

POULTRY DEPT.

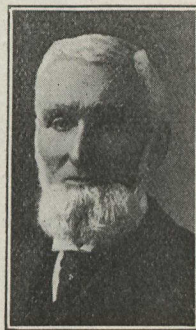
Conducted by S. Short, Ottawa

While glancing through the columns of a New York publication a short time ago, I noticed a real estate agent's advertisement of half-acre suburban garden lots on Long Island. One of the inducements was "why toil in the close, dirty city when for a trifling sum one of these most desirable lots could be purchased and a healthy, happy and profitable living could be made raising 10,000 chickens a year." What rot! As far as the chickens are concerned anybody would have a hard time raising 500 healthy, properly reared chicks on half an acre. A half-acre lot measures about 120 by 200 feet. Taking for the house, buildings and roadway, the front 50 feet, leaves a plot 120 by 150 and divide that into four runs 60 by 75 feet and then put 100 birds into each run and that is about the limit. I mention this as a warning to any one, who is not posted, not to believe statements such as real estate and other interested parties make in regard to the fine living that can be made on small pieces of ground. From my own experience, I would judge that, in this province, an able-bodied man could not make more than a comfortable living from less than two or three acres and then he would have to do most of the work himself and grow only the choicest of small fruits and vegetables and assist or augment his income by the production and marketing of fresh eggs in winter.

While the poultrymen and farmers are accused of charging exorbitant prices for eggs and poultry at the present time, the blame is not due to them but to the causes that have made the price of wheat soar so high the last six months. Once during the summer, the dealer made it a favor to supply any at all and then such trash that it was nearly unfit for food; therefore, poultry keeping at the present time is by no means an easy or sure means of livelihood.

A Well-Known Horticulturist

Among those who have been subscribers to THE CANADIAN HORTICULTURIST from its inception, over 31 years ago, to the present day, is Mr. B. Gott, of Strathroy, Ont. He was born in Lincolnshire, England, May 24,



Mr. B. Gott

1833, and emigrated with his father's family to Canada in 1845, where he became educated and fitted for business. He landed in Port Stanley near St. Thomas, Ont., then a promising new country and took to farming. Mr. Gott was early dedicated to gardening, being, while very young, the family gardener and so growing up with a deep-seated love for the useful and beautiful in nature. He thus early came to feel the deep importance of mental training and so put himself to secure the fullest common school advantages to be had in that day for culture and attainment. Passing through the Normal School at Toronto in 1861, he became a licensed common school teacher for several years, at the conclusion of which he was enabled to own a nice 25-acre lot near Arkona, Lambton county, and there he made his name and early commenced his business as a practical nurseryman and fruit grower.

"In this business," recently wrote Mr. Gott, in reply to an enquiry from THE CANADIAN HORTICULTURIST, "I am happy to say, through the kindly helpfulness of friends and of the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association, I was tolerably successful. Then I became associated with honored names, the founders of the fruit growing interests of this country, such as, D. W. Beadle, McD. Allen, P. C. Dempsey, Dr. Wm. Saunders, and the very eminent Rev. Dr. Burnett, our honored president and one of the best fruit judges that I ever saw.

Many a time have I dogged his steps around the tables to be able to understand more perfectly the business of judging fruits and as a result of this, I have been enabled to retain, to the present, some 50 or more badges and medals in judging fruits.

"In 1878, THE CANADIAN HORTICULTURIST was launched, a small 24-page monthly as a good assistant in our work," continued Mr. Gott. "We were much elated by it and each one contributed to its humble pages and under the able and efficient editorship of the cultured and profound Beadle, it attained a large circulation. Many an hour, have I taken from work to spend in silent scribbling for its pages to give what little I could glean from the business for the help and encouragement of others like myself who were intensely delighted by the prospect of more and better fruit for the people of this great and growing country. And even to-day, after the 76 years of my growth, I am still pleased and instructed by the large and cheerful pages of THE CANADIAN HORTICULTURIST though edited by other hands than Mr. Beadle and later Linus Woolverton, who so ably controlled it for many years.

"I am to-day still busying myself in the garden with the beautiful world of flowers and get the fruits brought to me. I love the flowers not merely for the money that is in them but for their own sakes and their beauties in form and color and am making now a specialty of gladioli, and also of dahlias, cannas, petunias and latterly lilies and peonies. Truly, horticulture in all its branches is the most becoming and appropriate work of our men and our women!"

The first annual report of the Quebec Society for the Protection of Plants from Insects and Fungous Diseases contains much valuable information. It has been well compiled and illustrated. The work of this organization is expected to do much towards preventing the yearly loss to the cultivated crops of Quebec that is occasioned by these pests. The president is Prof. W. Lochhead, and the secretary, Mr. Douglas Weir, both of Macdonald College.

COMING EVENTS

Under this heading, notices of forthcoming exhibitions and meetings of horticultural importance will be published. Send the information as long in advance as possible.

CONVENTIONS.

- Toronto, Ontario Vegetable Growers' Association Nov. 11.
- Toronto, Canadian Horticultural Association Nov. 10-11.
- Toronto, Ontario Fruit Growers' Association Nov. 10-11.
- Toronto Ontario Horticultural Association Nov. —
- Macdonald College, Que., Quebec Pomological Society Dec. 8-9.
- Victoria, British Columbia Fruit Growers' Association Jan. 28.

EXHIBITIONS.

- Denver, Colo., Colorado National Apple Exposition Dec. 6-12.
- Halifax, Nova Scotia Provincial Sept. 25-Oct. 2.
- Middleton, N.S., District Fruit Show Oct. 6-8.
- New Westminster Oct. 12-16.
- Spokane, Wash., National Apple Show... Nov. 15-20.
- Toronto, Ontario Horticultural. Nov. 9-13.

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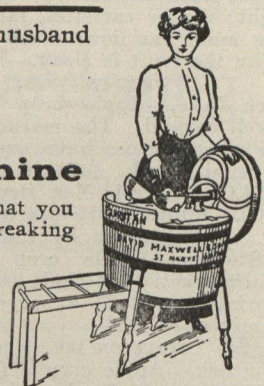
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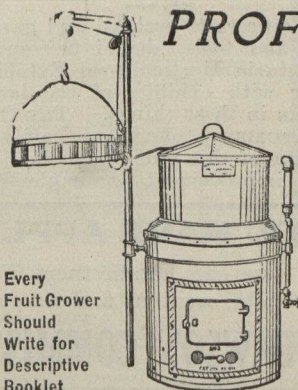
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