or black man, would have looked mighty good in my fields to me, this summer past, for I would rather see a yellow man in my fields any time than the yellow weeds.

Now I suppose that some of your readers will up and say that I am a crank and cannot keep a hired man. Well, I'll say this—I've never had any trouble with only one exception. I have been a hired man, too, as long as I have been a farmer and know where-of I speak, but the hired man of to-day is too uncertain, expects too much, gets double the wages, and about half the hours that the writer did when working out.

But passing all this by, Mr. Editor, I think there is another way of solving this labor problem; we can if we go about it right, get Britain's own sons to help us. I wrote you in the spring on this subject and a Mr. Spencer of Warwickshire, England, bore me out in all my statements, as his letter appeared in your April 24th issue. Now if we can get word to this rural population of England, sons of the soil, we would have no kick coming on the green Englishman but all the advertisements seem to get into the wrong channels. It must be done in missionary fashion; we must meet John in the house, on the village green, or reading room, just tell him the truth, take off the glamor, let him see what he can do for himself after a few years.

Of course there are hundreds of farmers who would gladly put up the passage money for good reliable help, but that's like buying a pig in a poke. Who can devise a means of bringing the two together? Now Mr. Editor is there not some way of finding out the address of their different reading rooms, so that we can send your paper to them, then we can insert our advertisements in it, then they can see for themselves through your pictures, through your correspondence, what manner of a country this is, then there will not be so many heart-sore and home-

sick men and maidens, for if the truth cannot be told of a country, it had better be left alone.

The Canadian Government ran motor cars through England with Canadian products in them this year. It was all very well in its way; it would appeal to the small farmers and such like; but the laboring man would look at it, just like we do at the moon, as something very nice but unattainable, but if we can only get this rural population jarred loose, and it must be done in missionary fashion, I'll guarantee that these western farmers will only be too glad to extend the glad hand to the Englishman.

Thos. S. DAVIDSON.
Valley City, Alta.

Events of the Week.

CANADIAN.

The steamer, Mount Temple, carrying six hundred passengers from Antwerp for St. John, N. B., was wrecked on the Nova Scotia coast. No lives were lost though the cold caused much suffering.

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Large bituminous coal fields have been discovered on Bear River in northern Cariboo, B. C.

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A strange disease among cattle in the Saskatoon district has been declared by a veterinary to be blackfoot.

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In the team judging contest at the International Stock Show held in Chicago, the cup was won by the Guelph Agricultural College students. As this is the third consecutive victory for the Guelph students the trophy becomes their permanent property.

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Commander Ransford D. Bucknam, of the Turkish navy, who has just been promoted to the rank of rear admiral in that service, with the title of pasha, is not an American by birth, as claimed by the United States press, but a Canadian. The new pasha was born at Hantsport, in Nova Scotia, in 1860, his parents being Ezra Taylor and Isabella Roscoe Bucknam.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

Joseph G. Cannon and John Sharp Williams have been nominated as speakers of the House by the Republican and Democratic parties respectively.

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King Oscar of Sweden, is seventy-eight years old, abdicated his throne in favor of his son, Gustave, owing to the increasing weakness of old age and died on the 8th.

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Mother Ellen White, head of the Adventist sect has predicted that Battle Creek, Michigan, will be totally destroyed, and has advised all her people to sell their homes in that city and move away.

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The Nineteenth Century, a British magazine, which quoted from a disreputable Canadian paper an article reflecting on Sir Frederick Borden, has publicly apologized for any injury which might have occurred to him through the publication of the story.

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According to the St. Petersburg Bourse Gazette, the Bank of England will be called upon to repay a sum loaned in 1722, which at compound interest, now amounts to \$400,000,000. The deposit was, it is said, made payable at sight and has never been called. It was lodged by the governor in a little Russian district north of Kieff. His name was Polubotko and he held office from 1722 to 1724. Now a former professor in the conservatorium named Rubetz has requested the representatives of forty noble families, descendants, and relatives of Polubotko to meet at Starodub, Little Russia, in order to agree upon measures to be taken to procure \$400,000,000 from the Bank of England.

Things to Remember.

National Live Stock Convention, Ottawa, Feb. 5, 6, 7.
Ontario Horsebreeders' Show, Toronto, Feb. 12, 13, 14.
Manitoba Provincial Poultry Show, Neepawa, February 10-14.
Convention of Agricultural Societies, Manitoba Agricultural College, February 10th to 15th.
Manitoba Winter Fair, March 10, 11, 12, 13.
Dominion Fair, Calgary, June 30 to July 9.
Convention of Manitoba Grain Growers' Association, Brandon, January 15, 16 and 17.
Annual Meeting Shorthorn Breeders Association Toronto Feb. 6.
Saskatchewan Spring Stallion Show, Fat Stock Show, and cattle sale, March 19, 20 and 21.

SEED FAIRS.

Saltcoats Seed Fair, December 18.
Churchbridge, December 19th.
Yorkton, December 20th.
Craik, December 20th.
Duck Lake, January 29th.
Rosthern, January 30th.
Lloydminster, February 4th.

Markets.

The close of navigation finds all wheat markets strongly bullish. The Nova Scotia crop report issued today was another factor to aid in maintaining the strength of wheat. It was two points below the average for the past ten years. Hence while foreign cables were coming lower, the American market stiffened perceptibly and while wheat closed weaker than a week ago, the market is stronger with a clearer upward tone than has prevailed for some time.

Inspections at Winnipeg for the week were as follows:

Wheat	Cars.
One hard.....	1
One Northern.....	124
Two Northern.....	383
Three Northern.....	546
No. 4.....	291
No. 5.....	202
No. 6.....	153
Feed 1.....	264
Feed 2.....	222
Rejected one.....	20
Rejected two.....	16
No grade.....	204
Rejected.....	14
Total.....	2442

WINNIPEG GRAIN PRICES.

One Northern.....	100½
Two Northern.....	97½
Three Northern.....	90½
No. 4.....	84
No. 5.....	71
No. 6.....	56
Feed 1.....	47
Feed 2.....	36
Rejected 1—1 Northern.....	91½
Rejected 2—1 Northern.....	91
Rejected 1—2 Northern.....	88½

Oats

No. 2 white.....	43½
No. 3 white.....	40
Rejected.....	32

Barley

No. 3.....	68
No. 4.....	45
Flax.....	102

Futures:—Closing quotations Dec. 10th. Wheat 100½; Jan., \$1.01½; May, \$1.01½; July, \$1.10; Oats, Dec., 43½; May, 51c., Flax, Dec., \$1.02, May, \$1.04

PRODUCE AND MILL FEED.

Bran per ton.....	\$21 00
Shorts per ton.....	23 00
Barley and oat chop, per ton.....	32 50
Oats, chopped, per ton.....	35 00
Barley, chopped, per ton.....	29 00
Hay (baled), in car lots, per ton	
Prairie.....	11 00 @ 12 00
Timothy.....	16 00

Butter:—

Fancy, fresh made creamery prints.....	33 @ 34
Creamery 14 and 25 lb. boxes.....	28
Dairy prints extreme fancy.....	26 @ 27
Dairy in tubs.....	23 @ 24
Cheese, Manitoban, at Winnipeg.....	11 @ 12
Eggs, fresh f. o. b. Winnipeg....	27
subject to candling	
Potatoes.....	45

Export steers, \$3.50; butchers, \$2.75 to \$3.00; lighter grades, \$2.50 to \$3.00; heifers, \$3.00; cows \$1.50 to \$2.50; bulls, \$1.50 to \$2.00; calves \$5.00 to \$7.00 each. Hogs (160-220 lbs.) \$5.50; other grades 4.50 to \$5.00.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK.

Native beef cattle, \$3.00 to \$6.00; fat cows, \$2.50 to \$3.85; heifers, \$1.60 to \$4.25; bulls, \$1.85 to \$3.75; canners and cutters, \$1.25 to \$2.45; stockers and feeders, \$2.25 to \$4.00; western rangers, \$2.65 to 4.25; milkers and springers \$25.00 to \$45.00 each. Sheep, native ewes, \$2.00 to \$5.15; fat western's, \$2.25 to \$5.00; lambs, native, \$4.50 to 6.25; westerns, \$5.50 to \$6.00; feeders, \$5.00 to \$6.00. Hogs, select packing, \$4.90 to \$5.20; lights, \$4.60 to \$4.95.

TORONTO.

Export steers, \$4.25 to 4.75; bulls, \$3.35 to \$3.75; butchers, \$3.75 to \$4.00; milkers and springers, \$27.00 to \$62.00 each, calves, \$4.00 to \$6.50 per cwt. Sheep, \$4.00; lambs, \$5.00 to \$5.25. Hogs, select packing, \$5.00; lights and other grades \$4.25 to \$4.50.