

"The popularity of the Down breeds has been long established. There are several pure-bred flocks in the district, and common ewes are bred to registered rams. Sheep add beauty to the farm, and also furnish a pleasant change of diet. The management of a flock entails little labour or expenditure. With an excellent market at our door and large areas of land suitable for grazing, sheep farming will become an important industry in Metchosin District. The principal, if not the only drawback is the mountain lion or panther, whose occasional ravages are responsible for a loss of perhaps 5 per cent. A denizen of the wild interior, he pays roving visits to the settlements, on a change of diet intent, and affords excellent sport to local hunters, who seldom fail to bag the destroyer. A bounty of \$15 is awarded by the Government, to which may be added \$10 for a fine skin and carcass. With the settlement of the country his inroads will decrease.

"The freedom of the hills, the immunity from labour, and the leisure afforded by sheep raising give zest to life, and who would hanker for city environment after experiencing the enchantment of "the bleating pens"? In conjunction with fruit or poultry the sheep farmer may devote his leisure to the pursuance of his favourite hobby, and with contemplation mild he may cultivate his orchards while the lambs play and the wool grows."

**Poultry.**—Now as to poultry; while the enterprising hen scotchman over the most of the civilized world and is thoroughly cosmopolitan in her tastes and habits, there is no doubt that those who wish to make her a money-getter must take heed of several considerations in selecting a site for a poultry farm. Under favorable conditions there are great profits in poultry raising, and there need be no hesitation in embarking in such an enterprise in Colwood, Metchosin, Sooke or any of the adjacent districts. The favorable conditions are all here and successful rearers of chickens are found on every farm. The great bulk of poultry product in Victoria is not from extensive poultry farms but from small places, country homes or farms of a few acres. Fruit and poultry do so well together that wherever there are even a few fruit trees we find hens also. Their number need not be great, but their omnipresence shows that they are profitable. Most useful is poultry to the beginner in the country. From the first there is something upon which he can depend. It is common in these districts, as elsewhere, to see chickens about the stumps and the newly-cut trees, turkeys further afield in the yet unslashed woods, and ducks about the door of the hastily-erected log cabin. Then, too, this is a branch of farm work that the women and children of the farm can manage while the breadwinner earns their living where he can, whether at his larger farming operations or at daily labour elsewhere. All sorts of fowl are found here, geese, turkeys, chickens, ducks, guinea fowl, also pigeons. There are conditions favourable for all. Some parts of the country are better for turkeys, some for geese, but ducks and chickens will be most successful anywhere.