

Agriculture and Colonization.

I have laid these matters before you in a hurried and I am afraid somewhat incoherent manner, but I know that I am laying them before practical men who have an interest in the poultry development of the country, and some of whom have been kind enough to take a personal interest in my labours. I am sorry not to have time to-day to give you more detailed information in regard to such an important subject as the successful breeding of poultry.

By Mr. Calvert :

Q. You say it costs 41 cents a day to feed 204 hens and that they produced 14,408 eggs?

A. Yes, for the year.

Q. Then there would be 1,400 dozen eggs at an actual cost of 12½ cents a dozen outside of any profit from selling chickens ; where does the profit come in ?

A. Forty-one cents per day is what we calculate as the cost of the winter ration for 204 fowls.

Q. This figures it out 12½ cents ?

A. I have not had time to give the whole output for the season. I have shown the winter prices of eggs in the colder parts of the country.

Q. Is this for a portion of the season only, the 14,000?

A. No, for the whole year, but when eggs became cheap in the spring our effort was to turn them into poultry. We raised 186 chickens besides. And we sold eggs for hatching purposes.

Q. What profit did you have in selling eggs and poultry?

A. We calculated that we made \$1.75 to \$2 a head last year.

By Mr. Broder :

Q. And the eggs sold at 35 cents?

A. Yes, sometimes 40 cents in the winter season.

By Mr. Calvert :

Q. Eggs sold here during the spring and summer at from 8 to 10 cents a dozen?

A. Yes, I know, but if you recollect I have made a calculation from the farmers' standpoint. Walter Paul, George Graham, Gatehouse & Lamb and other firms have written me letters offering 45 and 50 cents for eggs in winter. If farmers would send or bring strictly fresh eggs in the winter to these firms they would receive the money.

Q. What quantity of poultry did you sell?

A. I could not say, at the moment. We sold a large number of cockerels for breeding purposes last fall and winter.

Q. What did the fifty fowls in the experiment cost you?

A. The cost of 50 fowls per day was 10 cents.

By Mr. McGregor :

Q. All the year round?