

INFORMATION FOR THE FARMER.

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RECENT POULTRY EXPERIMENTS.

The latest reports on poultry experiments is that from the North Carolina station, covering the work of the last fiscal year, from which the following interesting paragraphs are taken. Warm Houses and Winter Laying.—Though the importance of warm houses is perhaps less in California than in the North Carolina, the following is interesting: The total number of eggs produced per 100 hens in the warm houses was 5,239, while the other flock laid only 4,136 eggs, during the five months of the test, leaving a balance in favor of the warm houses of 1,103 eggs, which were worth in the local market 24 cents per dozen, or \$22.06. It is thus seen that the addition of the house was a very profitable investment. This experiment clearly indicates that the extension of winter eggs is a highly important to build warm, substantial houses for the hens.

Meat Meal and Ground Bone.—It is well known that ground fresh meat and bone is a very valuable constituent for egg production. In many localities, however, it is difficult to procure fresh bones and scraps of meat from markets, and even when a supply is constantly available, it is not usually of the quality desired to grind the material for the fowls. On the other hand, beef scraps and meat meal can be bought of the poultry supply houses at any time, and being a thoroughly dry condition, can be readily mixed with other feeding stuffs. The experiment was made under the purpose of comparing meat meal with ground fresh meat and bone as materials furnishing protein in laying hens. The result was that the fowls which were fed fresh ground bone gained more in weight than those which had meat meal. The fresh bone laid 8,824 eggs, weighing 492.5 pounds, of an average weight of 12.75 grams per egg, while the meat meal lot laid only 3,269 eggs, weighing 391.2 pounds, and weighing 11.84 grams per 100. Consequently the fowls fed fresh bone not only gained more in weight but they also laid more and larger eggs. During the experiment four of the fowls which received meat meal died and were replaced by others. At the time it was thought that they were killed by the poison present in the meat meal. The fowls receiving fresh ground meat and bone remained healthy during the entire test. Of course with meat meal the quality of the results might have been different, and consumers are advised when purchasing meat meal or bones to see that they are obtaining a perfectly fresh article.

Nitrogenous Food for Growing Chickens.—Very little careful work has been done to determine how nitrogenous or narrow a ration should be for growing chickens, and indeed it is quite probable that no general rule can be given. The ration best suited for the production of broilers, which are forced as rapidly as possible until they reach a certain market size, may not be best for the production of breeders in which vigor and strength are more essential than the influence of the food upon the health and development of the fowl was very marked. The nitrogenous chicks were vigorous and healthy at all times, while the carbonaceous ones were sickly, poorly feathered, and had very little appetite for their food. The addition of animal protein seems to be necessary for poultry, and perhaps the poor development of the carbonaceous lot was caused as much by this factor as by the composition of the ration. Of the two breeds the White Leghorns seemed to be much better able to resist the carbonaceous ration than the White Wyandottes. In the same pen the fact that the composition of the ration should depend to a certain extent upon the age of the fowls was shown in the eighth annual report, in which it is fed his has already been observed. In an experiment conducted at the New York Geneva station, and reported in the eighth annual report, it was found that "the larger broods did somewhat better on the nitrogenous ration, and the smaller broods did better with the less nitrogenous."

Green Food for Laying Hens.—During the year the importance of a liberal supply of green food has been studied with two flocks of White Leghorn fowls about five years old. The first green food began July 14, 1899, and was continued for twelve periods of thirty days each. White Leghorn hens and four cocks were divided into two similar flocks and placed in two houses situated side by side. Both flocks were allowed runs 15 feet wide and 100 feet long, and both lots of fowls had access at all times to the green food and other herbage. Their respective rations, for the first five periods pen 2. During the abundance of cabbage, rape and apples in addition to the grass of the pen. During the next three periods the green food was given to pen 2 instead of pen 1; then for two periods pen 1 again received green food, and finally, for the last two periods of the test, the green food was furnished to pen 2. During the 800 days of the experiment the fowls which did not receive green food consumed sixty-one pounds of the same materials. White Leghorn fowls which were at least five years old, and laid eggs each when supplied with an abundance of green food, and only 90 eggs when not supplied with green food.

In view of the fact that in the presence or absence of green food would exert its greatest influence in winter, when eggs are highest in price, it seems very important to supply fowls during that season with some kind of green food, and in summer to allow them a run sufficiently large so that there will be an abundance of succulent vegetable matter for them at all times. An Experiment Concerning the Fertility of Eggs.—In the spring of 1900 about 25 per cent. of the eggs produced from the fowls at the station farm were infertile; of the fertile eggs only about 65 per cent. would hatch, and the chickens which were produced were not strong and vigorous. The eggs were principally laid by pullets which had been used during the winter in various experiments concerning egg production. The fowls had been kept in flocks of twenty in laying houses, and had been fed quite heavily on a mixture of wheat and corn grain was scattered in the little in the houses at night, and in addition to the waste of scratch or the grain, each flock was allowed a run 15 feet wide and 100 feet long. The hens and pullets were apparently very healthy, and plenty of eggs were obtained, but they would not hatch well. The experiment began on Feb. 15th, when a flock of White Leghorn fowls was selected to study the influence of unrestricted range upon the hatching of the eggs. One-half of the flock was allowed to range over a run in the house and yard to which it was accustomed, while the remainder of the flock was kept in a restricted range. Both lots of fowls were fed the same ration, but it was observed that the same as much food as those confined, which was probably due to the larger number of birds and worms which they were able to find. The average of these tests showed that about three times as many of the eggs laid by the confined

VALUE OF CLOVER FERTILIZER.

It may be interesting to know how much clover fertilizer will add to the soil. Experiments have shown that clover will produce not over two tons of roots per acre. If this be true the amount of nitrogen furnished would be a hundred pounds, and if a like weight of the tops were also turned under the total would be two hundred pounds, or sufficient nitrogen to supply four crops at a rate of 25 bushels per acre in fertilizing value 1,000 pounds of barnyard manure. It is not alone the nitrogen that is thus added to the soil, for clover is a very deep feeder, the roots of the clover plant having been traced over 25 feet into the subsoil. The plant is a great prospector for food and thus loosens the soil to great depths, admitting air and moisture, which act in further decomposing the soil. It is worth considering a few figures revealed by analysis of clover and certain other plants. Assuming that the yield of clover tops and roots is each two tons per acre, turning under would render 598 pounds of inorganic matter more available for crops than the yield of clover. The tops and roots is each two tons per acre, turning under would render 598 pounds of inorganic matter more available for crops than the yield of clover.

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INFORMATION BUREAU.

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WANTED—An experienced waitress in retail dry goods store. Apply in own handwriting to P. O. Box 485, Victoria Station.

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WANTED—A young girl to assist at housework. Apply in the morning, 9 Queen's avenue.

WANTED—SITUATIONS. YOUNG MAN fairly well educated, desires position as office assistant. Would go north or to any part of the province. Address Y. Z. R., Colonist.

WANTED—Position as bookkeeper. Good local references. Address B. H., this office.

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WANTED—SITUATION by respectable woman with child 6 months old, as housekeeper or nurse in country or city. Address M. L., Colonist.

POSITION WANTED—in any capacity, wholesale or retail grocery, hardware or building trade, or domestic work. Any person reliable, steady married man. Excellent references. Address X., Colonist.

LOST AND FOUND. LOST—On Monday from James Bay Fire Hall, a pure white fox terrier bitch. Finder will be rewarded on returning, 413 Fort street.

FOUND—On Douglas street, Friday afternoon, a fur box. Owner can have same by returning expenses. Apply at 413 Fort street.

LOST—From a Stanley avenue, for terrier dog, white, with black ears and tail. Colored and full particulars to G. A. Hadwin, Secretary, at the Victoria Station. In case of persons wishing to employ help, particulars as to the kind of work to be done, the number of men or women, the wages, etc., in the case of persons wishing employment, the following should be given: Name and address, occupation, and the date when desired to start.

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LOST—Between Cook street and town, an old-fashioned eye-glass. Reward at this office. Address M. L., Colonist.

STRAYED—To the premises of Mr. Clayton, Esplanade Road, fox terrier. The owner can have same by proving property and paying expenses. Apply at 413 Fort street. Three days will be allowed.

TO LET—FURNISHED ROOMS. FURNISHED ROOM in private house on car line. Good location. Terms moderate. Apply A. T., Colonist office.

TO LET—A suite of housekeeping rooms, complete. Apply 54 Humboldt St.

TO LET—Two large well furnished front bedrooms. 144 Menzies street.

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COMFORTABLE furnished front rooms. Apply at 129 Yates street.

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LARGE FURNISHED ROOM suitable for one or two gentlemen. 53 Michican St.

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PERSONAL. THE PERSON who was seen picking up a velvet bag on Yates street, Saturday night, will be allowed to deliver same to chief of police.

A good first class barber wanted at the "Willows." Guarantee of two gentlemen three times a week each.

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ENTERTAINMENTS.

THE COMPANIONS OF THE FOREST will hold their 7th annual picnic on Friday, April 19th, in the A. O. U. Hall, tickets, gentlemen and lady, \$1.00, child 50c, lady 50c.

FOR SALE—HOTELS. HOTELS FOR SALE—Call and see our List 40 Government street. B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited.

TO RENT—STORES. TO LET—Suitable for fancy store, etc. the premises on the northeast corner of Fort and Douglas streets. Will be most desirable for suit incoming tenant.

TO RENT—WAREHOUSE. TO LET—Fireproof warehouse, 22 1/2 feet, \$30 per month; rooms and offices Barton street. Apply 40 Government street. B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited.

WANTED—ROOM AND BOARD. WANTED—By young man, room and board. Terms reasonable. Apply Mrs. W. J. W. 40 Government street.

YOUNG MAN of temperate habits wishes board and room in private family. Address G. R., care of Colonist.

TO LET—ROOM AND BOARD. ROOM AND BOARD for a few young men. Terms reasonable. Apply Mrs. W. J. W. 40 Government street.

COMFORTABLE HOME FOR GENTLEMEN, with first class board. Terms, one dollar per day. References exchanged. Apply 1129 Yates street.

FURNISHED ROOMS TO LET—With use of bath. Apply 62 Rae St.

TO LET—GOVERNMENT OFFICES. TO LET—Government office in Tronca Alley, with large vault. E. C. B. Bagnshaw, 15 Tronca Avenue.

WANTED—TO RENT. WANTED—By June 15th, a furnished cottage, near sea, with all modern conveniences. State terms. Apply Mrs. Freeborn, 1129 Yates street.

WANTED—RANCH, small; house; stabling; orchard. Particulars to V. Lator, Colonist office.

WANTED IMMEDIATELY—By couple without children, a cottage or small house. Gas and modern conveniences necessary. Address A. P., Colonist office.

WANTED—TO EXCHANGE. An old style magazine cabinet, Eastman makes, No. 154, a first class instrument, will exchange for a more modern one, make address "Photo," this office.

WANTED—MISCELLANEOUS. WANTED—At W. G. Eden's, 125 Fort street, old copper, brass, zinc, bottles, coal oil tins, rubber bottles, etc.

WANTED—Seven good milk cows. E. M. Nodde, 12 Store street.

WANTED—Second hand garden roller, in good condition. Apply 129 Yates street. To W. F. Corfield, Victoria (West) P. O.

WANTED—Home workers to typewrite, bookbinding, and other work. Apply to Moncton, N. S.

WANTED—Coal oil cans. Apply J. J. Melor, 78 Fort Street.

WANTED—Second hand Hubbard Portable oven in good condition. Address R. M. L., this office.

PAMPELTS AND MUSIC to bind at low prices. The Colonist Bindery, Broad street.

WANTED—Two wheels, ladies' and gent's, must be cheap and in good condition. F. W. P. C. Colonist office.

FOR SALE—RESIDENCES. FOR SALE—A nice cottage and lot close to car line. Price \$800 on easy terms. Apply to Heisterman & Co., 75 Government street.

FOR SALE—That desirable property known as "Maplecroft," Dallas Road, consisting of 100 acres, with a large house, bath, tennis lawn, etc. Terms and price upon application. J. Fred Hume.

FOR SALE—10-roomed house and corner lot, Vancouver and View street. \$2,400. J. W. Melor.

A BARGAIN—Four-roomed cottage and good-sized lot just off the Burnside road, close to city. For \$420. Apply 40 Government street.

BLANCHARD STREET—A nice cottage in good location. \$1,500. Apply 40 Government street. B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited.

DALLAS ROAD—Modern 3-roomed dwelling, lot 60x240, tennis court, etc., will be sold for \$1,500. Apply 40 Government street. B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited.

EIGHT-ROOM HOUSE—Good stable and two lots, each 60x130—only 10 miles from post office. Assessed \$3,000. B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited.

JAMES BAY—Two 6-roomed houses, 2850 acres. Will be sold on very easy terms. Apply to Heisterman & Co., 75 Government street.

STANLEY AVE—New cottage, 6 rooms, hot and cold water, bath, etc. good building. Price \$2,600. Apply 40 Government street.

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LOT 671—Cottage of 6 rooms, \$1,100, exceptionally easy terms. Apply 40 Government street. B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited.

FOURTH STREET—2 1/2 acres, has been under cultivation; price \$1,750; \$250 down, balance on time, with interest at 6 per cent. Apply 40 Government street. B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited.

FOR SALE—Good two-story house and lot, 40 Government street, \$1,500. Apply 40 Government street. B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited.

ROCKLAND AVENUE—Nine-roomed modern dwelling, over two acres of ground, stable, etc. \$4,000. B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited.

SAN JUAN AVE—Good 6-roomed modern cottage; nice view of Victoria. Apply 40 Government street. B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited.

RITHEF STREET—Good five-roomed cottage; bath, hot and cold water, well laid out; 130 feet deep; \$1,400; very easy terms. Apply 40 Government street. B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited.

GREAT BARGAIN—Six-roomed house in good repair and close to car line, only \$415. Apply 40 Government street. B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited.

FOR SALE—REAL ESTATE. COTTAGE—Near Douglas, two lots, \$1,000 each. Apply 40 Government street. B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited.

HUMBOLDT STREET—One lot, in a desirable locality, \$800. Apply 40 Government street. B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited.

OSWEGO STREET—Nice five-roomed cottage, bath, etc. good garden, lot 55x120. Apply 40 Government street. B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited.

ROSS BAY—8 acres, good soil and ready for cultivation. Fine view of Victoria. Apply to Strain, Cheap. Apply 45 Government street.

STRAVREBY VALE PARK—3 1/2 miles from city, in blocks of five acres each, cheap, and very easy terms: from \$40 to \$100 per acre. Apply 40 Government street. B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited.

WEAVER STREET—Two fine waterfront lots, exceptionally cheap; \$7,000 for the two. Apply 40 Government street. B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited.

LOT 120x330—Five minutes from centre of the city; only \$2,000. Apply 40 Government street. B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited.

VICTORIA WEST—Corner of Mary and Frederick streets, two lots for \$800; make a fine building site. Apply to Strain, cheap. Apply 40 Government street. B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited.

NIAGARA STREET—1 1/2 lots and two-story dwelling, \$1,600; exceptionally cheap. Apply to Heisterman & Co., 75 Government street. B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited.

JAMES BAY—St. James street, near Menzies, two nice lots, \$1,000. Apply 40 Government street. B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited.

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PORT STREET—Part of the Heywood Estate, including 6000 sq. ft. of building site; price \$1,500. Apply 40 Government street. B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited.

YATES STREET—Near corner of Douglas, fully-furnished, \$2,400. Apply 40 Government street. B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited.

VICTORIA WEST—Several good lots, from \$400 to \$600 each. Apply 40 Government street. B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited.

OAK BAY—A few good water lots. Apply 40 Government street. B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited.

PEMBROKE STREET—Between Government and Douglas streets, a fine lot, 30x100, \$900 each. Apply 40 Government street. B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited.

FOR SALE—FARM LANDS. FOR SALE—Improved farm at Chemung, Good house and outbuildings, best market and close to Victoria. Apply to Heisterman & Co., 75 Government street.

LAKE DISTRICT—About 50 acres, partly cleared, including beautiful farm, very good soil, all level ground, cheap. Apply 40 Government street. B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited.

VICTORIA ARM—Five acres, all under cultivation, and good building site. Apply 40 Government street. B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited.

LAKE DISTRICT—16 acres, all under cultivation, 7-roomed house, good garden, orchard, will exchange for one acre and 2000 ft. of frontage. Apply 40 Government street. B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited.

SOOKE—69 acres and lake, \$3,000. Apply to Heisterman & Co., 75 Government street. B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited.

VICTORIA AND LAKE DISTRICTS—Office 700 acres, within 6 miles from post office, 200 acres under cultivation; splendid soil, or will sell for \$500 per acre. Apply 40 Government street. B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited.

GORDON HEAD—Part of Section 54, Victoria District; 10