

love, actually love, the work, don't engage in it. To be truly a success you must put your very self into the raising of chickens as much as into teaching children." A noted horse thief once said that the only way to steal horses was to ride after the bunch until you could not ride another step; then ride twenty miles further before you stopped; and that's the way to succeed in anything. Do all you can, then do a little more and the crown is yours.

L. R. H.

Manitoba Poultry Association.

Next year's poultry show under the auspices of the above association is to be held at Neepawa. The new officers are: Patrons, R. P. Roblin, Hon. Clifford Sifton, Dr. S. W. McInnis, M. P. P.; E. L. Drewry and C. Whitehead: honorary president, J. H. Howden, M. P. P.: president, Dr. J. R. McRae, Neepawa: first vice-president, J. H. Irwin, Neepawa: second vice-president, T. H. Chambers, Brandon: secretary, R. D. Young, Neepawa: treasurer, G. Hamilton, Neepawa: executive committee, Geo. Plunkett, H. Hodgkinson, S. Benson, Neepawa; J. W. Higginbotham, Virden; P. Kahler, Moline; John Kitson, Macdonald: auditors, F. J. Clark; W. Press: representative to Winnipeg Industrial, W. Rutherford; representative to Brandon fair, T. Chambers; representative to Virden, J. W. Higginbotham; representative to Neepawa, W. H. Hodgkinson.

The Lethbridge Poultry Show.

The Third Annual Winter Show of the Lethbridge Poultry and Pet Stock Association was held Wednesday, Feb. 13th. Like its predecessors it was a decided success, over two hundred birds being on exhibition. This is a utility show, and only utility birds were exhibited. While individual birds were not better than previous years, the average excellence was much higher. Indeed, as the judge, Mr. E. N. Barker of Cardston, who has officiated at some of the big shows in the East expressed it, "The quality would do credit to much more pretentious shows."

Apart from a nice lot of White Wyandottes shown by Arthur Perrey, Cardston, the birds were all shown by local breeders. Mr. Cook of the Eden Rest Poultry Yards had the largest exhibit, showing some sixty birds of different varieties. The Old Chief Poultry Farm had a strong display of nice birds in several classes. In Leghorns, Sam Jones made a good showing, while J. C. Livingston made the biggest showing in Buff Rocks. For the first time, Barred Rocks were not the largest class, White Wyandottes being more numerous. The Barred Rock exhibit was weakened by the absence of the birds from the Chinook Yards. Owing to press of other business, Mr. Hamilton did not show this year.

In spite of the severe weather, the birds were in splendid health, eloquent testimony to the fitness of this district for Poultry keeping. A few frozen combs only detracted from the looks of some specimens.

The old birds in Barred Rocks were large and strong, yet well shaped and of good color. First cock was good in shape and barring; second ran him close though five years old. The hens were all big, sappy females, the winning one weighing ten pounds. The youngsters, except first pullet, were not so growthy as they ought to be and hardly up to standard weights.

White Rocks, a fit class, taking first in breeding pens. Buff Rocks, much better both in size and color than at previous shows, J. C. Livingston getting the prize for best pullet in show with one of his.

praise for the excellent arrangement of the exhibits the birds of each variety being grouped together making comparison easy.

Mr. E. N. Barker as judge had a difficult position, but gave splendid satisfaction. One could not but admire the care he took in placing the awards. Two or three slips were made, but these were plainly owing to poor light part of the day, and the crowding of too many birds in some of the coops.

The birds were usually well cooped. Indeed, the coops are the regulation exhibition coops used at the big shows.

Poultry raising is bound to become an important industry in southern Alberta, and the Lethbridge Show is doing much to encourage the raising of the right kind of stock.

Owing to sickness in his family, Mr. W. A. Foley the Government Poultry Commissioner, was unable to be present with his exhibit of poultry appliances. Mr. Foley is an enthusiastic poultry man, and his talks are always appreciated by Lethbridge poultry keepers.

The following is a list of the winning exhibitors: Barred Rocks—Eden Rest; Old Chief; D. J. Whitney; J. H. Morgan; Geo. Moore: White Rocks—Old Chief Yards; Eden Rest; Geo. Moore: Buff Rocks—J. C. Livingston; Eden Rest; Ed. McKenzie: White Wyandottes—Eden Rest; Robert Harvie: James Moore; Arthur Perry; S. J. McDairmid: Silver Laced—John Phillips: Golden Laced—John Phillips; Robert Harvie: Buff—Eden Rest; S. C. Brown Leghorns—Ed. McKenzie; Geo. Moore; Sam Jones; Eden Rest; R. C. Brown Leghorns—Sam Jones; Geo. Moore: Minorcas—Sam Jones: Buff Orpingtons—Eden Rest; Old Chief; James Shaw: P. H. Ashcroft: White Leghorns—Wm. Carter; Eden Rest: Light Brahmas—W. P. Hutton; Ed. Hagell: Mr. Bailey: Turkeys—Old Chief; Eden Rest: Ducks—Eden Rest; D. J. Whitney; P. Ashcroft.

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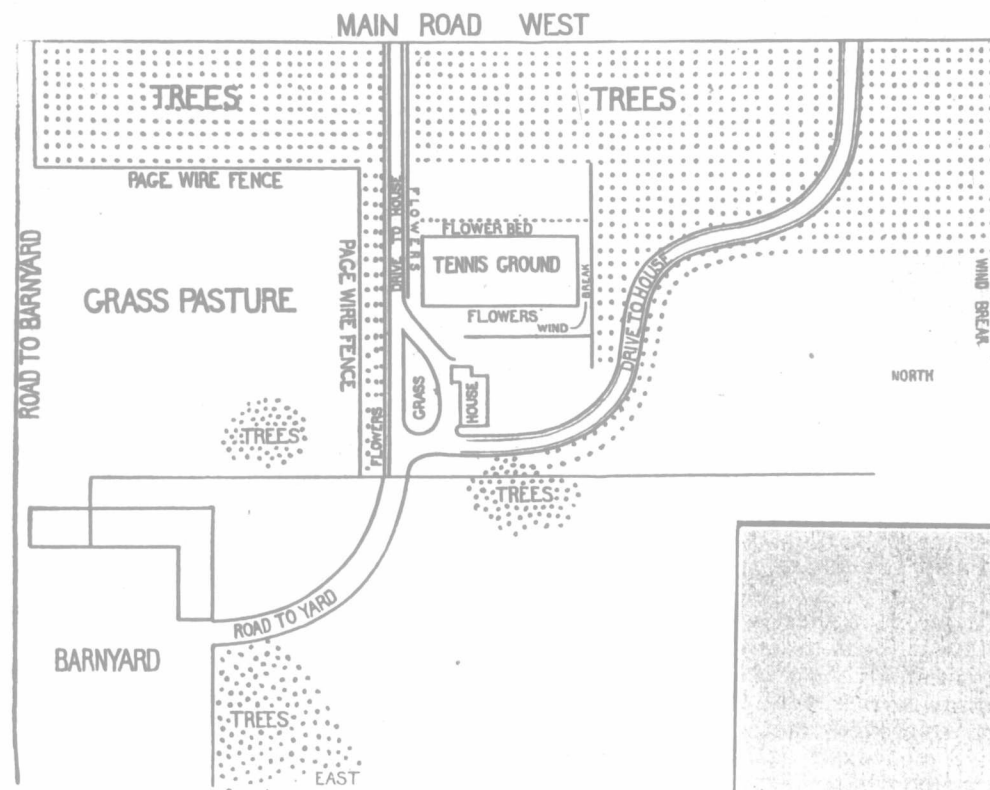
A Hotbed.

EDITOR FARMER'S ADVOCATE:

Will you please give instructions through your columns on "How to make a hotbed."

W. E. B.

In the making of a hotbed one should be able to obtain fresh horse manure either in the quantity desired or by degrees until sufficient is



These illustrations of Mr. Shepherd's surroundings show what can be accomplished in a short time with trees and flowers. Nine years ago the land about was wild and scrubby. HOME OF W. SHEPHERD, RATHWELL, MAN.

An Extreme Case of Poultry.

We are in receipt of the following proposition from a Saskatchewan breeder:

"Can a person not make more money out of raising poultry than farming?"

"Is there not more money to be made by feeding your grain to hogs and chickens or any other stock in Saskatchewan than by selling the grain?"

These questions suppose extreme cases. We should not think of advising Saskatchewan farmers to keep enough poultry, hogs, cattle and horses to eat up the greater part of their grain, for the reason that they would not find a market for such a quantity of meat, but every farmer should watch the markets and as nearly as possible endeavour to keep pace with the increasing demand for poultry, eggs and pork. As conditions now exist there is certainly good money in the grain fed to poultry and hogs, and if every farmer increased his production in these lines by ten per cent. each year we believe the market would still absorb them at paying prices. This also is the proper principle to work upon; namely, a gradual increase in whatever line the market appears to demand rather than a sudden turn from the production of one class of commodity to another, unless a person happens to be peculiarly situated so that he can take an immediate advantage of certain conditions that make a certain line of work exceptionally profitable.

Wyandottes made a nice showing, the young stock in whites being particularly good. The Buffs shown by Eden Rest were a nice lot and carried off the bulk of ten prizes. The exhibits of silver and gold-laced Wyandottes were of more than average quality.

The Buff Orpingtons were not quite so uniform in color as the other buff breeds, a number of white or black feathers showing. The first cockerel, however, was a very rich even buff, though not mature as yet. First pullet got the blue ribbon as best pullet in the show.

The Light Brahmas were a small class, all weak in wing-marking, but of the kind to make a good roast.

Leghorns were a thrifty bunch, looking very trim and stylish, and evidently ready to help supply. Some of the birds were not fit enough and a few were disfigured by crooked breast bones. Poultry raisers cannot be too careful in selecting breeders without this deformity. A nineteen pound turkey, delightfully white and fat, suffered in appearance from a twisted sternum.

The management of the show, the president J. E. Clark, the secretary, A. E. Humphries, and particularly the superintendent, J. W. Bawden, deserve

procured. This manure should be turned frequently to prevent burning or firefanging, and be in a rather moist condition when the bed is made. The bed may be made either entirely under the surface of the ground, or upon the ground. The former method is the better for many reasons. Less manure is required, the heat is retained longer and no unsightly pile of manure can be seen. If one wishes a bed of this kind, a pit should be dug the required size, using plank brick or stone for the sides and ends. Into this pit the manure may be thrown, treading it firmly until the surface is reached. The frame to hold the sash should then be placed over and the sash put on. This frame may be constructed of boards of any size, building it to fit the sash. It should be higher, however, at the back than in front in order that water may readily run off the sash. Regulation hotbed sashes are six feet long by three feet wide, and the usual size of the frame is twelve by six feet, requiring four sashes. But any sash may be used with good results. After

