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MACDONALD COLLEGE, QUE. CANADA.

Poultry Department.

March 8th., 1922.

Dr. F.C. Harrison,  
College.

Dear Dr. Harrison:-

I beg to enclose a statement of estimates for the construction of two poultry houses and the remodelling of two houses with a view toward increasing the number of birds to be carried by the Poultry Department. 1

The principal feature of importance is that the contemplated increase in stock will enable us to much more satisfactorily supply annual requirements, not only for commercial eggs but also for hatching eggs, day-old chicks and breeding stock. We have never been able to supply the normal demand for eating eggs and every year we have always had to refuse many orders for hatching eggs, day-old chicks and breeding stock. Already this season we have more orders for day-old chicks than we can possibly fill. 2

Another significant feature is that an increased stock capacity will enable us to handle our labour more efficiently. We hope to be able to carry the 700 birds in addition to our present capacity on practically the same amount of labour, the item of \$300.00 for labour in the estimates being included to take care of slight increases in salary to the three men we now have. 3 4

The 700 birds will be divided into three units, one unit of 300 Barred Plymouth Rocks, one unit of 200 Rhode Island Reds and one unit of 200 White Leghorns. Each unit will be managed on the basis of a commercial farm flock, no trap-nesting being done but records being kept of feed consumption and egg production, the results to serve as a demonstration to farmers as to what can be expected under ordinary conditions of practice. }