



Care of Brooder Chickens

Bestie M. Main, Victoria, B. C.

Before taking my chicks from the brooder room at two weeks old, I prepare small coops for them on a green plot about 15 yards apart. I sprinkle the floors of these coops with coal oil and then cover with sand. The coops are cleaned out twice a week and fresh sand is put in every week.

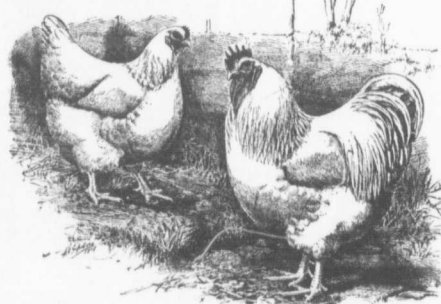
I dust the hens well with insect powder before putting them in the coops and then give each hen 20 chickens. The hens are dusted every week.

After the chickens are five weeks old I take them from the hens and put them in colony houses, these having been first well dusted and white-washed with lime. The houses are

entirely by farmers' clubs of one kind and another. A feature of the work is the changing attitude of local storekeepers towards the egg circles. Last night, for instance, we organized a circle at Reabro in Victoria county, and a local merchant was appointed manager of the circle. Country merchants seem to favor the circle in that it gives them a chance to do what they should have done long ago—pay different prices for eggs of different quality.

In speaking of the results of the work, Mr. Stuart said: "The Live Stock Branch gets a report from the manager of each circle each week. This report gives such information as the numbers shipped, local prices and the prices paid to circle members. We find that prices have ranged from 15 to 25 per cent. of an advance over the prices paid by local stores. This is the average advance for the six months during which the circles have been working. I consider this very satisfactory when we bear in mind that the local price is often enhanced owing to the opposition of the egg circles."

The work is still going on. Mr.



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I start to kill the chickens when they are two months old. I take them out of the houses just as I find them and they are always in good shape for killing. The main thing in keeping poultry is to keep the surroundings clean and free from vermin.

Egg Circle Activity

The Live Stock Branch of the Dominion Department of Agriculture has all winter been prosecuting a vigorous campaign looking to the organization of circles for the cooperative marketing of eggs. Mr. J. C. Stuart has been the man in charge of this work. Mr. Stuart, when in Peterboro recently, dropped into Farm and Dairy office for a chat, and incidentally told us something of the success of the work this winter to date has been the organization in Ontario of two circles in Lanark, two in Hastings, one in Victoria, three in Brant, two in Leeds, and three in Lennox. In the Eastern townships of Quebec province four circles have been organized and in Pontiac county four circles.

"These circles," said Mr. Stuart, "have all been organized through the instrumentality of the Live Stock Branch. A great many additional circles have been organized independ-

Good hens, like good cows, always pay their way.

Failures with poultry are often accounted for by foggy ideas of how much a hen should get to eat.

Some of us clean the roost board each day and the nests each six months. The first is alright; the second all wrong.

A handful of wood ashes in the drinking water tends to prevent roup. An open front house completely exterminates it.

When asked what were the two greatest deterrents to poultry success, a prominent poultry editor replied, "Filth and vermin."

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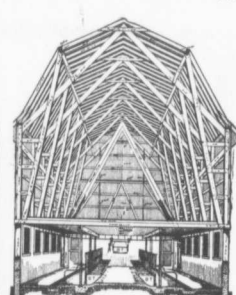
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