

OTTAWA, May 18, 1916.

The Honourable
The Minister of Agriculture,
Ottawa.

SIR,—I have the honour to transmit herewith, for your approval, the manuscript of Bulletin No. 89 of the Experimental Farms' regular series, entitled "Poultry-Keeping in Town and Country."

This Bulletin, prepared by the Dominion Poultry Husbandman, Mr. F. C. Elford, deals with the poultry-keeping industry in a general way. It will, in my opinion, be found to give both the farmer and the townsman much of the information so necessary to the successful carrying on of poultry-keeping operations. Unlike most industries, poultry-keeping, if it is to take its rightful place among our Dominion industries, must depend mainly upon the well-directed efforts of the small producer rather than upon the large operations of the "poultry farm," and the preparation of this bulletin at the present time, when increased incentives to production have aroused greater interest in poultry-keeping, would seem especially opportune.

As this publication is intended to replace our previous bulletins on the above subject, the editions of which are exhausted, I would recommend its wide distribution among all classes of our population likely to be interested.

I have the honour to be, sir,
Your obedient servant,

J. H. GRISDALE,
Director, Dominion Experimental Farms.

OTTAWA, May 15, 1916.

The Director,
Dominion Experimental Farms,
Ottawa.

SIR,—I have the honour to transmit herewith the manuscript of a bulletin which I have prepared, entitled "Poultry-Keeping in Town and Country."

Two main purposes have actuated the writing of this bulletin. One is, of course, the advocacy of better methods; the other, and perhaps the chief end in view, is to arouse and stimulate interest in poultry-keeping among those who have not yet taken up the pursuit.

For the latter reason, the bulletin has been written in an easy, popular, and, it is hoped, attractive style. No attempt at an exhaustive treatise on poultry-keeping has been made, the aim being rather to make a rapid general survey of the whole field. Many of the main features herein taken up are treated in more detail in the various other publications issued from the Poultry Division.

I have the honour to be, sir,
Your obedient servant,

F. C. ELFORD,
Dominion Poultry Husbandman.