

being killed and plucked 6 pounds 4 ounces. A pair of such chickens would have made a weight of 12 pounds and 8 ounces, and would have been quickly bought by any leading dealer in Montreal at 10 cents per pound, or \$1.20 per pair.

RECORD OF EGG YIELDS FOLLOWING DECREASED RATIONS.

The following figures show the results of the reduced ration. The beneficial result we contend is apparent in the increased egg yield. I will now compare the egg yield of the months of November and December of 1894, 1895 and 1896 to prove my contention :—

Year.	No. of Hens.	November.	December.
1894 .....	185	114	538
1895 .....	218	160	943
1896 .....	204	508	1,466

*By Mr. Broder :*

Q. That is for the season ?

A. That is for the months of November and December of the years named.

*By Mr. McMillan :*

Q. Can you give us the number of eggs for the season ?

A. Yes. I have the figures and may as well do so now as later on. I mention the results for the months of November and December to show the increase we attributed to the reduced rations. I will now give you the totals for the different years named and which I consider is a further proof of my contention. With 204 fowls we had the following return in eggs :—

1893 .....	8,931
1894 .....	9,661
1895 .....	11,452
1896 .....	14,408

1896 is the year following the reduction in rations.

RECORD OF COMPARATIVE EGG YIELDS, BY MONTHS.

The egg yield of the whole year, as compared with that of the three previous years, will best show any beneficial results from the decrease in quantity of food. The year is dated from the beginning of November of one year to the end of October of the year following, for the reason that winter laying has usually begun in November. The figures are as follows :—

November (1893).....	90	114	160	568
December (1893).....	250	538	943	1,466
January.....	777	819	1,469	1,591
February.....	791	1,080	1,411	1,351
March.....	1,644	1,387	1,569	1,668
April.....	1,939	1,823	1,934	2,139
May.....	1,650	1,603	1,699	1,846
June.....	1,066	1,134	897	1,190
July.....	941	456	682	859
August.....	386	438	395	736
September.....	236	246	143	655
October.....	161	23	150	339
	8,931	9,661	11,452	14,408