



Cost Low or Price High

N. C. Bedford, Dominion Poultry Husbandman

Owing to the high cost of feed it may cost more this year than usual to produce new laid eggs but by careful management the average cost of one dozen of eggs may be kept as low as usual. It is at the production end that producers should aim to economize and it is better to save at this end than to expect extreme prices. This is always the case and especially will it be so this winter, when everything the consumer has to buy will be dear and money to pay for it scarce. It will be a loyal act to study how cheaply the eggs can be produced rather than how much can be charged for them.

Prof. Edward Brown, the veteran poultryman of England, made a sug-

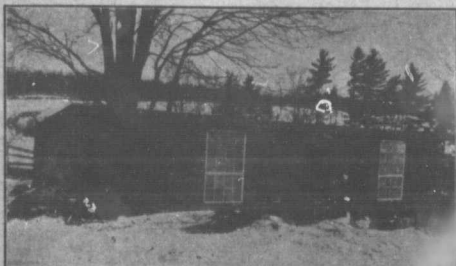
gest of farming, and our first inclination was to sell the scrubs and buy pure-bred poultry of the breed we favored. Our capital, however, was not as large as our ideas, and we had to go slow. We kept the poultry on the place and did the best we could with them. They just about paid their way and supplied the table with eggs.

Next spring we bought two settings of White Leghorn eggs from a breeder in the United States who is a trap net specialist. We paid a long price for the eggs; a price that would have got us eight or 10 settings of ordinary good pure-bred eggs. We have raised 50 chickens. From these we have bred our present good-sized flock. We have got into the very best blood at a comparatively small initial expense. We advocate our method for the general adoption of people of limited means who desire the best.

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gestion the other day to English breeders, which suggestion even from this distance sounds good. He thought that as so many poultry breeders in Great Britain had done business with Belgian poultrymen, who in all probability were killed, or at least have had all their stock destroyed, that these English breeders, as soon as the smoke of battle had cleared away, might donate to their old customers and friends in Belgium, sufficient breeding stock to enable them to start up again.

This suggestion of Prof. Brown's is worthy of a Britisher and though Canadian poultry breeders may not be able to do this, they can show their loyalty by producing as many new laid eggs as possible for this winter and at the least possible cost. Strictly new laid eggs in the winter time are worth a good price and the man who can produce them deserves credit and extra remuneration but let us hope that this winter, by better care and management, we will have enough new laid eggs that we can supply the customers at a price which is within the reach of those who must have them.

Getting into Good Stock

Jas. Atwar, Alberta

When we bought our farm we took in the stock that was on the place, including a lot of scrub poultry. Scrubs of any kind had no place in

ing secured. Prof. Graham explains his method as follows:

"We try to simplify our methods and use only the common foods, and at the present time are using as whole grains, wheat, corn and buckwheat. These grains are fed in equal parts, both morning and evening. The morning food is fed the previous evening after the hens have gone to roost, by sowing it on the litter, and then turning the litter over; the straw is now on top and the grain below and when the hens get up in the morning, they start to dig out the grain, and are kept busy all forenoon. At noon we feed mangels, cabbage or clover hay. The night feed consists of the whole grain fed in troughs, and what the birds do not eat is taken up. Rotted oats are kept constantly before the hens in hoppers. Buttermilk only is given as drink."

Poultry Painters

Dampness in the hen house is a serious proposition at this time of the year especially, and is one of the surest means of promoting disease.

Examine vigorous males from time to time and note condition of spurs and testicles. Sharp points and, particularly, sharp edges on testicles of the males may result in torn backs in females. You can't afford to take chances of losing one of your best breeders through such injury.



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