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(LIVE STOCK BRANCH).

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POULTRY CULLING.

DEMONSTRATIONS AND APPLIANCES.

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THE Poultry Division of the Department of Agriculture has carried out demonstrations on culling-work amongst poultry-flocks throughout the Province of British Columbia for some time past. It is felt that the greatest amount of benefit has not been derived from these demonstrations, however, because the same have not been sufficiently advertised in very many districts. This circular is therefore being presented for the purpose of getting this information before those persons interested in poultry production in British Columbia, so that they may avail themselves of assistance if they so desire.

We know from experience that there are many farmers keeping poultry which do not begin to pay for themselves. This is true also of many of our commercial poultry-farms.

The following figures will tend to show the necessity of culling flocks in many sections of the Lower Mainland.

A Chilliwack flock of 1,000 hens laid:—

July 6th .....	496 eggs.
"   7th .....	509 "
"   8th .....	459 "
"   9th .....	490 "
"  10th .....	480 "

This flock was culled on July 10th, taking out 190\*culs, whilst 900 hens laid:—

July 11th .....	524 eggs.
"  12th .....	400 "
"  13th .....	470 "
"  14th .....	474 "
"  15th .....	478 "

An Eburne flock of 300 birds laid:—

July 30th .....	109 eggs.
"  31st .....	124 "
Aug. 1st .....	129 "
"  2nd .....	122 "

These birds were culled the evening of August 2nd, taking away 40 culs, whilst 260 birds laid:—

Aug. 3rd .....	127 eggs.
"   4th .....	117 "
"   5th .....	127 "
"   6th .....	147 "

A Burnaby flock had 178 birds culled from 958 layers. These 178 were housed separately, and laid:—

July 11th .....	18 eggs.
"  12th .....	16 "
"  13th .....	12 "
"  14th .....	6 "