

POULTRY YARD

Profitable Farm Poultry

J. S. E. Orr, Middlesex Co., Ont.
Recently I visited the farm of Newton & Durdle at the Eleventh Concession Station, and was very much interested in their poultry. They have large flocks of turkeys, ducks, and hens. This year's crop of ducks are just about ready to market, and are big healthy looking birds. Last year they brought 90 cents a pair. The owners expect to do even better this year. The young ducklets were hatched under hens and afterwards fed on cornmeal, and had at all times a plentiful supply of clean water.
They also have a big flock of turkeys. The young pullets were fed on oatmeal and cornmeal, and are now receiving a daily feed of wheat. One very curious incident was told of a big old gobbler, weighing 25 lbs. or more, who has been mothering a flock of 10 young turkeys all summer. He proudly took the best of care of his

mites are conditions which induce the disease by tending to lower the vitality and disease resisting power of the birds, and thus increasing their susceptibility to attack. Too frequently we find the hens crowded together in some damp little corner of the stable that is never cleaned, and with only one small window for light and with no ventilation. Sunlight is cheap and the greatest known disinfectant. Most germs are destroyed by it within a few hours. Sunlight, fresh air, dryness and cleanliness, with good food, are essential for a healthy flock of fowl. Most of our pens would be better if the size of the windows were doubled. Fresh air can be had freely. Every hen-house should be ventilated even during the coldest weather. The open front hen house is to be recommended. More troubles arise from filthy and ill-ventilated pens than from draughts.

TREAT THE DRINKING WATER

A cheap disinfectant for the drinking trough is just enough bluestone to give an indication of color in the water. One drop of carbolic acid to



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It is about time that we make our final selection of early hatched pullets for the laying flock this coming winter and get them in laying quarters; if we have not already done so. The laying flock of Mr. Kenneth Pentland, Peterboro Co., Ont., may be here seen. Mr. Pentland makes a specialty of winter eggs and day old chicks.

—Photo by an editor of Farm and Dairy.

big family of little ones, allowing no harm to befall them. At night his broad wings would cover them, and in the daytime he led them carefully through the fields and woods. He has them trained now to roost in the trees, going up a little higher every night.

The chickens are Plymouth Rocks and Rhode Island Reds. The owners consider one breed quite as good as the other for laying or other purposes. A number of hens are hatching ducks, chickens, and turkeys, thus having an average of about 40 laying birds. From these 40 they have an average of 30 eggs a day.

The hens are well fed on corn and wheat, and the owners say "if you do not want your hens to set, feed them well, go out among them often talking to them, etc. They are sure to set when they get hungry and homesome."

Prevention of Avian Tuberculosis

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A general discussion of tuberculosis in fowl, which disease is surprisingly prevalent, was given in Farm and Dairy, page 6, September 12 issue. It was to have been concluded last week, but space did not permit. The following is the conclusion, dealing with the prevention of this disease in poultry:

Tuberculosis is largely preventable. Poorly lighted or poorly ventilated houses, improper or insufficient food, errors in breeding, or the presence of

Coarse wheat bran is a good bowel regulator. Chickens will not do so well on it as if allowed free access to water.

Don't allow your feed dealer to persuade you to buy any but the best feed for poultry. There is no money in buying a feed just because it is cheap.

I didn't feed my hens at all last fall but they laid well and when killed were as fat as one could wish. The explanation is that there was an alfalfa field right beside the buildings.
—W. A. Rosborough, Peterboro Co., Ont.



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