

are hardy, good winter layers, fair summer layers, but do not seem to be as good sitters as the two above-mentioned breeds. The standard weights are: Cock, 8½ lb.; cockerel, 7½ lb.; hen, 6½ lb.; pullet, 5 lb.

*Orpingtons.*—This breed differs in colour of leg and skin from the above three mentioned. The more popular varieties are the Buff, White, Black, and Jubilee. The Buff and White seem to have taken a greater hold with American and Canadian poultrymen than have the Black or Jubilee. They are exceptionally good winter layers, and make good roasters and fair broilers.

*Dorkings.*—This is one of the oldest English breeds we have, and are an exceptionally good type when bred by standard requirements of a utility fowl, being long in the body and short in the legs. They lay large, white eggs, and are good sitters.

*Sussex* and one or two other varieties will do very well from the dual-purpose standpoint in some parts of the Province. We would not recommend either Sussex, Dorkings, or Faverolles for the cold, damp parts of the Province, however, because they are less hardy.

Strain and individuality play an important factor in each case. There is often as remarkable a difference between two strains of one breed as exists between two breeds of different origin.



(A.)



(B.)

Note prominent head and breast of (A) compared to (B); also his pronounced masculine appearance, denoting strength and vigour.

In an experiment which was conducted along dual-purpose lines, pure-breds gave higher profits than scrub stock. In crite fattening, the pure-breds made a greater gain in live weight, and the cost of the feed for them was less than that of the scrub stock. They also appeared to be much more uniform, and had a more saleable appearance. (Re. Dom. Poultry Bulletin No. 54, p. 53.)

One can breed quite successfully most varieties of poultry for a certain ideal, so long as constitutional vigour and stamina are given the first choice in selection. A good utility standard is given in the following lines, which will help one to select their breeders:—

(a.) *General Appearance.*—Weight: Cock, 7 to 8½ lb.; hen, 5½ to 7 lb. Form: Long, moderately deep, broad, low set, rectangular, and well balanced. Quality: Bone moderately fine and clean, feathers soft and medium in quantity, skin fine, and scales fine. Condition: Face and head appurtenances bright red, eye bright, feathers glossy. Style: Active and vigorous, but not restless, showing strong character.