

—"I have handled this reason about 1,200 packages. The eggs were received with great prejudice, particularly those in boxes with card-board fillers, the quality being generally very bad. They realized, compared with Italian and French eggs of similar size from 1s. to 2s. less, but large quantities realized hardly 50 per cent of the cost price.

"The eggs arrived mostly in bad condition, and a good deal broken. Those particularly which were packed in card board fillers turned out the worst.

"I had some consignments in long cases which were more satisfactory. Those packed in straw did not arrive so well, the straw having got musty, but those packed in oat husks arrived in perfect condition. The last parcel pleased my customers very well, and if goods are sent off fresh, with oat husks covered up, the prejudice would soon disappear, and a good trade would be done for both the shipper and the egg merchant.

"I have found that goods sent via Liverpool and by London and North-Western Railway to London arrive in far better condition than those shipped by the Allon Line direct."

WILLAN & BRADNOCK, 22 Southwark Street, London, S.E., say: "We have received between 400 and 500 packages of eggs from Canada this season. They have sold fairly well and had they been properly packed they would have met with a better reception and obtained a better price. Being packed in very slight made cases and in cardboard divisions they arrived in bad condition. We do not advise the cardboard packages for our market, but recommend long cases made of well seasoned wood, each case to contain 1,440 good fresh eggs, packed in good dry straw."

CHARLES FOUCARD & SON, Southwark Street, London, say: "We have handled some hundreds of cases of Canadian eggs. Buyers bought them freely at first on account of their good appearance, but such a quantity of old stored eggs have been sent that their reputation, generally speaking, is bad. Last Monday we sold a few long cases of really new and fresh Canadian eggs packed in straw (oats) at 8s. per hundred, and some old, half empty eggs at 6s. and 6s. 3d. The condition, as far as breakage goes, has been fair, but the extra allowance for bad eggs has been very heavy. In regard to packing, we strongly recommend the long case of 120 dozens, with straw packing, a space being left between the boards of the sides and top for about one inch to admit of ventilation. The small cases or patent carriers, as they are called in Canada, have a very bad name. 1. It is impossible to discover the breakage. 2. The cardboard partitions give a nasty flavor to the egg."

A. HITCHCOCK, London, E.C. says:—"We have handled about 20,000. They would sell freely if they could arrive

fresher and would make 1s. to 2s. per 120 more money. The last were sold about 1s. under Italian. They should we think, with care, make 1s. above, as the nature of the eggs we make quite equal to French. They have arrived sound in the long cases; packages of 300 do not come satisfactorily. The only observation I can make is, send them fresh, fresh, fresh as possible. They will then find a ready sale. We use 100 [an evident misprint for 100,000. ED. REVIEW.] to 150,000 eggs weekly, and would prefer Canadian if fresher could be obtained."

C. WILSON & Co., 1 Lisbon Grove, London, N.W., say:—"We have examined several parcels of Canadian eggs, and found them very similar to what we had last season, viz:—good appearance, fairly well packed, but very indifferent quality. The eggs are old, albumen thin, much shrunken, so that eggs are not full and when exposed to the air some go quite bad. Their appearance and condition are therefore deceptive. This is the opinion of other merchants and consequently they have not been favorably received in the trade. The eggs have passed through some treatment or process of storage before packing that has weakened the keeping power of the egg. We should also think the cold air storage as injurious to them. It is well known that frozen meat will not keep long after exposure to the ordinary temperature of the air, and we should think the eggs are adversely affected by such storage, if very cold air is used. If eggs are really fresh at starting, the journey from Canada to London ought not to injure them if reasonable care is taken to keep them in a moderately cool, dry part of the ship."

*(To be continued.)*

#### A SICK DUCK.

*Editor Review:—*

**C**OULD you possibly spare space in your next issue for the following:

I have a breeding pen of Pekin ducks and some three weeks ago I noticed one of the ducks could not walk, and upon examining same found it had lost power of its feet and legs. After treating it with all possible care I find after three weeks of tried patience the duck is still unable to walk. She eats little, but wants to drink always and is affected with diarrhoea. For the benefit of your readers will you please say what the trouble is, and what remedy should be applied. The duck is bright and smart in every respect with the exception of loss of power in limbs.

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[We can only suggest rheumatism from damp and cold. Treatment—Keep warm and dry and tie whisky soaked rags on legs. Has any duck breeder had a similar experience? Ed.]