

POULTRY DEPT.

Conducted by S. Short, Ottawa

At this time of the year, the poultry should prove more interesting than at any other. The hens should all be laying well and the chickens growing. The main care should be to provide clean sleeping quarters. If convenient, an outdoor roosting place should be provided, one with sufficient roof to shed the rain. A sharp outlook should be kept to see that vermin, that live in the crevices of the roosts, do not get an opportunity to increase to such numbers that they injure the fowl. Apply weekly a lice destroyer or kerosene to the joints of the roosts. Prevention is better than cure.

See that the young chicks get sufficient to eat. Rations that were ample a week ago, are too small now. With warm weather chick development takes place rapidly. It is wise, therefore, to nourish and stimulate that development and so bring the young stock to early maturity that the pull-ets will be ready to lay before winter.

Keep a sharp outlook too, that rats, cats and other depredations are not, in the night time, preying on the young stock. If there are a large number of chicks, the simplest way to count them is when they have gone to roost for the night. It is recommended that this be done at least once a week for great ravages may take place in a night or two and a large number of the chickens may be destroyed before it is known that some enemy is at work.

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