

two hens, Silvers very large in size, and very handsome and tame, eating out of your hand.

No. 8. Contained one cock and three hens, pure Golden Pheasants very handsome, full plumaged birds.

No. 9. Contained one cock and three hens, pure Golden Pheasants, in full plumage.

No. 10. Also Golden's.

No. 11. Contained five Golden cocks, no hens.

No. 12. Contained one cock and two hens English Pheasants.

Mr. Howard also has some rare varieties of fowls including white Malays, blue Polands, with pure white crests imported from France, cuckoo Polands also imported from France, these latter are the color of Plymouth Rocks, and very handsome, also pure white Polands, and white crested black Polands.

CORRECTION.

At page 54, last line, third column through a full stop being in the wrong place, Mr. Joyce is credited with 1st Breeding Pen, instead of J. Eddy. Please correct in your next issue.

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GOVERNMENT EXPERIMENTAL FARM.

REPORT OF THE POULTRY MANAGER,
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To Professor WILLIAM SAUNDERS,

Director Experimental Farms.

SIR,—I have great pleasure in submitting the first report of the Poultry Department of the Central Experimental Farm. Although the operations thus far have been on a comparatively limited scale yet some results have been

ascertained which, it is hoped, will be of interest and benefit to the farming community and especially to those desirous of obtaining eggs and poultry for market or home use.

In the early part of the month of May last it was deemed advisable, in order to have a number of fowls ready for the occupation of the poultry building about to be erected on the Farm, to procure eggs of the most useful varieties and hatch them by means of sitting hens, a number of which had been secured. Accordingly 30 sittings, representing 388 eggs, were purchased from the leading breeders of Canada, Great Britain, and United States. Eggs from the latter country were obtained for the purpose of securing different strains for breeding purposes in the forthcoming spring. The following table will show the number of eggs purchased and the results therefrom. Eggs purchased and chickens hatched:—

No. of Sittings	No. of Eggs Set.	Description of Eggs	No. of Chickens Hatched.	Date when Chickens were Hatched.
1	13	Buff Cochins.....	9	1888.
2	26	Andalusians.....	18	May 18
1	13	Blk B. Bed Game..	8	do 18
2	26	Plymouth Rocks..	15	do 30
2	26	Wyandottes.....	8	do 9
2	26	White Leghorns..	19	do 29
1	13	Sil. Pen. Hamburgs	5	do 7
2	26	B Golden Polands..	8	June 25
2	26	Houdans.....	15	do 25
1	13	Black Hamburgs..	7	do 25
1	13	Langshans.....	1	do 28
1	13	Black Minorcas...	9	June 5

From England.

1	12	India. Games.....	7	July 4
1	12	Red Caps.....	5	do 4

From United States.

1	13	Dirigos.....	5	June 2
2	26	Black Minorcas..	12	do 27
1	13	White Leghorns...	6	do 16
1	13	Houdans.....	3	do 16
2	26	Colored Dorkings..	8	do 16
1	13	Buff Cochins.....	4	do 16
1	13	Black Javas.....	8	do 16
1	13	Langshans.....	4	do 27
Hatched in Incubator 25				May 31

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DUCKS.

1	12	Pekin	4	June 13
1	11	do	3	do 29
2	23		7	

It will be seen from the above that 209 chickens were hatched, which was satisfactory, when the very unfavorable season and the long distance the greater number of the eggs travelled, are taken into consideration. It is worthy of notice that from twelve Indian game eggs shipped by Messrs. Abbott Bros., of Norfolk, England, seven chickens were hatched, and from twelve Red Cap eggs shipped by the same firm, five chickens were the result. The eggs were sent from Norfolk, England, to the agent of the firm in Toronto, and were by him re-shipped to Ottawa, so making a long journey by ocean steamer and railway, yet yielding a return of 50 per cent., thus proving that fertile eggs, properly packed, can be shipped a long distance and hatch well. In this case the eggs were packed in cut straw.

EGGS FROM CANADIAN BREEDERS

HATCH BEST.

It will also be seen that the eggs supplied by the Canadian breeders hatched better than those from the United States. The eggs furnished by our home breeders were wrapped in paper and packed in bran, while the eggs from the United States were tightly packed in sawdust, a method strongly condemned by Canadian poultrymen, who assert that the turpentine contained in pine sawdust lessens the fertility of the eggs. There is room for interesting experiment here.

NEW BREEDS IMPORTED — INDIAN

GAMES.

The Indian Game eggs were the first of the kind imported into Canada. It was thought best to give them a trial, as the Indian Game had earned a great reputation in Cornwall and Devonshire,