

giving the trunks a thin coating of lime wash in which a little sulphur should be mixed. If this were done thoroughly, early in the spring, before the trees have leafed out, there would not be the necessity to spray before the blossoms have fallen to prevent the apple scab, but it could be done effectually after the fruit had begun to swell and thus the damage could be prevented, and the bee keeper would not suffer.

And as soon as growth commences, as of old, the tares will come up with the wheat or in other words, weeds will come up with the crop, and then the need of promptness will be apparent. I remember a half acre of carrots being neglected *one day* when they were fit to hoe and thin; the next day a showery time set in and that patch of carrots was a nuisance and an expense and never made a good crop after all.

As we have said, spring time is, in Nature, a season of activity and life; the cultivators privilege is to aid in the development of life and bring it to full and profitable maturity. The only thing he is justified in killing are weeds and insects; certainly not time, for, as it has been well said:

Kill time to-day and to your sorrow,
He'll stare you in the face to-morrow.
Kill him again, and 'tis most true,
You may kill time, till time kills you.

Judgement to plan, promptness to execute, perseverance in the face of difficulties, determination to use every effort to succeed, with a firm reliance upon that Providence which has promised that seed-time and harvest shall not fail, are the qualities we must cultivate to achieve success.

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QUEBEC POULTRY SHOW.

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Too much praise cannot be given to the enterprise and indefatigable exertions which the managers of the Quebec Pet and Poultry Association have devoted to the good cause of encouraging the raising of superior poultry, and when we look back upon the days when our farm yards were over run by a race of draggle-tailed, miserable mongrels to which no attention was paid, and contrast them with the marvellous specimens of the pure breeds, or well assorted crosses of the present day which were exhibited on this occasion, we must acknowledge, that poultry has kept

pace with the improved methods of farming. The importance of the industry, from an economical point of view, is, or has not been, appreciated as it should be, but it is hoped that it is coming more to the front, and that our farmers will see that a homestead is not well equipped without its well ordered and carefully tended poultry yard.

With the present facilities of shipping, and the markets which the supply will create, now we can fill them with well fed birds in good condition; and with eggs of undisputed freshness, there need be no fear, for a long time to come, at least, but that poultry keeping, if intelligently and systematically managed, will be amply remunerative.

It will therefore be evident that gentlemen who devote their time and talents to the development of this industry are public benefactors and deserve credit as such; only those who have attempted to take a leading part in getting up such exhibitions can imagine the thousand minor details that must be attended to, to insure success, and how these usually devolve upon a few of the most active of the committee. In this case, every member seemed to do what was required of him, and, headed by their most active and untiring President Mr. Wm. Lee, succeeded in bringing together over 600 pens of the choicest fowls, and a host of visitors to admire them and learn some useful lessons from the sight.

The judging was done by an expert, Mr. Ulley of Montreal, and gave full satisfaction. This method of judging at all exhibitions is far better than the old one of employing several judges. There certainly is an old saying that: "In the multitude of councillors there is safety," but the maxim does not apply in all cases, and one good conscientious censor is much more likely to arrive at a correct conclusion quickly than when two or three have to express an opinion which is not always unanimous, and the best judge is puzzled rather than assisted by his coadjutors.

A number of valuable trophies were presented by the public spirited merchants and others of Quebec, and the government subsidy of \$200 was, in this instance, money well invested. Ecstacy was given to the Exhibition by its being opened by the Lieutenant Governor, attended by the Mayor of Quebec, the Minister of Agriculture, and several members of the Legislature.

The prize list is too extensive to give in detail, but it is gratifying to remark that Quebec held its