



## POULTRY

With the "Chicks" —

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THE baby chick trade has performed one useful service to the poultry industry as a whole—it has demonstrated how long chicks will live without food when first hatched and still make healthy and vigorous stock. I am never in much of a hurry to get the chickens off the nest or out of the incubator. Occasionally they are taken out 36 hours after hatching. My usual rule is 48 hours, and occasionally, when work pressed, they have been left even longer. Nature has left the yolk of the egg in the chicken as its first food.

When the chicks are removed to the brooder, their first meal is of clean, fine sand. This is scattered over the brooder or hoover floor. Along with it is scattered clover or alfalfa leaves swept up in the barn mow. Pure water is kept before them at all times and buttermilk when we have it. If I cannot secure buttermilk, I allow fresh skim milk to sour. The lactic acid bacteria of the sour milk, I believe, has a very beneficial effect on the digestion of the chickens.

### Down to Grain Feeding

The next feeding consists of rolled oats and finely graded wheat, fed five times a day on a clean board, and only in small quantities such as will be cleaned up immediately. In a few days I begin to substitute a mash composed of two parts of wheat bran, one part of corn meal, one part shorts, and one-half part rolled oats. To every 100 pounds of this mixture is added a handful of very finely ground charcoal, a handful of bone meal, and a handful of fine table salt. Their feedings are reduced to three a day and commercial chick food fed in the litter to keep the chicks busy scratching, the litter, of course, being a light one of alfalfa and clover leaves.

When the chicks are removed to the colony houses, they are fed from hoppers. From then on the dry mash is fed in one hopper and cracked corn and wheat in another, and grit in a third. They are expected to get green and animal food from the soil. One point I would emphasize in the feeding of young chickens, and have learned it from dearly bought experience. Be very careful to feed neither salty. Too much salt will kill chicks as fast as skunks, weasels, or stray cats.

### The Vankelee Hill Show

PURE BRED dairy herds have been multiplying for some years around Vankelee Hill, Ont. Stockmen of the district have decided that it is time to impress the importance of their district as a live stock centre on the rest of the country and they are doing it through the medium of a live stock show, the first annual exhibition being held on June 12 last. The show was financed by the district club without government assistance and the success of their first meet was such as to encourage the belief that the show will continue to grow from year to year. Ayrshires were out in strongest numbers. All classes were well filled, a notable feature being the large number that had R. O. P. records or R. O. P. ancestry. W. F. Stephen of Huntingdon placed the awards. The principal exhibitors were: G. D. Mode, George M. Renick, W. J. Douglas, McNab Campbell, Earl Hunter and Lockie McCrae. In the aged bull class, Mode got first with Netherhall Sir Douglass, an

animal that stood at the head of the herd of J. W. Logan, Howick, Que., for several years. A right good bull was the year old Bonnie Brae Lac, shown by McNab Campbell, that was later awarded the championship. It is noteworthy, too, that this animal is a grandson of Eileen, one of Canada's greatest producing Ayrshires. Thomas McLain was first in yearling bulls, G. M. Renick in Sr. bull calf and G. D. Mode in Jr. bull calf.

The class for mature milch cows brought out 12 head, practically every entry showing good pedigree and tests. W. J. Douglas was first with White Rose, Mode second and third, and Renick with several good ones outside the money. In three year old class, Mode got first and second. In two year olds, Douglas first, in three year olds, first and second went to Renick, and the first money in the younger classes was divided between Renick and Mode. The champion female was Douglas's mature cow.

### Heifer Exhibits

There were but two herds of Holsteins exhibited, those of Mr. D. A. McPhee, Crystal Spring Farm and Mr. J. Johnston of Hawkesbury. Others had individual entries. All through the classes were of merit, the aged females attracting particular attention with their strong udder development and desirable dairy conformation. In the aged bull class, Pietertje De Kol Beauty exhibited by McPhee, was first, M. G. Gibson second, and Wm. Allison third. There was only one two year old bull, King Selix, shown by McPhee, was later made grand champion. McPhee also had the first superior calf.

The aged class brought out a string of eight with Johnson's Jewel Bell Dewdrop on top, closely followed by McPhee's Kate Sylvia and Lily Tensel. In the other female classes McPhee had things very much his own way in awarding the first money, but the championship went to J. Johnston on his mature cow, which was a feature of the exhibition. D. A. McPhee made practically a clean sweep, winning first, second and third in the class for aged cow, first and second in the three year old class and first in the two year old class.

### "United Farmers" Progressing

REPORTS of a most encouraging character were presented at a meeting of the executive committee of the United Farmers' Cooperative Company Limited, held last week in Toronto. There was practically a full attendance, only one member of the executive being absent. Sales have been maintained in a most encouraging manner. On one day alone last week, orders were sent out to the value of \$1,800.

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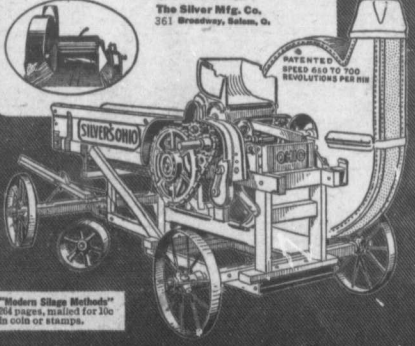
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