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My procedure was then as follows: I housed the birds of that flock, treated them with our usual method, a milk flush, kept them housed over a week's period and then, after culling out all the weak appearing stock (which numbered nine out of approximately one hundred and forty birds), I moved the entire lot and house up to the College orchard. No further casualties occurred or no birds killed for meat studies showed any traces of blackhead.

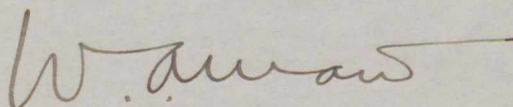
This outbreak of blackhead came to my notice June 16th. The birds remained in the College orchard until the end of July, when we found attempts were being made by outside persons to steal the stock. In order to protect the stock I had the house and stock returned to the same field where they had previously been. The land had been limed and grazed.

With reference to the Parasite Institute being mentioned in the report to you, I beg to advise you that the only contact being made between this Department and the Institute in this matter was that I offered Dr. Cameron a specimen bird suffering from blackhead for museum purposes. No other birds than the one specimen was taken to the Institute, and Dr. Cameron was not asked by me for any report.

The stock at the Department and on the range is at present in excellent condition, and I see no reason for any concern regarding the manner in which it is being handled. Part of the land has been grazed by sheep and treated with lime, and also cultivated, and part of it is still under process of treatment. The land where the young stock is ranged will be properly treated in due course of time.

I trust that this explanation is sufficiently clear for a complete understanding of the matter in question, and that you will realize that the Poultry Department is carrying out the work in a satisfactory manner.

Yours faithfully,



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