

## POULTRY YARD

### Poultry Industry and Egg Handling Stations in B. C.

R. W. Hodson, B.S.A., Live Stock Commissioner.

The Province of British Columbia is admirably suited for poultry raising, owing to its mild climate. Many fruit growers, while waiting for their young orchards to come into bearing, make not only a living but a profit out of their poultry.

In reviewing the market price for eggs for the last few years, we note a steady increase in price. In 1905-6, the average market price was 30 cents a dozen; for 1907-8, 40 cents a dozen. This advance in price has been accounted for in that eggs have been marketed in a cleaner, fresher condition, are being better packed, also fewer eggs have been imported into the province from the States, although last year \$1,500,000 worth of poultry and poultry produce was imported. Owing to the profit to be made from poultry raising, many poultry farms are being established; this is especially the case on Vancouver Island, and on the mainland around Vancouver, where there is a splendid local market.

The Provincial Government, realizing what a profitable industry poultry raising can be made, are aiding the various districts in establishing co-operative egg handling stations in connection with the creameries. The first of these stations has been established at Duncan. The farmers supplying eggs are furnished with a rubber number stamp, with which they stamp each egg before delivering it. The eggs are delivered on cream days at the creamery, are there candled and put on the market with a guarantee. This method of handling eggs will give a monthly cash price to the poultryman, a profit to the creamery, and a guaranteed article to the consumer. Heretofore, the average poultryman has had to sell his eggs to the village storekeeper, taking the price out in trade. This co-operative method of handling eggs should remedy this last evil, and should encourage, and build up the poultry industry, just as the creameries have built up the dairy business.

### Winter Feeding of Hens

Asked as to how he fed his hens during the winter, when they were housed in the cold air buildings, Prof. W. R. Graham, of the O.A.C., while addressing the poultrymen in Peterboro recently, replied, "Hopper feeding is not to be recommended in winter. When dark in the evening we sow wheat in the litter at the rate of a quart for every 25 hens for the morning feed. The litter is then turned over with a manure fork. "We do not go near them in the morning. The hens go to work as soon as they come from the roost. At noon fill a rack on the wall with clover hay or alfalfa. A mangel is

furnished twice a week by being hung on a nail in a convenient place. On cold days, more grain is added to the litter. At night we fill the trough full of whole corn. Beef scraps and all dry mash is before the hens at all times in hoppers. Water is supplied when the weather is not too cold, otherwise we simply shovel in snow for them."

### Information on Poultry

Much useful information concerning poultry is contained in the evidence of Mr. A. G. Gilbert, manager of the poultry division of the Central Experimental Farm as given before the select standing committee on Agriculture and Colonization in 1907-08. The evidence deals with the housing, breeding and feeding of poultry.

Information as to turkeys, geese and ducks, their proper relations, fattening, plucking and dressing, and all are dealt with. Copies of this evidence may be had free on application to A. G. Gilbert, Poultry Manager, Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa.

### Make it Widely Known

It is just possible that many good dairy farmers throughout Ontario may have not heard of the Dairy Farms Competition to be held this year. Farm and Dairy will greatly appreciate the favor if our readers will tell their neighbors about the competition and show them this copy of Farm and Dairy in which an announcement appears. To have a farm in your section win a prize in this dairy farms competition, will be a distinct credit to your locality. It will not only give you much advertising of a very desirable nature but it will tend to work improvement on other farms in the neighborhood. The spirit of progress and of farm improvement is catching once it is made manifest in any particular section.

Do not put off telling your friends about the competition. The time before the entries close is not far distant, consequently any prospective competitors should know about the competition immediately. We trust that our readers will lend us their co-operation in making this competition as widely known as possible. Farms that at a casual glance, owing to buildings that are somewhat out of date, might not seem likely prize winners, may, when under the trained eye of the judges obtain a high score. Therefore do not think that your farm would not stand a winning chance. It might easily out distance others in your neighborhood that are fitted up with an imposing house and barns.

### Sir Marcus Goes to Utah

Graham Bros. of Claremont, have just closed the sale of the celebrated champion Clydesdale stallion Sir Marcus, imp., to the Rocky Mountain Stud Farm Company, at Salt Lake City, Utah. Messrs. Graham have been very proud of this horse, as he has developed wonderfully in their hands, and they were looking forward to a big show season with him. However,

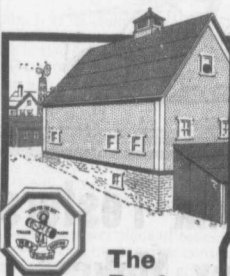
the Mormon State Association wanted him and put up the figures to a most tempting point.

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### National Record Board Meet

Considerable discussion on the rules governing the National Live Stock Records took place at the annual meeting of the National Live Stock Record Board held Friday, May 7th, at the Queen's Hotel, Toronto. As the rules now read, pure-bred animals can be registered in the Dominion records provided that the brood is affiliated with the National Record Board and provided that the owner can show the proper pedigrees. Animals eligible for registration in the Canadian Record Books can enter the country duty free. The importer, however, must be a British subject or be domiciled in Canada.

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