

Successful Poultry Raising —on Vancouver Island,— British Columbia, Canada

I have cleared \$2.50 per hen per year with several hundred fowls in the Cowichan Valley, Vancouver Island, B. C., and this article gives my personal experiences in poultry raising.

The southern part of Vancouver Island is exceptionally suited for this industry, and is destined to become such a poultry centre as the Petaluma Valley in California. In Petaluma they clear only \$1.00 per bird but on this Island \$2.00 can easily be made by each hen per year.

LAND REQUIRED

The land used for poultry should have good natural drainage, but at the same time it should be suitable for the growing of plenty of grass and clover, even in the dry season, as green food is a most important item in the fowls' ration.

To work up to 1,000 head of poultry, at least 10 acres would be required. The mistake is often made of keeping poultry too much on the intensive method, but although this may answer for a few years, before long it will be found that the land is becoming contaminated, and the poultry suffering in consequence.

In selecting land, see that water can be had conveniently.