

Poultry Raising on Vancouver Island

THE climate of Vancouver Island is, for the most part, better suited to the successful carrying on of this industry than almost any part of the United States or Canada. Vancouver Island offering the exceptional advantage of a continuous supply of green food out-of-doors all the year round, places the Island at a great advantage when compared with that famous poultry country, California, for it has all California's advantages and has not the dry, intense heat to contend with that is prevalent in the summer in that country.

It is, then, established that Vancouver Island is, in so far as the climate is concerned, a suitable and desirable country for poultry-raising. Never have the prospects been brighter for the poultry industry than at present. The high prices will, no doubt, continue, and the man who uses common sense in taking care of his stock will have a good investment on his hens. We believe that the poultry industry is one of the best fields for a young man to enter who is not afraid to work, and who is willing to learn the business from the bottom up. The man who starts from a small beginning, with one breed, and works his way to the top, is the man who is bound to succeed.

The poultry industry has passed the point of being looked down upon, and is now regarded with favor by even the wealthier class, who have taken up the industry as a hobby. We need never fear that the market for poultry will be glutted, but, on the contrary, do not believe that the present generation will see the supply meet the demand.

We are often asked by those unacquainted with poultry-raising, or by the ambitious beginner, whether or not there is money in poultry. To such, our experience gives a direct yes, but attaches one essential condition, namely, that poultry-raising be managed with the same care and knowledge that is needed to make a success of any other legitimate business.

The following reasons are given why poultry should be taken up by farmers: