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Egg-Laying Race

FIRST FOUR PLACES WON BY LEHORNS FOLLOWED BY BARRED ROCKS.

The Poultry Division of the Experimental Farms at Ottawa presented a busy scene during the closing days of October and the beginning of November. There was but one clear day between the conclusion of the Fourth Canadian Egg Laying Contest and the opening of the Fifth, which is now off to a good start. The contest covers a period of fifty-two weeks, which makes thirteen four-weekly periods observed in the keeping of records. The contest work is under the immediate charge of Mr. A. G. Taylor working under the direction of Mr. F. E. Elford, the Dominion Poultry Husbandman.

Although the headquarters of the contest was in a state of hum and bustle, there was no confusion or excitement because the whole system is thoroughly organized and therefore working as smoothly as could possibly be expected. Some relief was afforded in the fact that pens having low records and with no chance of winning a prize, were able to be shipped out some days in advance of the closing of the contest. This afforded the opportunity of getting the pens cleaned up for the reception of early comers for the new year.

Seventy pens of ten birds each entered in the year just closed and there were 50 entries for the fifth contest. The entries for last year were made in the following order: Rhode Red, 1; White Wyandotte, 7; "Chantecler," 1; Ancona, 1; White Leghorn, 31.

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International Contest.

The contest was international, there being no less than eight pens from the United States and from as far west as the State of Washington. It was the Hollywood Farm entry from that far western state that provided the champion pen as well as the first and third prizes for single birds. They were of the White Leghorn breed. This pen finished with a total of 2,375 eggs, 187 ahead of any other pen, but 289 behind the best pen of the previous year. White Leghorns won the next three places for Lewis N. Clark, Port Hope, with 2,008 eggs; Medowedge Poultry Farm, Cedarhurst, N.Y., 2,083, and B. J. Penhall, Port Dover, Ontario, 2,008 eggs. A pen of Barred Rocks won the fifth prize with 1,985 eggs, the property of Culp's Poultry Farm, Berkeley, Ont. White Leghorns came next with a pen from the Ontario Agricultural College. Then came three pens of Barred Rocks, followed again by Leghorns, White Wyandottes, White Leghorns, Barred Rocks, Barred Rocks, and Barred Rocks. Anconas provided the first twenty-five pens. The record of the pen, owned by N. H. Gammon, New Hamburg, Ont., was 1,819 eggs.

Two birds of the Hollywood Farm provided ties for first place with two eggs each. A Barred Rock hen, owned by Rev. H. A. Clarke, Maher, Ont., was awarded second place with two eggs. Leghorns took third and fourth; Barred Rocks, fifth and sixth; Leghorns, seventh and eighth; Barred Rocks, ninth and tenth; White Wyandottes, eleventh, and White Leg-

horns consistently to the seventeenth position.

Provincial Contest.

Concurrently with the holding of the Canadian Egg Laying Contest, provincial contests conducted under almost identical rules and with the same object in view, were being held. These were located in every province, with two in the province of Quebec, one carried on at the Experimental Station, Ste. Anne de la Pocatière in the eastern part of the province, and the other at Leamington towards the west. While the Canadian contest is completely open, the provincial contests are open only to entries within the province in which each is held.

The contest rules have provided during the past year for three classes of registration: 1. Advanced Record of Performance for hens laying 225 eggs and upward. Of this class 59 birds qualified. 2. Record of Performance qualification called for from 150 to 224 eggs laid. Of these, 414 birds qualified. 3. For official registration calling for 200 eggs and upwards, 149 birds secured the registration certificates issued by the Canadian National Livestock Records. In future the Record of Performance certificates are to be dropped and official registration only recognized. It is necessary in each case that counted eggs average not less than 24 ounces to the dozen.

In the Canadian Contest, as well as in the Provincial, a pen comprises ten birds. In the Canadian, however, on account of the distance from which many of the pens come, two spares are allowed in each pen. In the Provincial contests, spares when needed to fill vacancies caused by death may

be supplied by the owner as required. Inspected and Tagged.

Pens for the competition must be entered before the first of August and inspected between August 15 and the end of September. When the birds are received each is weighed, leg-banded and treated for vermin. The birds are also individually weighed at the end of the year's work. As practically all of the birds are pullets, many of them increase in weight during the year. This increase varies from as low as four ounces up to a pound and a half for Leghorns and even as high as three pounds in the heavy breeds. A double system of leg-banding is carried on. The private leg-band on the arrival of the bird is removed and in its place an official leg-band duplicated in every way, is placed on each leg. The leg-bands are so marked as to make identifications absolutely certain. Each band carries the initials C.L.C. for Canadian Laying Contest, followed by a letter representing the year of the contest. For the fourth contest '23' was used, being the fourth letter of the alphabet. Then comes the figure representing the number of the pen in which the birds are housed and the number of the individual bird. For example, 517 indicates pen 51 and bird number 7. At the end of the season the birds officially recorded are tattooed with the registration number on the inside of the web of the wing.

Entry fees for the contest are \$15 per pen for the Canadian and \$10 per pen for the provincial entries. Considerable money, it will be observed, is accumulated by these fees. This, however, through a system of contests, is returned to the owners of the best layers. There are ten competitions, six being for the 52 weeks period and the remaining four for the four weeks contest. A silver shield is awarded to the winning pen. The shield remains at the Central Experimental Farm and on it the name of the winner is engraved. The winner receives a miniature. Provision is made for money prizes for the first fifteen pens. These range from \$30 to \$5. An equal number of prizes ranging from \$10 to \$2 are provided for the fifteen hens laying the greatest number of marketable eggs.

Corresponding contests are provided for four weekly periods, also for the year, providing the largest number of birds that qualify for the Record of Performance; for the pens having the largest number of birds qualifying for the advanced Record of Performance; for the pens and also for the individual hens having the largest number of marketable eggs during the first four periods. A final contest is for the pens showing the best revenue from sale of eggs over the cost of feed. For this contest each pen is ranging from \$15 to \$3 are provided. It was pointed out by Mr. Taylor to the representative of the Family Herald and Weekly Star that Experimental Farm pens as well as pens put in by agricultural colleges are not eligible for prizes.

Housing and Feeding.
The standard colony house is used for the contest the year round. A pen is by 12 feet is the proper size for twenty-five hens and is divided in the middle, making two pens each 10 by 6 feet. These have light walls, floors and roof. The south wall consists of one-third cotton. The cotton provides all the ventilation during the cold months.

No exact system of feeding is followed. High production is the object sought and such feeds are used and methods employed as are calculated will secure the best results. Straw is used for litter in the houses and scratch grains are fed. In this, these grains consist of ground corn, whole wheat and oats, about equal parts. The scratch grains are fed twice daily, morning and afternoon, in such quantities as the birds will consume. Dry mash consisting of bran, shorts, corn meal and ground oats, with ten per cent. beef scrap, is kept before the birds at all times in a self-feeding hopper. A small amount of wet mash is given at noon. Grit, oyster shell and beef scrap, as well as water, as is also green feed in the form of mangels, cabbage, cut clover or alfalfa, according to the season.

Disposition of the Eggs.
The seventy pens in the Canadian Contest laid 113,760 eggs. These are taken, up to 66 dozen a day, by the Canadian National Railway, at regular market prices. They are used for the dining cars and hotels operated by the Company.

Where Britain Must Show the Way

Westminster Gazette: It is scarcely necessary to say that in her appeal to force France can safely rely for a long time on being the only litigant. If we are compelled against our will to act in seeming opposition to her, it will be on quite a different field. Our appeal can only be to the considered opinion of the world as a whole. We have no kind of reason to fear the expression of that opinion. On the contrary, our desire must be that it should be as emphatic as possible, and our hope that it may have some effect on French policy before all opportunities of averting a disaster to Europe have passed. But the public

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