

for the best results, and in future will be kept on shorter allowance.

Some of the cross-bred hens began eating their eggs in February. The habit was acquired through the breaking of their thin-shelled eggs. A cure was effected by using nest boxes with false bottoms, the egg as soon as laid falling through a hole in the bottom of the nest or a slanting piece of canvas. This proved a perfect remedy and there has been no further loss from this cause.

Considerable difficulty was experienced with soft-shelled eggs. This we believe has been remedied during the present season by feeding ground bone, and by giving the hens plenty of exercise in every possible way.

Owing to the difficulty in getting brooding hens, settings were not made until May; others were also made during June and July. June hatchings gave rather the best results.

The following are the live weights reached by the fowls of the different breeds:

Variety.	Age.	Weight.	
B. P. Rock, cock	18 months.	9 lbs.	10 oz.
" cockerel	3½ "	5 "	8 "
" hen	18 "	8 "	
" pullet	4 "	4 "	5 "
White Leghorn, cock . . .	18 "	4 "	4 "
" cockerel	4 "	3 "	8 "
" pullet	4 "	3 "	4 "
Black Minorca, cockerel . .	4 "	6 "	
" pullet	4 "	3 "	10 "
Light Brahma, cock . . .	2 years.	11 "	
" hen		8 "	8 "

Insects were destroyed by removing the fowls, and setting fire to a pound of sulphur in an iron receptacle and closing the building tightly for four or five hours.

Grit and water was kept at all times before the fowls when in confinement and any dry grain fed them was mixed with the straw chaff which always covered the floor of their house, the search for this gave the fowls exercise.

Hens purchased from a neighbouring farmer were found to be infested with scaly leg, this was cured by brushing the legs with coal oil, two applications; a week apart being found sufficient.

REPORT FROM THE INDIAN HEAD N.W.T. FARM.

The poultry on the farm has not been very successful during the past year. After a long winter of confinement, none of the birds came out in very good shape for laying and very few of the early laid eggs were fertile.

The Plymouth Rocks commenced, early, to pull their

feathers and continued to do so in spite of all remedies tried.

The white Leghorns did the best of any of the four breeds on hand, both in regard to number of eggs laid, and chickens hatched.

Four settings of eggs, one each of black Minorca, light Brahma, white Leghorn and Plymouth Rock, were received from the Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, last May. From these eight black Minorca, six light Brahma, six white Leghorn and five Plymouth Rock, chickens were raised.

There are on the farm, at present, the following breeds black Minorca, light Brahma, white Leghorn, Plymouth Rock, Houdan and white Wyandotte.

REPORT FROM THE BRITISH COLUMBIA FARM.

The material is on hand for a new poultry house, which it is expected will be built this winter, when the chickens will have better protection. With the present imperfect accommodations they have been exposed to depredations by hawks, skunks, minks and rats, which have caused the loss of quite a number of them. In spring several settings of eggs of different breeds were received from the Central Experimental Farm, but owing to delays or careless handling on the way, none of them hatched out.

PROPOSED MINORCA CLUB.

Editor Review:

WITH pleasure I noticed in the CANADIAN POULTRY REVIEW the article by Mr. Duff, with your endorsement, on the necessity of forming a Minorca club. I have for some time tried to bring this matter before the United States' breeders, but for some reason or other there is no interest manifested, so far at least.

I am not in favor of being in a hurry only in one thing, that is, forming a Minorca club. The ideal Minorca must be selected after great deliberation. I, for one, want our ideal Minorca placed on such a high standard that the breeding of ideals will not be a thing of the present or near future. Let us place the ideal "high up." I would much rather see an ideal that would place my entire flock below 90 than to see the ideal that would cause them to score above 95. Hasten the time when we have a Minorca club with a grand ideal.

I enclose \$2, place me on the list as subscriber and also a "will-be" member of any first-class Minorca club.

With best wishes to you and thanks to Mr. Duff,

I am fraternally yours,

GEO. O. MORRIS.

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