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POULTRY.

Prince Edward Island Egg and Poultry Association

Editor "The Farmer's Advocate":

On Wednesday, March 18th, the Poultry Industry received another impetus in Prince Edward Island. On that day, a Provincial Association was formed by 39 delegates, representing 40 Egg Circles, with the following officers: President, T. A. Benson; Representative Poultry Division, Secretary-Treasurer, and nine directors, three from each county.

The following day, the Honorable Murdoch MacKinnon, Commissioner of Agriculture, presented a bill in the legislature to incorporate the Association. He explained that there were at present forty Egg Circles organized and at work. Their sole purpose was to take better care of their eggs, and to insure the best quality being placed on the market. They gathered the eggs regularly, and shipped them without delay, so that they reached the consumer in the best of condition. Already about 60,000 dozens have been shipped under their regulations, and they have given the best of satisfaction to customers and have netted the producers over \$2,000 more than they could have received by the old method of marketing. The whole Province is organizing and the Act would give them the right to a trade mark which would enable them to guarantee their products on the market. The delegates to the convention were most enthusiastic over the outlook and welcomed suggestions from Messrs. Brown, Benson, MacKinnon and others. The whole day was spent in earnest consideration. It is worthy of note that over 42,000 dozens of eggs were shipped by one firm since January, whereas practically none were ever shipped before in this period from this Province. T. R.

Results of the Egg Laying Competition.

The Third Philadelphia North American International Egg-Laying Competition concluded its nineteenth week on March 13th. This competition is made up of pens of fowls from the various states of the Union, Canada and England. There are in all one hundred pens entered with five hens in each pen. During the week ending March 13th, the highest record for the week was thirty eggs from one pen. This is quite a satisfactory record, if they do not desire to work on the seventh day. This is one egg per day per hen for the six working days of the week and the single-comb White Leghorns are to be credited with this strict observance of the Day of Rest. This pen of fowls is owned near Preston, Eng. To date, a pen of White Wyandottes is in the lead with a total record of 414 eggs. This pen

of Wyandottes is owned by Tom Barron, near Preston, Eng. The nearest competitor is a pen of single-comb White Leghorns, owned in the same community, which has a record of 389 eggs for the nineteen weeks.

Results of Good Management With a Flock of Hens.

Editor "The Farmer's Advocate":

Another instance showing the profits that may be expected from a well managed farm flock of hens, is shown by the report of Mrs. S. L. Brown, Manager of the Demonstration Poultry House, under the general supervision of the Department of Agriculture, Whitby. During the fall of 1911, arrangements were made to build a poultry house ten feet by twelve feet, single-boarded with battens over the cracks, to accommodate thirty birds. Barred Rock Pullets of a bred-to-lay strain were used. Excellent results were obtained for the year of 1911-12, and better results for the following year. The detailed report for the year ending October 31st, 1913, is as follows:-

EGG PRODUCTION AND CASH RECEIPTS.

Month	Eggs Laid.	Cash Received.
November	36	\$ 1.32
December	375	13.90
January	572	12.56
February	561	11.92
March	666	11.95
April	659	10.29
May	472	6.68
June	391	7.17
July	313	6.44
August	295	6.30
September	160	3.73
October	39	1.04
Total	4,539	\$98.30
Increase on 120 doz. eggs sold for		
hatching in season @ 35c to 50c		
per doz.		\$18.97
Total		\$112.27

FOWL PRODUCED FROM DEMONSTRATION FLOCK

17 cockerels sold for breeding @ \$1.25 ...	\$21.25
1 cockerel " " " @ 2.00 ...	2.00
6 pullets " " " @ 1.00 ...	6.00
6 pullets " " " @ .75 ...	4.50
6 cockerels dressed, 32 lbs. @ .20 ...	6.40
48 cockerels dressed, 268 lbs. @ .18 ...	48.24
Total	\$83.39

ON HAND.

85 pullets valued at \$1.00	\$85.00
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CONSUMED AT HOME

25 fowls valued at 50c.	12.50
Total sold, on hand and consumed,	\$185.89

EXPENSES.

Feed for 6 months, 31 birds at 11c	
per bird, per month,	\$ 20.46
Feed for 6 months, 31 birds at 10c	
per bird, per month,	18.60
Total	\$39.06
Eggs for hatching, 705 @ 35c per doz.	20.56
Coal oil used in incubator,	1.80
Food for growing stock at a cost of	
7 1/2c per lb. live weight,	
197 birds, 4 1/2 lbs. @ 7 1/2c per lb.	66.45
Express on dressed poultry shipped,	1.70
Total	\$129.57

SUMMARY.

Value of eggs produced,	\$112.27
Value of poultry produced,	\$185.89
Total	\$298.16
Expenses, food, etc. for laying	
stock,	\$ 39.06
Expenses, food, etc. for young	
stock,	\$ 90.51
Total	\$129.57

Net Gain, \$168.59

The parent stock, consisting of thirty two-year-old hens and one rooster, is still on hand. During the winter and spring months, until the hatching season was over, the hens were confined to the house, and a medium sized run. After June the first, they were allowed free range.

The winter feed consisted of whole oats and barley mostly oats, with a little wheat in cold weather. A dry mash consisting of ground oats and barley, shorts and bran, was kept in a hopper before the birds at all times. Mangels were used for green food and buttermilk and water supplied for drink. Grit, oyster shell and a little charcoal were also supplied. The summer feed was the same as for winter, without corn, buttermilk, or mangels, and very little dry mash. During the late summer months, the hens were allowed free range on stubble fields and very little grain was fed.

The flock has demonstrated what good care



In a Middlesex Co. Dairy Stable.

The milking machine drawing the precious fluid from the udders of cows in John Dawes' stable.