

housing, feed, etc., were asked for and received in the words "the ducks were put in a dry coop at night, fed on boiled wheat and had a range of 90 x 120 feet. When examined after death they were fat but there was a running from the eyes." Instructions as to proper care and treatment of ducklings were sent and results were beneficial. In the same locality turkeys and geese have done well.

There are several wide awake poultry fanciers and breeders in and about the pretty town of Cobourg. One of the breeders of that locality, under date Aug. 4th inst., writes: "I have had a good season in both eggs and chickens. Have found the customers you referred me to very satisfactory and have shipped to them and a club all summer at good prices. I am receiving at present (Aug. 4) 18 cents per dozen for eggs. Am sending two cases per week." And the eggs, it is but fair to add, were non-fertilized and *strictly fresh*. And all eggs sold by farmer or dealer should be the same. But they are not, and more the pity. Eighteen cents per dozen was a good price at the beginning of August. A good name, made so by good goods, is always sure to bring its reward. While the reliable article of my correspondent brought 18 cents per dozen, the uncertain article in farmers waggon, or corner grocery, brought from 9 to 12 cents. What was the cause? Lack of knowledge of proper up to date methods, or downright carelessness. If any of your readers desires a good market for new laid eggs of fair size, let them write to the REVIEW and the information will be forthcoming. All the effort necessary is to produce the article required.

The following from a friend is not an unusual experience: "My three white Java pullets were doing well until about ten days ago, when my neighbour's cat thought it would like some fresh pullet and laid claim on them, as well as six B. P. Rocks. When I arrived home I so riddled that cat's hide that it will never live so high again." There is nothing in poultrydom more unsatisfactory than raising thoroughbred chicks wherewith to fatten your neighbours cats.

The announcement made by the Minister of Agriculture at the recent meeting of cheese and butter shippers in Montreal that it was the intention of the Government to offer increased cold storage facilities on cars and steamboats for shipment to the English market of perishable food products, will be hailed with satisfaction. In the list eggs and a superior class of poultry are included. If we can establish a trade with England in fine poultry and eggs the immediate result will be a demand for the superior article at a higher price. The inferior article will find its own level.

An extensive trade with England would make prices better at home. Hence there will be another incentive to produce a superior class of turkeys, chickens and eggs. With a market in England worth twenty-two millions of dollars and a country so well adapted for egg and poultry production as ours there should be no difficulty in producing the required article.

A GOOD EXAMPLE.

The fanciers and breeders of Almonte are a go-ahead community. They not only breed good birds but encourage the farmers in the surrounding districts to go more into thoroughbred stock. Among the number of poultry breeders referred to there is none more enterprising or successful than Mr. Will F. Lowe, well known to your readers. I have a letter from him saying that he has got a number of special prizes to be offered for competition at the fall fair of the North Lanark Association. The specials are for competition among the farmers, in the poultry department of the show, and is an example that other Associations cannot imitate too quickly. As to the beneficial results to the farmer there can be no doubt. On the other hand, it will benefit poultry breeders by creating a demand for thoroughbred stock. I give the list of specials, by whom given, and what for, as follows: Special prizes offered by members of Almonte Poultry Association for exhibit of fowls bred and owned by farmers in riding of North Lanark: For heaviest fowl bred and exhibited by a farmer, first prize one buff Leghorn cockerel, given by Mr. W. F. Lowe, valued at \$5; second prize, one S.L. Wyandotte cockerel, given by Mr. Thomas Lodge, valued at \$3. For best display of fowls by a farmer, one buff Leghorn cockerel, valued at \$5, given by Mr. W. F. Lowe. For best pair silver or golden Wyandottes bred and owned by a farmer, one pair S.L. Wyandotte chicks, valued at \$6, given by Mr. F. J. Blake. For best pair black Minorca chicks, bred and owned by a farmer, one black Minorca cockerel, valued at \$4, given by Mr. P. McGregor. For best pair white Leghorn chicks, bred and owned by a farmer, one white Leghorn cockerel, valued at \$2.50, given by Mr. R. Craig. Other prizes yet to come. There has been no move among the poultry Associations of the country that will tend more to create a taste for and interest in thoroughbred poultry by the farming community than the action, as described above, by the members of the Almonte Poultry Association, through Mr. Lowe. It is a new feature in our county shows, which are essentially gatherings of *bona fide* farmers. It is an important phase in modern poultry development. It is a practical step a long way in advance of present methods.