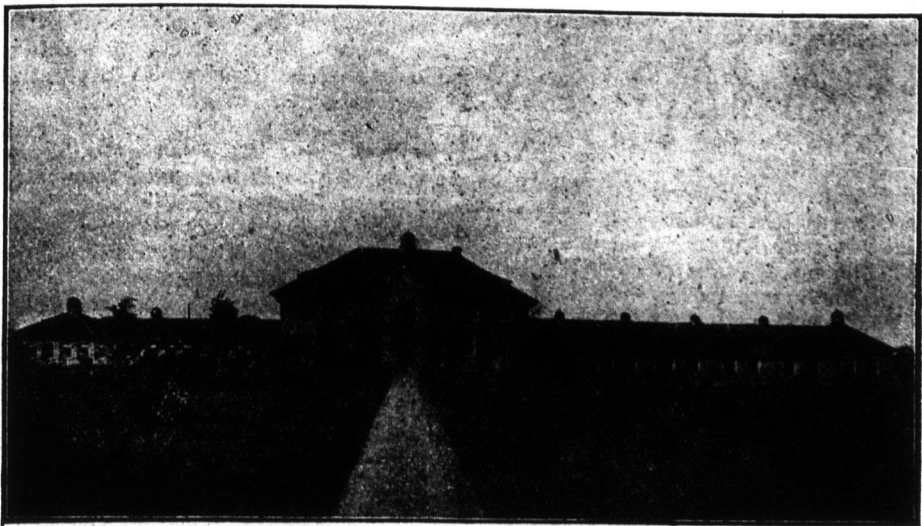


Poultry Profit

By Helen E. Vialoux
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land and the fowls are out on the range in summer much of the time. New laid eggs were being marketed at 85 cents in Montreal from the college in October. Pullets were commencing to lay and the hens were well over their moult. I noticed that the regulation dry mash was fed and butter milk given as a drink. The drinking water was tinged with permanganate of potash, used as a good tonic for the autumn.

Mr. Love tells me that a good hen with a fine egg record is kept three and four years with profit. Whilst hens are at their best, no doubt, during the first two seasons, a splendid layer should not be killed off. At two years put her in the breeding pen and she will do good work as a mother until she has her fourth birthday. The main poultry building is 70x40 feet and two storied with a basement. It contains a lecture room, incubator rooms, where a mammoth incubator was installed this past season. Hitherto, a couple of dozen smaller machines were



MacDonald College, Poultry Building

Pekin ducks are kept and Emden and African geese. I must tell of the pet of the poultry plant, a magnificent gray gander named "Sam" the first trained goose in Canada. Sam never hisses or screeches after the fashion of common geese, but walks up to the stranger to be petted, putting his wise old head on one side and making sounds, talking in his own lingo. He walks about with the attendants and can shake hands and has every thing his own way pretty well, so who will say a goose has no sense after seeing and talking to Sam.

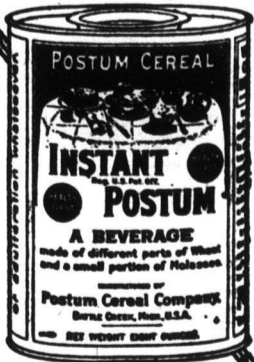
used. There are feeding and work-rooms and offices. There the birds are kept in an annex, one to the east and another to the west of the main building for a demonstration of intensive poultry keeping, while in the large yards, the extensive system of keeping is demonstrated. This is far more popular with the poultry experts and most successful. A great many students are in residence at MacDonald and special short courses in poultry are given for a few weeks in January and February. Livestock, farm crops and horticulture may also

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