

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND COLUMN,

A largely attended meeting of the Prince Edward Island Horticultural Association was held recently, at which some interesting addresses were given by influential farmers. The Association will send each member the annual report of the Ontario Horticultural Society, and *The Canadian Horticulturist* for one year. A trial shipment of 100 barrels of Prince Edward Island apples will be sent to England as soon as it can be got ready. This shipment will consist of the following varieties: Wealthy, 25 barrels; Alexander, 25 barrels; Golden Russets, 25 barrels, and 25 barrels embracing Kings, Ribston, Pippins, Northern Spys, and Gravensteins.

The fruit growers of the Island are enthusiastic in regard to the outlook for fruit, and are of the opinion that as good a quality of fruit can be grown on the Island as anywhere in Canada. The splendid collection of fruit exhibited at this convention is an evidence of this fact. The climate seems to be well suited to the growth of fruit, and by having direct shipment connection with Great Britain a good trade can be worked up.

In the discussions which took place the questions of spraying and packing were thoroughly ventilated, all the fruit growers approving thoroughly of the former, and advising great care in the latter. Lieut.-Governor Howlan is a thorough believer in the work that the association is doing, and is confident that the fruit industry of the Island will become of great importance.

ROUP.

A wet fall is prolific of roup. This is especially true when it follows a very dry spell. Fowls at such a time are very susceptible to colds, and the condition brought about by a cold is such a one as promotes the rapid increase of the bacteria that develops into roup, for beyond a doubt it is a bacterial disease.

Even in the best-kept flock roup will appear under the climatic conditions that now prevail over a large part of the country. The question of dealing with the disease is one that has not been settled in a very satisfactory manner. It is a disease that manifests itself in so many different forms at the beginning that it is hard to prescribe for every individual case in a general way.

Where roup appears the affected fowls should be at once removed from contact with those that are well, for after a certain time it becomes contagious. If a fowl is discovered with its nostrils stopped with mucous, or with froth in the corners of its eyes, or gasping for each breath, a convulsive motion of the throat being observable, or if a fowl is heard to sneeze, it is time to begin operations without delay. If the disease is taken in hand during its

early stages a teaspoonful of glycerine and turpentine, half of each, poured into the mouth and rubbed around the head will usually effect a cure, two or three doses being sufficient in most cases. If the disease has got bad and cankers appear in the throat it is diphtheritic roup and the cankers must be swabbed with a weak solution of sulphate of copper (bluestone, blue vitriol) three or four times a day until the cankers disappear.

If the case is a bad one before being discovered, and this is often the case, there is nothing so safe as killing the fowl and burying it at a distance from the poultry run, or better, burning it. A fowl that has once had the roup is more liable to another attack than one that has not. There is reason to think that a hen that has had a bad case of roup has lost her value as a layer and should be disposed of as soon as healthy again. — *Farmers' Voice*.

THE VALUE OF KEEPING A MILK RECORD.

A dairyman of wide reputation concluded to adopt the daily milk record, rather because of those who advocated it than from any conviction of needing it himself. His herd was of his own breeding; had handled every cow from birth; he and his sons did the milking, says an exchange. Before beginning the record he made note of the joint opinion of himself and sons as to the half dozen best cows in the herd and an estimate of their season's milk yield. When the year's record was completed it was found that in order of actual merit the cows stood thus: First, his fifth; second, a cow not on his merit list; third, his fourth; fourth, his first; fifth, his sixth; sixth, like the second, and his second and third still lower on the list. These facts were verified by subsequent records. Still more remarkable, this experienced owner proved literally "by the book" that about one-fourth of his cows were being kept at an actual loss, while the others barely paid their way.

SORE MOUTH AMONG CATTLE.

A few weeks ago a disease, commonly called sore eyes among cattle, assumed an epidemic form in many parts of the state.

Now several localities are reporting another disease called sore mouth, or sore foot and mouth. This disease made its appearance in the state in the fall of 1891 and 1892. Since that time very few cases have been seen. It is a disease that attacks cattle of any age, and in a few instances attacks horses.

It occurs among animals on pasture, and is supposed to be due to some condition of the grass. It is not known to be contagious, but it is a good policy to separate the diseased and affected as a safe precaution.

The symptoms are as follows: The animal ceases eating, stands and fre-

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