

In the Poultry Yard

Canadian Barred Rock Club

At a meeting of the Barred Rock Club, held at Guelph on Dec. 12th, Mr. James McCormack, of London, was re-elected President; 1st Vice-President, Prof. Graham, O.A.C.; and Vice-President, Mr. Balfour; 2d Vice-President, I. R. Millard, Dundas; Secretary-Treasurer, J. R. Boyce.

Turkey and Water Fowl Club

The annual meeting of the Turkey and Water Fowl Club was held in the city hall, Guelph, December 12, President Allan Bogue, Woodbank, in the chair. Four new members were admitted and the auditor's report was adopted, showing a balance on hand of \$10.33.

The secretary was instructed to draft and forward to Mrs. Colwell a letter of condolence upon the loss she has sustained in the death of her husband, which loss is also seriously felt by this club.

The matter of getting badges for the club was left in the hands of the officers. The president was instructed to use his best endeavor with the directors of the O. P. A. to have the turkeys and water fowl raised off the floor in the Winter Fair building, the same as the other fowl. The club selected Mr. A. Thompson, of Allan's Corners, Que., as their choice of judge for next Winter Fair.

The following officers were elected: Prof. W. R. Graham, hon. president; A. Bogue, Woodbank, president; J. T. Knight, Guelph, vice-president; W. J. Bell, Angus, secretary-treasurer. Executive Committee, above officers and Messrs. Scott, St. Thomas; Shea, Fergus, and Baker, Guelph. Mr. G. A. R. Tilt, Doon, was appointed auditor for 1906-07.

Poultry on the Farm

The lecture room of the Winter Fair at Guelph was comfortably filled on the evening of Dec. 11th to hear subjects of interest to poultrymen. In dealing with the question of how much poultry can profitably be kept on a 100 acre farm, Mr. J. W. Clark, Cainsville, Ont., said it was a difficult question to answer. It was better to raise a few good chickens that could be properly looked after than a larger number that could not be properly cared for. About 300 was the average number that could be properly kept on a 100 acre farm. To look after this number properly an incubator and brooder should be used. Wheat screenings were the best all-around feed for fowl. Corn alone was too heating and he had found that it stunted the chicken's growth. For winter laying a diet of corn, wheat and beef scrap. Milk was an ideal food for rearing young chickens. Young chickens should not have too slushy a food.

Mr. A. G. Gilbert, Poultry Manager, Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, remarked that the farmer had not much time for either the rearing or hatching of chickens, and that the hope of the industry, in his opinion,

lay in making the boy or girl on the farm the manager of the incubator or brooder.

Dealing with the fattening of chickens for export, Mr. A. A. Armstrong, of Fergus, Ont., recommended feeding in crates, as follows:

Oats chopped fine, the coarse hulls sifted out, two parts; ground wheat, one part; mix with skim milk to a good stiff batter, and feed three times a day; or black barley and oats, two parts oats to one part barley; give clean drinking water twice a day, grit twice a week, and charcoal once a week. During the first week the birds are in the coops they should be fed sparingly—only about one-half of what they will eat; after that gradually increase the amount until it was found out just how much they would eat up clean each time; food should never be left in the trough, as it would spoil and cause trouble. Food should always be mixed one feed ahead. Birds fed in this way should be ready for the export trade in from four to five weeks, according to their condition when put in to feed. Chickens make the best gain if put in the coop weighing about 4 pounds.

Mr. L. H. Baldwin, Deer Park, Ont., gave some valuable information on managing an incubator, and W. R. Graham, Poultry Manager, O.A.C., outlined the experiments conducted by him during the year.

The Care of Fowls in Cold Weather

Now that the cold weather is with us, it is necessary that we should give the layers a little extra attention, if we wish to fill the egg basket. The food in the morning should consist of warm mash, given at about 8 o'clock. The best food consists of potatoes, carrots, well boiled, with bran and other grain added, but as it is difficult to have this in readiness at such a comparatively early hour it is better to mix the mash with hot water or milk. Cornmeal, bran, ground oats, ground barley and shorts, with very little beef scrap, make very good mixture and the best of all condiments is a spoonful of dry mustard. The fowls will relish this, and it is beneficial. Nothing is such a stimulant to the egg organs as mustard, whether as seed or ground. After feeding the birds should be given all the warm water that they require and after this the drinking cups must be emptied out before ice forms. If ice is allowed to form on the drinking water, it should not be broken off and thrown down in the run, as the birds will believe that it is some delightful kind of grit and will fill their crops, with disastrous results. A cabbage that is not full of ice, or a few roots, such as the birds will peck up, should be left to amuse them during the morning, and early in the afternoon, somewhere between two and three o'clock, a mixture of corn and wheat that has previously been warmed in the oven should be thrown into the litter. All glass or china soons should be removed, as they chill the hen who goes to lay beside it. Give the birds a few bones with the meat still adhering to them about supper time, if you have them, and they will retire to roost in a contented frame of mind.

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