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LIGHT IN THE POULTRY HOUSE

For some time it has been a question whether artificial light in the poultry house was a benefit or not, and to help solve the problem, the Poultry Division of the Experimental Farms have tested it for two seasons, during the winter of 1916-17 with two pens (40 birds in all) of Barred Rock pullets and during last winter with two pens of Rock pullets and two pens of L.ghorn pullets, (40 birds of each breed).

In each light pen of twenty birds twenty tungsten 40 watt lamps were used. They were turned on at 6 a.m. and left till daylight, then turned on again in the afternoon before dusk and left till 9 p.m. This was started in November when the days became short and continued until the middle of March when light was unnecessary.

In the 1916-17 test the light pen laid 1106 eggs with a total value of \$54.93. The cost of feed was \$22.53, the cost of light \$2.40, a total cost of \$24.73. This gave a balance over cost of feed and light of \$30.20 or a cost per dozen eggs of 26.8 cents.

The dark pen laid 636 eggs with a total value of \$29.46; cost of feed was \$21.09. This gave a balance over cost of feed of \$8.37. The cost per dozen eggs was 39.8 cents.

In 1917-18, the yields were not high in either case, and the total difference in egg yield in the six months was by no means large, but the forty birds with light gave a better revenue than the forty without light. This difference was made up in the time that the eggs were received. Those with the light gave their heaviest yields in December and January while by far the heaviest months for the Leghorns without light were March and April and for the Rocks January and February.

The total figures from the two pens with the light were: Number of eggs, 2470, Value \$136.32; Cost of feed \$55.48; Cost of Light \$3.30; Balance \$77.64 or a cost of 28.5 cents per dozen. Those without light laid 2242 eggs; Value \$118.90; Cost of Feed \$60.01; Balance \$58.94 and cost of one dozen eggs 32.1 cents.

For both years, the light pens laid 3476 eggs, at a market value of \$191.25. The feed and light cost \$83.41 leaving a balance of \$107.84, or a cost per dozen of 28.7 cents.

The dark pens laid 2878 eggs worth \$148.36. The cost of feed was \$81.10 and the cost of one dozen was 33.8 cents. The conclusion may be drawn that for early winter eggs during the short days, the light does increase the egg yield but later in the season the yield is not as heavy as with birds that have not had the light. The advisability of using light, therefore, will depend upon what is wanted. If early winter and high priced eating eggs are the object the lights are an advantage; if eggs during the hatching season are desired, the lights are a disadvantage.

The Dreadful Malady "Seasickness," said Lieutenant Sydney Harrison, is a dreadful thing. It will unman even the returned soldier.

A Canadian on route for home, on a transport was seasick. His corporal, to get him out on deck in the fresh air, roused him from his seasick stupor one morning and said: "Come on, Jack! Up with you! We've been torpedoed, and the ship'll sink in 10 minutes."

"Ten minutes!" groaned the Canadian. That he added with a great gulp: "Can't you hurry her on a bit, corp?"

John C. Thyme, Robt A. Lampman and John C. Laing, evaders of the Military Service Act, were sentenced at London to two-year terms in Kingston Penitentiary.

WILL EMERGE FROM WAR WITH FLYING COLORS

One religious organization at least is going to emerge from the war with flying colors. The work of the Salvation Army at the front is going to be remembered by the soldiers as long as they live. A little story, published some time ago, of a Salvation Army doughnut wagon blown up by a German shell, and the prompt and decisive revenge accomplished by the American soldiers, who, fighting mad, laid down a curtain barrage and smashed the enemy trenches by a well organized and effective raid, is merely illustrative of the fact that the Salvationists are working in posts of danger and in doing it appealing to the men to whom they are administering.

The Salvation Army folk have a somewhat different conception of duty from other organizations. They are not over there for the sole purpose of ministering to the souls of the soldiers or solely to their bodily comfort. They are over there to be useful as opportunity presents itself, and their work has won them high regard. When opportunity offers they hold evangelical service. When the boys want "sinkers" and coffee, the Army men and lassies supply them if they can beg, buy or steal them. They are working efficiently and gaining the love and admiration of the troops by their work. None of the soldiers, when they come back, will sneer at the other "Army."—Saskatoon Star.

SUMMARY OF NEWS.

The British parliament will meet January 21st.

Start your children saving through War Savings Stamps.

Rev. Edward Cockburn, librarian of Knox College, is dead.

Mr. Edmund Burke, a leading Canadian architect, died in Toronto.

President Poincare may pay a visit to the United States in August next.

The Government plans to make dental inspection in the schools general.

Life appears to me too short to be spent in nursing animosity or registering wrong.

Central Ontario Liberals will meet in Toronto on Jan. 21st. to form an association.

Rocco P. Sussino was fined \$1,000 in Hamilton for violation of the Ontario Temperance Act.

Pensions for children of deceased or totally disabled soldiers have been considerably increased.

The coal production of Canada in 1918 was about 14,180,000 tons; in 1917 it was 14,046,759 tons.

St. James' Methodist Church, Winnipeg, was burned to the ground; loss \$20,000, insurance \$9,000.

Arthur W. Warden of Galt dropped dead at his desk in the Goldie & McCulloch Co's yard office.

President Wilson has asked Congress to appropriate \$100,000,000 for relief of famine sufferers in Europe.

A tractor school is being conducted by the Department of Agriculture at Chatham, Ont., with about 50 attending.

All restrictions in the shipment of egg size anthracite coal has been removed by the U. S. Fuel Administration.

The British and Dutch Governments are reported to have arrived at an agreement regarding the status of the ex-Kaiser.

Two St. Thomas grocers were fined \$25 and costs each for selling adulterated maple sugar, an I warned of heavier penalties for second offences.

Stocks of nitrate of soda manufactured in France for war purposes are being placed at the disposal of agriculturists by the Ministry of Armament.

The Railway Commissions heard arguments at Ottawa by representatives of express companies which are seeking the permission to increase their rates.

The Imperial Life Assurance Company's annual report shows that 51 per cent, or 265,393, of the total 1918 death claims were due to the influenza epidemic.

What time is it, my boy? "About 12 o'clock, sir," the boy answered politely. "Thank you, my boy; I thought it was more." "It never is more than 12 o'clock here sir," said the boy. "When it is 12, it begins at 1!"—Melbourne Australasia.

Shaking His French Bride "And you will take me to America with you apres la guerre?" asked the demoiselle of the buck private.

"But, mademoiselle," remonstrated the diplomatic buck, "the customs house officials would never pass such a priceless pearl as you!"

HOUSING THE HELPERS

A GOOD TIME TO START HIRING MAN'S HOUSE.

Get Ready at Once for Next Spring, and See That the Accommodation Is Made as Satisfactory as Possible, and Then a Good Man Will Be Willing to Remain All Season.

It would seem as if the present were a good time for farmers having a sufficient acreage of land to justify the employment of a man the year round, to start the construction of a tenant house on their property. Labor shortage was reasonably acute on the farms in this country, even before the war, and much of the difficulty experienced by farmers in securing reliable farm laborers for a long term was due at that time to the lack of suitable accommodation on farms, for married men and their families.

It must be borne in mind that despite the wastage caused by the war, the population of this country has increased very considerably during the past four years, and when peace comes, it is only to be expected that increase in the rural population will result quite suddenly, from the return of many of the troops to productive usefulness by the farming route. The need for increased production will still exist when the war is over and it will be greater, so the finding of employment for such men as offer for farm work will be a simple matter, and the one thing most needed will be living accommodation on the farms.

The most desirable arrangement for ensuring the advance of agriculture and the improvement of rural conditions generally, is the distribution of farm work throughout the year, and where, in the past, a farm has been so managed that a big supply of help was needed for only a short time each year, a new form of practice should be established so as to make possible the effective use of a steady supply of labor during the whole year.

To be of real service in present-day farming, and at the same time a satisfaction to himself, a man must have experience in many kinds of farm labor and such experience cannot be gained except a man stay at his farm job through all the seasons.

Such experience is particularly necessary to the man who intends farming for himself later, and as it is the better class of worker that determines to become his own boss as soon as possible, it is only reasonable to expect that he will look for good accommodation for himself and family at whatever place he seeks employment.

As it is just such men that every good farmer wishes to employ it is up to the farmer to provide the desired accommodation, and the present season provides the best opportunity of any for building a hired man's house on the farm. Crop raising is over, men who have been employed for the harvest will be willing to finish out the year at reasonable wages, and the last chance to excavate for a foundation is now at hand.

Corn for Brood Sow. There are three things which should be looked after carefully in caring for the brood sow: feed, shelter and exercise. If a man is to succeed he must not neglect any one of these things.

One of the things which must be guarded against, if strong litters are to be produced, is constipation in the brood sow. The things which commonly cause constipation in the brood sow are too little water and exercise. A sow should also have bulk and more mineral matter in her ration. Corn, when fed alone, is too fattening, and the fat is added internally, which is injurious to the development of the unborn pigs.

Corn is all right if fed with judgment. When fed to sows, however, it should be supplemented with some feed like linseed meal or tankage, shorts, and perhaps a little bran. Another good feed to use is alfalfa hay or alfalfa meal. Clover hay, if not too coarse, also supplies bulk, protein and the laxative effect desired. Every hog man will want to plan a special ration, using the feeds which he has at hand that will give the best results; but a few good ones for the brood sow will be suggested, taking the following as a basis: corn, 50 parts by weight; shorts, 25 parts; alfalfa hay or bran, 15 parts; linseed meal, 10 parts.

Of course, the feeder will want to use alfalfa hay and other home-grown feeds as far as possible, but if they are not available, bran or similar feeds should be purchased to go with the corn. If tankage is used instead of oilmeal, only half as much of it need be fed.

A Calf-Raising Club. So far as the members are concerned, real action will be started in the matter of the first Canadian Calf Club, when the distribution of the 60 heifers, purchased by the Peel County Milk and Cream Producers' Association to supply that number of applicants, takes place at Brampton.

Before distribution takes place, all calves will be marked with price and number, and each boy or girl who has subscribed as a member of the Peel County Calf Club, 1918, will draw a number from a box and the calf corresponding to that number will be his or hers, subject to the conditions of agreement of the club.

The objects of the club are: 1. To create a deeper interest among our farm boys and girls in the business of dairy farming. 2. To bring into Peel County a large number of high grade dairy cattle and to distribute them at cost on easy terms of payment. 3. To encourage the keeping of dairy records by the boy and girl members, and through them to introduce better methods of feeding and management of dairy cattle.

Fall-Dropped Calves. Calves dropped in the fall are apt to do much better when turned on grass in the spring than those that come along later in the winter.

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