

Plans of Colonial Design Farm Home

By Victor W. Horwood, Architect

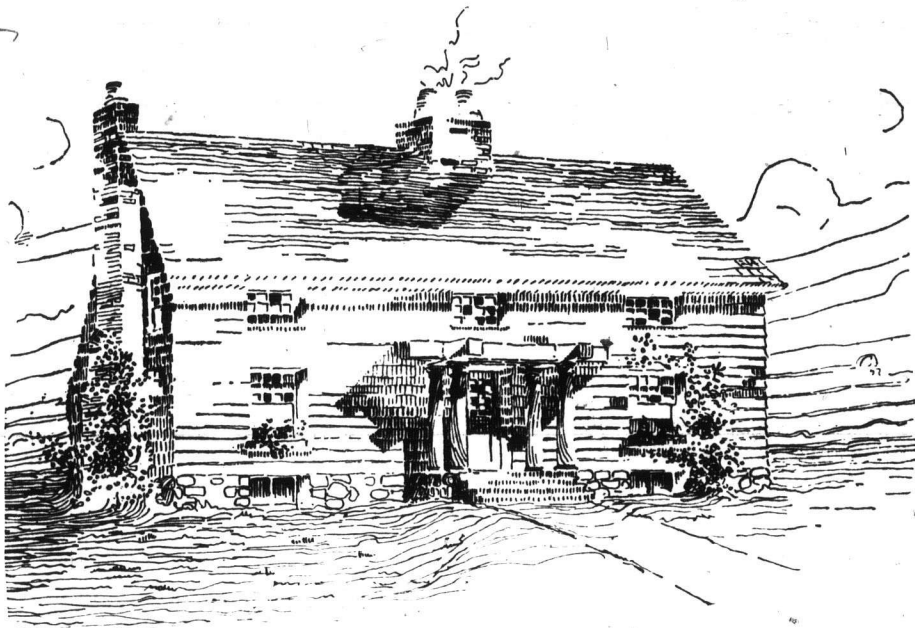
The house shown this month is one that has been built several times, and should please those who have been asking for a Colonial design.

Every house should have a front porch. It will be a protection to the front part of the house from the sun, wind, and partially from the cold. It is an auxiliary to the vestibule.

The kitchen is most conveniently arranged and contains a back stair and a basement stair. Beyond the back entry is a 6 ft. by 8 ft. baking room or pantry.

The house includes a cellar, and a heating plant. Quite a compact home, is it not?

Upstairs are four good bright, airy bedrooms, each having a clothes closet.



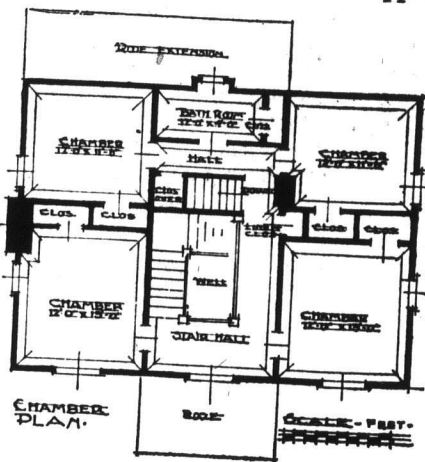
Clapboards stained a dark brown which in weathering assume a most pleasing color, were used for the walls, while shingles stained the same shade for the roof, and ivory white paint for the exterior trim and verandah, complete a quaint home.

Virginia creeper or some other hardy climber will express comfort and beauty, and tone down any stiff angles on house or chimney.

The plan meets the individual requirements of home builders who want the required number of rooms with proper conveniences.

There is a generous living room 12 ft. by 26 ft. with a fireplace; also a cozy sitting room for the women of the house, which could be used as a music room if so desired. Beyond this room is a good sized dining-room, with an open fireplace. The hall opens from a vestibule, which is such a comfort in our northern climate. There is a cloak closet on each side of the vestibule.

There is a linen cupboard off the hall, and a small closet over the back stairs for storing furs or extra bedding. The bathroom opens from the back hall, which ensures privacy. It has a towel closet which might also contain shelves for medicine or other bathroom supplies.



Poultry Chat

By H. E. Vialoux, Sturgeon Creek

IN most farms in the West a small flock of ducks can be easily reared at small expense. However, do not try to keep ducks if the farm home is located upon the banks of a good sized river, as after the flock of ducks have become large and fat, and visions of roast duck, served with green peas come into your mind, the water fowl will most surely float off, down stream when you are not looking and then good-bye to them! They usually fall a prey to somebody's shot gun. I tried for several years to keep the fine white Pekin, the best breed for the west and lost them time after time. They would swim off down the Assiniboine over the rapids and away toward the Red River. Northern Manitoba is quite ideal for duck raising, as there are so many nice little sloughs and ponds. Nearly every farm can boast a couple at any rate, and the flocks of ducks out there make a pretty picture, of course, water to swim in is not essential to the Pekin duck, except at breeding time. Then until the ducks have access to ponds or sloughs. The eggs are very infertile. At least that has been my experience. Duck eggs are often more infertile than the eggs of other fowl. Care should be taken to prevent the breeding ducks from getting too fat. Five females can be mated up with one drake.

Ducks are better away from other fowl for at best, they are dirty in their habits and make a hen house damp under foot. A small pen or out-house covered with roofing or tar paper will

make a comfortable duck house, as these birds do not need much warmth. Their quarters should be kept decently clean, however, and the straw litter renewed whenever wet and dirty.

In the spring the laying birds do not make much of an attempt at a nest, but will drop their eggs in the litter anywhere. Therefore, it is wise to keep the ducks indoors until 10 o'clock or thereabouts to secure their eggs, as they invariably lay early in the morning.

The fine flock of ducks and geese in the picture are disporting themselves in the duck pond at the rear of the poultry buildings at the Agricultural College, St. Vital.

Ducks can be hatched out profitably later than chicks, as ducklings are in their prime when 12 weeks old.

Hens hatch out duck eggs very well, taking 28 days for incubation and moisture is needed after the first week to soften the tough membrane formed in duck eggs. Sprinkling with warm water two or three times during incubation is sufficient. Where "mother duck" decides to set, which she will do after laying a dozen eggs or so. She will usually manage to waddle into water at feeding time and thus moisture is applied to her eggs from her feathers. An incubator is useful in hatching duck eggs and as the ducklings are easily brooded, a home-made brooder will cover them nicely.

Ducklings have a tremendous appetite and always seem ravenous from the first day, in fact their digestion equals that of the ostrich. They must

The ANSWER to the Heating Question



is given by Clare Bros. Western Ltd. with their "Imperial" Hot Water Boiler, "Adanac" Boiler for Steam and "Hecla" Hot Air Furnace.

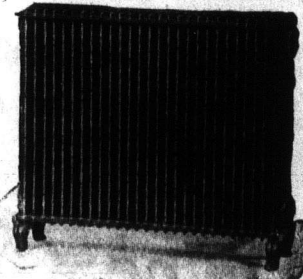
"IMPERIAL" HOT WATER BOILERS have an overhanging arched fire pot, the sections are joined together by means of cast iron nipples with no packing of any description in joints; these sections are arranged so as to secure maximum fire travel which takes all possible heat out of the coal, making it the most economic boiler on the market.

"ADANAC" BOILERS FOR STEAM set the pace for all others. It is a "Clare Bros." manufactured article. That in itself is a guarantee.

Space will not permit of full description. Write to-day. Ask our experts to assist you in planning your heating. Plans and specifications furnished free of charge.

Hydro-Thermic (Steel) Radiators

Latest patented, most economical, easily regulated, lasts a lifetime, entirely sanitary, occupies less than half the space, light in weight, can be suspended from the wall on concealed brackets, which does away with cutting the carpets, and gives free access for sweeping.



INVESTIGATE OUR HEATING SYSTEMS OF EVERY DESCRIPTION FOR ALL KINDS OF BUILDINGS

CLARE BROS. WESTERN LIMITED

Department H.

WINNIPEG - - MANITOBA

Clare Bros. Western Ltd., Dept. H, Winnipeg, Man.

Please send me full information regarding your heating systems.

Name

Address

Add Lasting Beauty To Your House

Do the outside painting thoroughly this

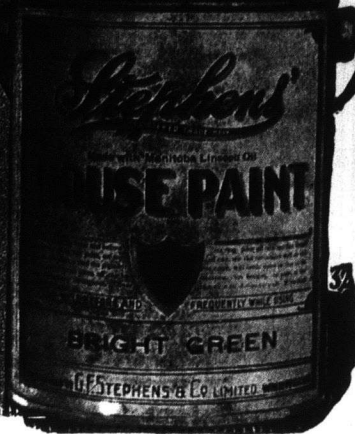
season. Use the best paint you can get and put it on right. But be careful of your choice. Not all house paints will withstand the rigorous Western climate. It's a terrific test for any paint not manufactured especially for it. There is a weather antidote mixed into every can of

Stephens' House Paint

Users of it have proved that outside painting — done in the *Stephens'* way — often requires no attention for many years. Ask your hardware dealer for information and Color Cards.

G. F. Stephens & Co. Limited

Paint and Varnish Makers
Winnipeg, Canada



When writing advertisers, please mention The Western Home Monthly