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A STORY OF SUCCESS WITH POULTRY AND RICH HOLSTEIN CATTLE

Being a Graphic Description by One of Our Editors of Some Things He Saw and Learned Recently While on a Visit to Dr. A. A. Farewell's Farm Near Oshawa.

BORN on a farm, educated from the farm, 22 years of medical practice, health broke down, then back to the farm—back to the old homestead again—in brief, this is the history of Dr. A. A. Farewell, who is now farming near Oshawa, Ont., and is doing things most worthy of note with poultry and Holstein cattle. Pictures reproduced herewith tell more than is possible with words of some things as they are at his farm due to the initiative and ideals of Dr. Farewell.

His poultry plant is a big one. He keeps but one breed of poultry and he makes it pay handsomely. His Holsteins are of the best breeding obtainable. His aim is to build up beyond all peradventure the best Holstein herd of cattle in Canada, which shall be noted for its rich blood, giving big records of butter, and milk, which will be over four per cent. in butter fat. He will not look at an animal that will not test over four per cent. and the expense of establishing the herd is to be no particular consideration.

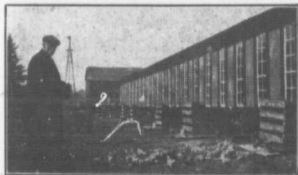
A BIT OF PERSONAL HISTORY

As noted, Dr. Farewell was born a farmer. He was educated for the medical profession, and for 10 years he practised in Oshawa. He then removed to British Columbia, where he practised for 12 years, when on his health breaking down, he became an invalid, being forced to subsist for over a year on such food as babies take. As he began to regain health his thoughts turned to the old farm home, to which he forthwith repaired. In order that he might have something to claim the attention and give him something to do he started a poultry plant on a few acres of the old farm.

STUDIED WIDELY BEFORE EMBARKING

Before going into poultry extensively, Dr. Farewell travelled throughout the noted poultry districts of the United States in quest of practical ideas, which could be used in connection

with the plant he was to establish. He found it very difficult to get such information and advice as he required as most of the owners of the larger plants seemed to want to keep their knowledge to themselves. At last he came across a man whose ideas and plant appealed to him as being very common sense. After this man he has



Dr. Farewell Feeding Chicks to be Photographed by a Farm and Dairy Photographer

patterned somewhat with the result so well depicted in the illustration at the foot of this page.

TAKES OVER MANAGEMENT OF FARM

All went well with the poultry plant from the start, this being about seven years ago. As the Doctor regained his health, and being financially interested, along with his brother, who is a lawyer residing at Sault Ste. Marie, in the old homestead, which for years has been rented out to tenants, and becoming thoroughly dissatisfied with the treatment that the place was receiving, he decided to take over the management of the whole farm himself and hire the men necessary to work it. He decided after the first year of managing the old homestead to found a herd of unbeatable Holstein cattle; and, to date, he has made most gratifying progress in working out this high ideal. The current year will be the fourth season in which the Doctor has man-

aged the poultry plant and the whole farm, which involves 275 acres.

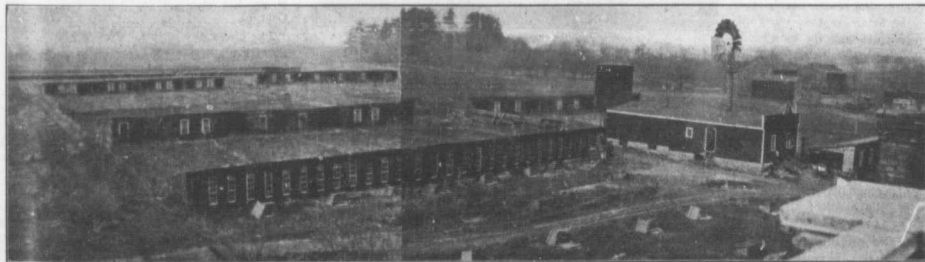
SECRETS OF PROFITABLE EGG PRODUCTION

To the Doctor's way of thinking there is only one breed of poultry that can come into consideration at all if it is to make a profit on a large plant such as his. He demands that his hens shall lay in winter; they must begin laying by the first of November, at which season the high price for eggs obtains. As he says: "It is not satisfactory to have hens commencing to lay after Christmas. Before Christmas on the eggs I shipped I got 50 cents a dozen. The day after Christmas they were down to 40 cents a dozen, and shortly after had gone down a good deal more."

The breed the Doctor favors is the Rhode Island Red, this being the breed that is most popular on the egg farms of the New England States.

A POULTRY HOUSE 360 FEET LONG

Space at our disposal forbids, at this writing, entering into detailed description of many things worth knowing about this poultry plant. As the illustrations show, the long continuous houses, each divided off into small pens, are in use. One house at the rear of the plant is 360 feet long. It is 24 feet wide and has a scratching shed, open to the weather, and continuous the length of the building, in front, which, of course, faces the south. Four other long buildings, as may be noted from the illustration, are all of a type having a scratching pen open to the weather, and being alongside a roosting and laying pen. Two other long houses, these being located at the front of the plant, are brooder houses for baby chicks. One of these, to be seen plainly in the foreground to the left of the illustration, is heated by hot water and also by hot air forced in by means of a fan from a heater situated near the boiler in the dairy below the building on which may be seen the windmill. The other brooder house, to the right of the plant, and of which only the end of the building can be seen



A Big Poultry Plant in Ontario Co., Ont., which has been made a Pronounced Success

Some interesting information about the common-sense poultry establishment of Doctor Farewell's is given in the descriptive article beginning on this page. The poultry house to be seen in the dim background of the illustration is 360 feet long.

—All Photos by an editor of Farm and Dairy.