

The peculiar thing noted in many instances where birds were in the lay was that they died either the day following the laying of an egg or shortly thereafter, although a number persisted over a long period.

The numbers removed or dead up to date represent more than a normal loss for twelve months rather than a four month period as this represents.

The apparent essential procedure to cope with this situation is to provide means for ranging the 1930 crop of young stock on clean range. This would allow for rearing the stock free from the parasites existing on the present range. It is hopeless to expect to be able to clean up the plant range while still using same for stock. The fact that part of the plant range is heavily planted with apple trees makes it difficult to do thorough cultivation and, at the same time, allow for plenty of sunlight on the land.

It is also essential that some attention be given to ascertaining the exact cause of trouble. The post mortem findings are such as to be difficult to understand by the pathologist.

I trust that the above report on the situation at hand is comprehensive enough to make the situation clearly understood and warrant the requested procedure to clear up same.