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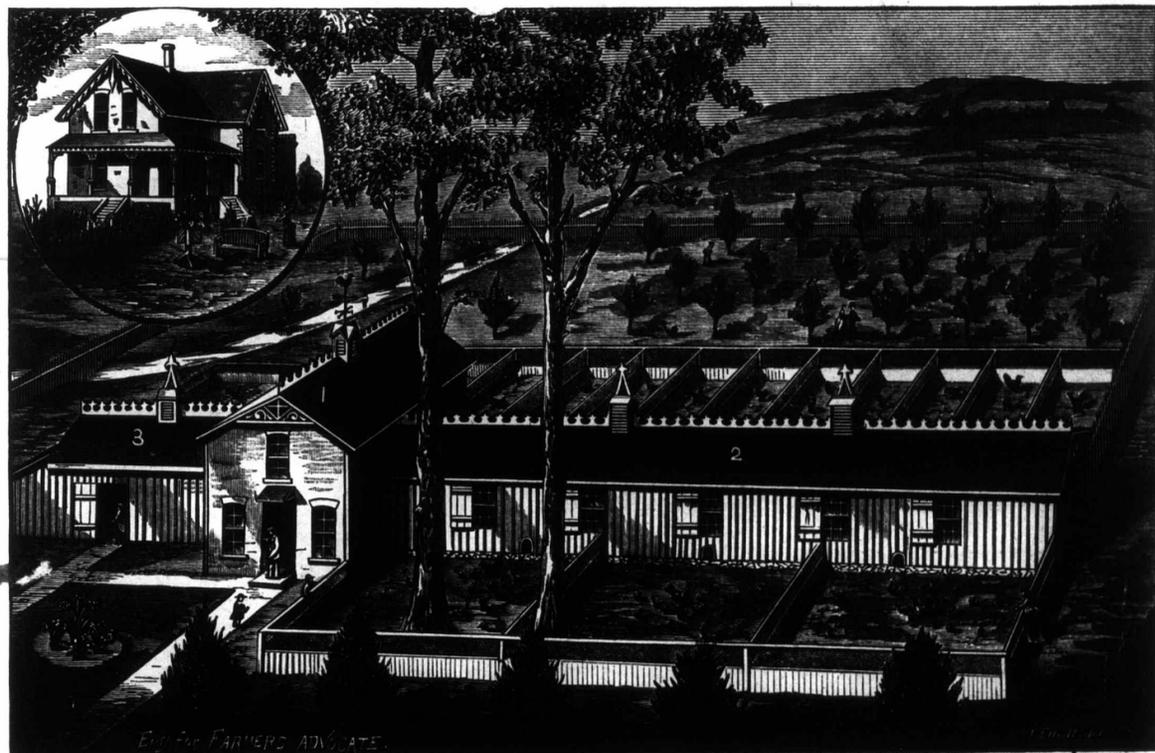
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"Homewood" Poultry Yards and Residence of F. Wixon, Ingersoll, Ont.

Poultry House.

Having been frequently asked to give an illustration of a poultry house, we have pleasure in introducing to our readers, in this issue, one of the finest in the Dominion. It is owned by Mr. F. Wixon, of the town of Ingersoll, established in 1883, but only recently finished. The main building, No. 1, is 14x26 feet, one and-a-half stories. The front part of the first floor is used as an office, shipping room, and feed bins; the back part is used for spare stock birds during the breeding season, and the upper story is used for a hatchery and brooder for young chicks. Building No. 2 is used for breeding pens, is 14x64 feet, and contains nine beautifully arranged breeding pens. These are 7x11 feet, each with double glass windows 4x5 feet, giving plenty of light and heat during the

cold winter months. The outside runs are 7x20 feet. Two large grass runs, to which each pen has access in turn, while in front there are three runs, 20x22 feet, for young chicks.

No. 3 is a building 12x23 feet, and is used for surplus stock for sale, with single coops for show birds, very conveniently arranged.

There is also a capacious building that is used for setting hens, and an open shed for fowls and chicks during cold and stormy weather, where they have free access. The large grass runs are beautifully shaded with walnut and butternut trees, and a fine spring creek with gravel bottom runs across the yard, always giving plenty of pure fresh water, which is necessary to the health of chicks and fowls, especially where large numbers are kept together.

On the front part of the lot there are a large number of sugar maple and hemlock trees of magnificent growth, always giving shade for the growing chicks during the hot summer months, while the lawns contain the finest shrub and ornamental trees to be found. The spruce and cedar hedges are fine and well kept, and the whole grounds show much cultivated taste on the part of Mr. Wixon. We saw some fine Brahmas, Leghorns and Spanish fowls when there, that will likely give a good record at the coming fall and winter shows. The Brahmas and Leghorns seem to be the favorite varieties of Mr. Wixon. See ground plan and interior view, page 269.

The best and highest-priced butter in the United States (95 cts. per pound,) is made from "scrub" cows.