

### Summary of First Canadian Egg-Laying Contest.

The following is an outline prepared by the Poultry Division C. E. F., Ottawa, of the prize winners in the first Canadian Egg-laying Contest which closed on Oct. 31, and was held at the Central Experimental Farm:

"The cash prizes won by the competing pens in the first Canadian Egg-laying Contest are awarded according to the standing at the end of the contest. The monthly prizes given to the best pen and the best hen throughout the year, also the two prizes donated by Mr. H. L. Warren, of St. Lambert, Que., for the pen and the bird having the largest number of eggs on the last day of February are not included in the list.

"Owing to the Regulations which did not permit pens that lost more than two birds from natural causes to continue in the Contest, a number were disqualified and thirty-four pens finished with an average per bird of 140.5 eggs. Of these, 17 pens were Rocks with an average of 145.5 eggs per bird; 15 were White Leghorns with an average of 127 eggs per bird; one pen was a White Wyandotte which averaged 165 eggs and one pen of Rhode Island Reds averaging 158 eggs.

"A number of promising pens were not allowed to finish owing to the regulation referred to above. Others were crippled by the death of several birds through accident, but were allowed to finish the competition. Among those that were doing good work and likely to come out well when disqualified might be mentioned pens 20, 24, 35 and 38. Among those that were handicapped through loss of birds but allowed to finish, though did not get into the prize list, might be mentioned 43 which was several birds short for a considerable time. Pen 2 also finished with seven birds.

"The ten prizes for the largest number of marketable eggs were won as follows: 1, Vale Poultry Farm, Montreal, Que., \$70; 2, L. R. Guild, Rockwood, Ont., \$60; 3, J. E. Rhoades, Ottawa, Ont., \$50; 4, W. M. Alcorn, Hammond, B. C., \$40; 5, F. J. French, Newmarket, Ont., \$35; 6, O'Brien Poultry Farm, Barryvale, Ont., \$30; 7, W. J. Johnston, Meaford, Ont., \$25; 8, E. C. Powell, Ottawa, Ont., \$20; 9, J. R. McMullen, Truro, N. S., \$15; 10, Vale Poultry Farm, Montreal, Que., \$10.

"The prize of \$25 for the largest number of birds qualifying for the Advanced Record of Performance—225 eggs, was won by pen 2, J. E. Rhoades, Ottawa, Ont. two birds qualifying. The prize of \$25 for the largest number of birds qualifying for Record of Performance—150 eggs, was won by pen 6, Laurel Poultry Farm, Rougemont, Que., seven birds. To the bird with the best yearly record, Bird No. 1 in pen 11, 272 eggs, won by F. J. Coldham, Kingston, Ont., \$25. To the pen having the largest revenue over cost of feed for the year pen No. 28, Vale Poultry Farm, Montreal, Que., White Leghorns, won the prize of \$25."

### Questions and Answers. Veterinary.

#### Fistula.

Mare has had fistula since last winter. It has been treated without results. It heals up for a time then breaks out and runs matter again, etc. Should the patient be working?

Ans.—Many cases of fistula are very hard to treat. You don't state where this one is situated, but we presume it is on the withers. In most cases one or more little pipes or sinues are formed, leading from the skin to the more or less deep-seated structures. When these descend between the shoulder blade and the ribs treatment becomes very troublesome and in some cases practically impossible. Each sinue must be opened up to the very bottom to allow escape of pus. If any foreign matter or diseased bone be present it must be removed and the wound then dressed 3 times daily until thoroughly healed with an antiseptic as a 5 per cent. solution of carbolic acid or one of the coal tar antiseptics. V.

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