

A black and white illustration of a barn with a gabled roof. Two chickens are perched on the roof, one on the left and one on the right. The barn has a small window on the right side.

THE Fourth International Egg-Laying Competition under the supervision of the Provincial Department of Agriculture, Victoria, B.C., was concluded on Oct. 9. Nineteen pens were entered in the class of non-weight varieties. There were 100 birds represented. White Leghorns, which were greatly in the majority, accounted for the first 11 places, 10 pens of Anconas, 1 pen of Silver Campines. There were six birds of each pen, and the leading pen of White Leghorns, owned by E. W. Wain, of Duncan, B.C., had 1,341 eggs in their 60-day months. The next four pens were as follows:

L. M. Ross, Cowichan,	1,242	eggs
Norie Bros., Cowichan,	1,228	eggs
W. and Park Rank, Cowichan,	1,202	eggs
W. H. and J. H. Hincks, Langford	1,121	eggs

In the class for weight varieties the following breeds were represented: Barred Rocks, White Wyandottes, Rhode Island Reds, S. C. Reds, Buff Orpingtons and White Orpingtons. The winning pen, Barred Rocks, was owned by J. Gibbs, Mission City, had 1,342 eggs; their credit, thus, exceeding the best pen of White Leghorns by the small margin of 10 eggs. The next four in order of merit were: White Wyandottes, C. Adams, Victoria, 1,212 eggs; White Wyandottes, E. D. Read, Duncan, 1,180 eggs; J. N. Clerke, Vernon, R. 180 eggs; 1,152 eggs; Buff Wyandottes, J. H. Crutenden, Westminster, 1,112 eggs.

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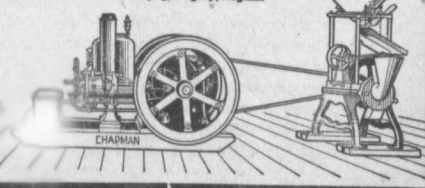
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or spray it with kerosene and zeno-
leum or kresol; that he must thor-
oughly renovate roosts and nests;
he must refill the loft with clean
straw; provide new sand and litter,
hoppers for dry mash, for grit, shells,
and charcoal, a table or shelf for pans
or crocks for water and milk, and a
cheese box of road dust or hard coal
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He must determine the capacity of his house in order that the laying flock may not be crowded. Each laying hen needs at least four square feet of floor space. If an enclosed scratching shed is included, this may be considered in making calculations of the amount of floor space. If a considerable number of old fowls are kept over, it will be worth while to divide the poultry house proportionally between old and young.

He must gather in all the young chickens from brooder houses, coops, boxes, trees, and bushes, for a thorough culling of the flock. He must give pullets, hatched in April and May, a chance to make good. They will lay in November and December if properly housed and fed. He must dispose of all old stock, except birds desired as breeders; also old roosters and cockerels, excepting those needed as breeders or for family consumption. Colony houses may be utilized for cockerels and surplus stock until they can be profitably marketed.

Two bulletins of importance have recently been issued by the Health of Animals Branch of the Federal Department of Agriculture at Ottawa. Both are of particular interest to poultrymen. One, by Dr. Chas. H. Hiegers, deals with blackhead in turkeys, and the second, edited by Dr. Hiegers, with the assistance of A. B. Wickware, has for its subject "Avian Tuberculosis." Both of these bulletins can be had free.

Coming Events

Ontario Plowmen's Association,
G.A.C., Guelph, Nov. 5, 1915.
Provincial Winter Fair, Guelph.

Ontario Horticultural Association,
Tenth Annual Convention, Nov. 10-11.
Ontario Vegetable Growers' Con-

Toronto Fat Stock Show, Union
Stock Yards, Toronto, Dec. 10-11.

Ontario Beekeepers' Convention,
Toronto, Nov. 23-25.
Alberta Winter Fair, Dec. 14-17.