

however for if ever a breed started into life, with a good chance of attaining honorable old age, the white Plymouth Rock is it; it has at its back the reputation of one of the most popular and deservedly esteemed general purpose fowls, for though many deny that there can be such a breed as general purpose fowls, in a great degree they are mistaken, and one of the proofs of it is that there are two such grand varieties as the Barred and White Plymouth Rock. The Standard weights of cock and cockerel are nine-and-a-half and eight lbs., respectively; hens eight, pullets six-and-a-half lbs. Great attention is paid to a pure white plumage not at all of a creamy tinge.

Keeping Green Food in Winter.

QUR article in February Poultry Keeper, on preserving green food in summer, for use in winter, calls for a reply to the following letter sent us from Zionsville, Pa.:

"In the Poultry Keeper you give an article on preserving green food for winter use for fowls. May I ask a question? You say: 'Fill your silo or barrel closely,' etc., and 'have a head of boards which fit it nicely, but which will go down into the silo or barrel.' Now if the head goes down into the barrel it may fit nicely at the top, but as it goes down, by settling, by itself, or though winter by using out it won't fit any more, even if it be lowered only two inches and as it comes down to the middle it may not fit for three or four inches all around. Will that do, or how can that difficulty be overcome? Will not the contents be spoiled by that space? Will you please answer through Poultry Keeper as it may be of use to others also? Will a molasses barrel answer for trial?"

We will state that we personally consulted Prof. Henry L. Alvord, an expert on silos. He states that green food can be preserved in a barrel, box, hogshhead, or anything tight enough to exclude the air. The air is kept out by pressure on the top, the covering being pressed down by stones, or any other weight. The fact that a space of an inch or so may exist around the edge of the cover, after it reaches the centre of a barrel, will do no harm, as the contents will be as solid as a box of chewing tobacco by the time the barrel is full, and when wanted for use must be flaked off with a spade. Chop the green food, fill your barrel, add plenty of weight on the loose barrel head, and when it settles fill up again. If there

is any fear of the barrel have a strong box made for the purpose.

As we published the article on the subject referred to by this inquirer it will be interesting to many to read the query. As of course the head of the barrel is not the same size as the barrel itself would be all the way from top to bottom, this inquirer has asked what the result of the small edge all round the head would be where the barrel is larger, the contents would be exposed to the air somewhat. But it appears Prof. Alvord does not consider it would do any harm, but the packing needs to be very close at that part to exclude air as much as possible. A box would be much better because the top could be made to fit much closer. Should any of our readers wish to read the first article they will find it in the 1st May issue, under heading "Preserving green food for winter." The advantages of this method are many; if there are plenty of lawn clippings or clover they would benefit the stock very much; our long winters compel so long absence from such food.

For the POULTRY WEEKLY.

Re Government Grant to Poultry Association.

IN YOUR last issue I notice the Kempenfeldt Association talked over and resolved re the government grant to the Ontario. Memorializing the Minister of Agriculture will do no good. There is but one way to accomplish the end sought and that is for a sufficient number of those interested to join the Ontario and attend the annual meeting with force enough to carry the proposed amendments. That is the one and only way to do it.

The idea is, I presume to have the minor societies affiliate with the Ontario and receive a stipulated portion of the grant in the same manner as the Bee-keepers' Association grant is distributed. Nothing could be done that would create a greater interest in fowl, the grant being usually added to the prizes of the local agricultural society makes the entries more numerous and educates the masses as to what poultry should be.

If the Kempenfeldt Association can accomplish the end they have in view they will deserve the thanks of every

CANADIAN FANCIER.

At the meeting referred to we made some remarks to a similar effect, re the