

THERE were but four Canadian pens in the Second International Egg Laying Contest at Connecticut Agricultural College, which ended October 31. The Beulah Farm White Wyandottes from Stoney Creek, Ont., didn't lay quite as heavily as when they finished but two eggs behind the leaders in the first contest; yet the successors of those pullets put in a good year, laying especially well in the later weeks, and finished tied for tenth place among the 100 pens with the White Leghorns of Burton E. Moore with a total of 945 eggs.

The Canadian birds didn't get going well until later in the year than the 1912 pen. The latter pen was left in as hens this time and occupied the other side of the double colony house from the next generation, and laid 681 eggs during the year. There were a dozen or 15 hen pens in this second contest and a slight sprinkling of hens in the pullet pens. Among the hen pens was that of F. G. Yost's, Sayre, Pa., white leghorns, which won last year with 1,071 eggs against Beulah Farm's 1,069; Mr. Yost's hens laid 807 eggs this time.

The chief honors of the year-long affair went to English White Leghorns; Thomas Barron's pen from Catforth, Eng., made a wonderful record for egg production. Eleven hundred and ninety eggs these five pullets laid, an average of 238 for the year each, and every bird laid more than 200 eggs. They started laying with 11 eggs the first week and from then till the 48th week every bird in the pen laid each week, with the exception of the 8th to 12th weeks, inclusive, when the No. 3 pullet wasn't laying.

A NEW WORLD'S EGG RECORD

"Baroness IV," one of the five, broke the international record for individual egg laying and becomes the title holder so far as the United States, Canada and Europe are concerned. She laid 292 eggs during the year, which is one better than was done by "Lady Showyou," the White Leghorn which made the previous record in the first Missouri contest. "Baroness IV" began laying with two eggs in the first week, and dropped down below four a week only twice after that, in the seventh week to three, and in the 90th to two. She laid 10 eggs, however, in the last 15 days of the contest. Nine weeks only did she lay an egg a day and for 14 days an egg a day only twice, as indications of the consistent course of her egg laying.

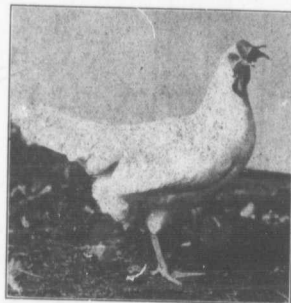
"Baroness IV" and a sister in the pen made up the best pair of layers in the contest with 544



The Type of Double Colony House Used in the Contest

eggs their joint production. The sister was third among individuals with 292 eggs for 12 months.

Another pen of English White Leghorns which occupied the other half of the double colony house, belonging to Edward Cam, Houghton, Eng., came in second among the hundred pens in



The International Champion Layer

This hen, Baroness IV, has laid more eggs than any other hen in the world on record—292 eggs in 52 days. She is owned by Thos. Barron, Catforth, England, who sent her, with four other White Leghorns, to compete in the International Egg Laying Contest at Storrs, Connecticut.

the contest, with a total of 1,107, and in this pen was the bird which took fourth place among individuals with 256 eggs. Last year's best was but 254, made by a Kentucky Rhode Island Red, and the improvement can be readily seen. Last year, however, Barron's Leghorns finished with but four Leghorns in fourth place, having led the affair till the fifth bird died.

Fifth place among individuals really belongs to England, as the pen entered by O. A. Foster, Santa Cruz, Cal., was selected from the Baron strair of White Leghorns. One of these birds came in fifth with a record of 253.

BEST AMERICAN RECORD

The best American bird, which was second to "Baroness IV," was a White Leghorn in the pen of Burton E. Moore, Winsted, Conn., which laid 267 eggs in the year. She has had a very consistent record, laying seven eggs in a week but once. The best American pen was that of W. L. Sleeger, York, Pa., White Leghorns, which finished in third place among the hundred, with a total of 1,029

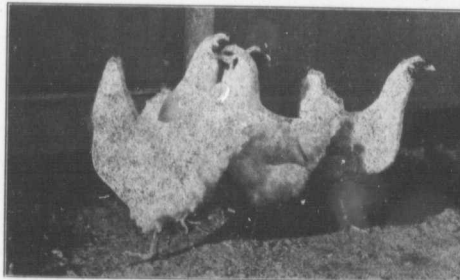
eggs. They were first in the monthly totals in April, May, July and August, and tied with Barron's Leghorns for third in June. Barron's birds figured in the three monthly prize winners six times, but were first only in November.

In the first seven pens to finish there were four English pens, since in addition to Barron's and Cam's Leghorns there was a pen of White Wyandottes from the latter in fourth place, with 1,060, and a pen of White Leghorns from Frank Toulmin, Burnley, Eng., in seventh, with 954—and the Foster pen finished fifth.

In all 67 birds laid 200 eggs or better. The total egg production for the 600 birds—all pens finishing with five layers apiece—was 77,916, which gave the five hundred an average of 156 eggs each. Among the breeds the Leghorns were far in the lead with an average per bird of 168.6, but reduced to varieties the White Plymouth Rocks did best, with 1,733, and the White Leghorns came next with 170.8, and White Wyandottes next with 169.9.

Upon the conclusion of this contest the Third International Contest began and there are now 10 birds to a pen in place of five, thus giving the breeder a trap nest record for twice as many. Three pens of mongrels have been accepted for entry in order to test the ability of the old speckled hen against pure bred stock. The college has also entered 10 pens for experiments with various feeds and feeding methods. The outside connection which has hitherto prevailed terminated with the second contest, and the third is conducted by the United States Department of Agriculture, through the experiment station at Storrs, and Connecticut College jointly as a purely scientific affair.

Have you sold off all surplus cockerels? They are now unprofitable feeders.



Pens in the International Egg Laying Competition at Storrs, Conn., that Did Honor to the Poultrymen of Canada and England

The White Wyandottes to the left were bred by McLeod Bros., Wentworth Co., Ont., and tied for tenth place among the 100 pens of all breeds competing. Last year a pen from the same farm were just two eggs behind the winners. To the right is the pen of Edward Cam, Houghton, England, that came second in total production with 1,107 eggs for the five pullets in one year.