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Ans.—From the description given I am of the opinion that the trouble is due either to some feed the hens are getting or to drinking barn-yard water. Where birds are fed heavily on this year's crop of grain or where they get a considerable amount of musty corn, conditions similar to what you describe are not uncommon. The remedy, of course, is to remove the cause as far as possible and to give the birds a dose of salts or other physic, ordinarily a teaspoonful to a dessert spoonful to the sick birds at intervals. of forty-eight hours, and for the general flock a pound of salts to one hundred birds at intervals of five or six days for two or three doses. This can be given in the drinking water or mixed in a mash. W. R. G.

Quarterly Payment of Salary.

A young girl goes to Parry Sound District to her first school. The trustees sign an agreement to pay her salary quarterly. She began teaching on Sept. 3. Should the trustees pay her a month's salary at the end of September, which was the end of the first quarter of the year, or does the end of the first quarter of the school year come on December 1? If the trustees state that as there is no money in the treasury they are unable to pay her, are they breaking their agreement?

Ans.—Simcoe County correspondent inquiries whether a teacher who is to be paid quarterly beginning to teach on the 1st September is entitled to the first payment on the 30th of September or on the 30th November. A condition in the case in point is that the trustees say that they have no money in the treasury to pay on the 30th Sept.

In some counties "quarterly days" are statutorily defined. The Ontario School Law employs the term quarterly but does not interpret it. The clause in the printed form of agreement supplied by the Education Department reads as follows: and further agree that they and their successors in office will pay such salary to the said teacher at least quarterly". The obvious meaning of this is that instalments of salary shall be paid not less frequently than three months apart. In the instance under notice, providing that the unaltered form of agreement was used, the first payment will be due on the 1st of December.

The law meets the case of no funds in the treasury by specific provision for borrowing on the promissory note of the board of trustees under its corporate seal. 1 Edw. VII, c. 39 s. 65 (10).

Veterinary.

Doubtful Cure of Fistulous Withers.

Mare has been cured withers, on the opposite side of the withers there are three small pimples which appear to contain pus. She goes lame.

Ans.-If a cure has really taken place and these are simply superficial absesses all that needs to be done is to lance them and then flush out the cavaties 3 times daily with 5 per cent. solution of carbolic acid until healed. If the fistula has not been successfully treated the appearance of these "small pimples" indicate that another operation by a veterinarian is

Harry Lauder paid a visit to the western front some time ago. While standing before a great barbed-wire barricade he asked a Highlander how long he thought the war would last. "Forty years," said the Highlander, never moving an eyelid. "We'll be fighting another year, and then it'll tak' us thrity-nine wors more to wind up the wire." years more to wind up the wire."

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