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ment of agriculture thousands annually in an effort to stamp it out, and the end is not yet. Hence, I would say beekeeping is a business to be taken up either as a specialty, or as a side line which is to be given proper consider-

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Note-Mr. Stroschein has found i impossible to continue his series of talks on beekeeping. Arrangements, however, have been made with Morley Pettit, provincial apiarist for Ontario to continue this series.—Editor.



LAYING COMPETITION IN ENGLAND

The street and district egg collecting depots have had a six months' laying competition, with 43 pens of hens in competition. In the report emphasis is laid on the necessity of breeding from strains of good laying capacity, and preeders are advised to specialize in a few breeds. In the six months' contest the winning pen of six White Wyandottes laid 586 eggs, the lowest record of the same breed being 212. A pen of Buff Rocks were second, with 550 eggs. The morning meal consisted of soft food mixtures of meal given. warm and at night wheat was given The total cost of feeding all the pens for seven months was £50 18s. 4d., and seven tons of feed were used. This consisted of the following: 38 cwt.; oats, $18\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.; sharps, 20 cwt. barley meal, $10\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.; biscuit meal, 3 cwt.; rice meal, 1½ cwt.; malt dust, cwt.; bran, 2 cwt.; meat, 5 cwt.; grit and oyster shell, 15 cwt.; clover meal, 1½ cwt. The cost worked out to slightly under 1½d. (3c.) per week. F. Dewhirst.

HATCHING DUCKLINGS

EDITOR FARMER'S ADVOCATE:

An incubator is very handy if you wish to rear early ducklings. At the same time there are many who do not feel inclined to stand the expense and trouble of an incubator, and who yet would very much like to hatch some ducks. The old hen will do this to perfection and with care will hatch ten strong little ducklings every time. To regin with make her nect of hard earth It must be hollowed out into the shape of a shallow saucer. It must be patted smooth, hard and firm. A little lime sprinkled into it and then slacked will make the sides quite solid. hen will rest her elbows on this firm support and will pile the eggs up under her, and will not be obliged to rest her weight on them or the eggs. The nest must be filled with broken chaff. I have hatched hundreds upon hundreds in this way without having one egg broken or a duckling crushed.

Do not put more than ten eggs under the hen, as a fresh one will perhaps be chilled every day as the hen turns the eggs. On the eighth day hold the eggs in the sun or towards the lamp, and the fertile ones will appear a little shadowy in the middle, while a half-moon of light will appear at the round end. If two hens can be set at the same time the nest can be filled with the fertile eggs. while fresh are set under the other hen; but do not add a cold egg to those already warm, as the whole nestful may become chilled. The ducks may hatch on the 28th or 29th day. Five days before this take a can of tepid water and gently place each egg in the can. Those that are alive will jump suddenly. These should be marked.

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