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POULTRY

Poultry Notes. Submitted by the Poultry Division, Dominion Live Stock Branch. This information given in the interests of better farm flocks. All inquiries to be addressed to Box 200, Charlottetown.

MARKETING OF EGGS

Previous to 1923 Canadian farmers were losing annually a large sum of money through the marketing of many bad and inferior eggs. This was largely the result of the fat rate, or case count system of purchasing whereby eggs were bought by number without regard to quality.

The case count system has proven unfair to the farmers and other producers who have taken pains to market good, clean fresh eggs. Further, through placing no premium on good eggs it has formed an incentive to the continuance of careless methods.

Some producers may have thought this system advantageous to themselves in that they receive the same prices for both good, bad and indifferent eggs. In this they were mistaken, for the wholesale trade knows the extent of the loss and shrinkage at certain seasons of the year, and their practice to make good the loss on bad and inferior eggs was to lower to a safe level the price of eggs to the farmers.

Producers of high quality eggs, learning of these facts, were becoming dissatisfied with present conditions and in turn approached the Dominion Government to enact regulations compelling all dealers to purchase eggs on a graded, or quality basis.

In 1923 the Dominion Dept. of Agriculture, at the request of producers, enacted regulations compelling all dealers to buy and sell on a graded basis, providing this does not apply when producers market their eggs in less than 15 dozen lots in any one day. This is a protection for the producers of a quality product and they should insist on all their eggs being purchased on a quality basis, and paid for accordingly.

This law is justified in that it penalizes the producer of a low quality product thereby creating an incentive for this class of producer to improve quality of his eggs if he is to receive the premium offered for a quality product, and it in turn assures the producer marketing quality eggs a premium for the extra care given this matter.

CANADIAN STANDARD GRADES FOR EGGS

SPECIALS. Eggs of uniform size weighing 25 ounces to the dozen and over, or 47 lb. net to 30 dozen case, clear free from stain, strong and sound in shell, air cell not over one-eighth inch in depth, white of egg to be firm and clear, yolk dimly visible.

EXTRAS. Eggs reasonably uniform in size weighing at least 25 ounces to the dozen, or 45 lb. net to 30 dozen case. Clean, sound in shell, air cell not more than one-fourth inch in depth, white of egg to be firm, yolk may be visible provided there is no distinct trace or outline, and yolk blends gradually into the white.

FIRSTS. Eggs weighing at least 22 1/2 ounces to dozen, or 42 lb. net to the 30 dozen case. Clean, sound in shell, air cell not more than one-half inch in depth, yolk may be distinctly visible but moving freely, air cell stationary, white of eggs may be slightly tremulous, any undulation of air cell line not to be more than one-eighth inch in depth.

SECONDS. Eggs sound in shell, may contain weak or watery eggs, eggs with heavy yolks, and all other eggs fit for food.

Points noticed by candlers in the grading of eggs:—

- (1) Size and cleanliness.
- (2) Soundness.
- (3) Size of air chamber or cell.
- (4) Visibility of yolk.
- (5) Consistency or firmness of white or albumen.
- (6) Foreign bodies.

WHY ABOVE POINTS ARE USED FOR GRADING PURPOSES

Examining an egg a few minutes after it has been laid one would notice there is no air chamber or cell, the contents entirely filling the shell. Again it will be seen the egg is not quite dry, the dampness being caused by the lime-like solution

which fills the pores in the shell not having hardened. While this solution is hardening, the air is allowed to enter eggs through pores causing evaporation, but immediately the lime-like solution dries, evaporation is eliminated and if the egg is held under proper conditions, the air chamber would not enlarge to any great extent. The air chamber on a fresh egg is about the size of a five cent piece. As an egg increases in age, or if held under improper conditions, the air chamber increases in size.

In candling a fresh egg the yolk is dimly visible. This is caused by the thickness or firmness of white coming between the yolk and shell. As an egg ages, or held under improper conditions, evaporation of the white takes place, the white losing its firmness or density, and then we are able to discern the yolk more readily.

The method of determining the interior quality of eggs is based on light. The light will pass through the egg, and reveal the nature of the egg. The instrument used is called a candling appliance. It consists of a dark tube with which light is reflected. The tip of the egg is placed into the end of the tube, and the light immediately reveals the entire contents of the egg. New eggs may be distinguished from old ones by the size of the air chamber or cell which is found at the top or large end of the egg. Quality may be determined by the firmness and comparative invisibility of the yolk.

The presence of undesirable qualities, such as off colored yolk and watery whites, as well as foreign matter, such as blood spots or clots, can also be detected.

Rules which should be followed by those desiring to market:—

(1) Feed hens on clean, wholesome food, and provide an abundance of pure water in clean utensils. An egg consists of 65% water.

(2) Provide plenty of clean, dry nests in darkened places. Dirty or soiled eggs, grade second, which is the lowest grade.

(3) Gather eggs at least once a day in cool weather, and twice in hot or wet weather. Heat causes an egg to evaporate. The less evaporation the better the egg will grade.

(4) Kill off, dispose of, or at least, remove from the flock, all male birds after the breeding season. Their presence in flock after June 15th is costing Canadian farmers a million dollars. A fertile egg will commence to hatch at 70 degrees. We have many days in summer when the temperature reaches this point, with the result the egg commences to hatch, the cool evening arrives, the germ dies and the egg decays.

(5) Always keep eggs in a cool dry place. If in the cellar up off the floor, and away from walls to prevent must. 45 to 50 degrees is a suitable temperature for holding eggs.

(6) Always keep them covered with a cloth or other means, to prevent fading or evaporation.

(7) Never keep eggs near kerosene, onions, fish or other strong smelling substances. The egg shell being porous, they readily absorb odors.

(8) Do not wash eggs. An egg shell is porous. Probably you have noticed a fresh egg shell has a slightly rough feeling, this is caused by a lime-like solution covering egg, supplied by nature to seal the pores of the shell so as no foreign matter can enter the egg. This solution is soluble in water, and when the egg is washed the pores are left open, the water in the egg evaporates and the egg deteriorates rapidly.

(9) Secure suitable crates for home use and thus prevent breaking and slight cracking.

(10) Never use dirty cases, nor soiled musty fillers or flats, in shipping. Remember eggs are easily tainted and perishable.

(11) Insist that your eggs and the eggs of your district be bought on a graded or quality basis, according to Canadian Egg Standards.

PRICES RECEIVED

The price paid for eggs, or any article, is governed by law of supply and demand. If the market is tight, your price is lowered. A low quality product is always a drug on the market. The demand today is for quality eggs, and the consumer has shown his willingness to pay for that article, so it behooves all producers to improve their marketing conditions, which in turn will create a greater demand for eggs, in addition to an enhanced price.

Central Guardian

SCOTCHFORTH MEMORIAL Celebration Wednesday, July 25th.

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ROAD WORK—Messrs. John Bernard and Robert McKenzie have greatly improved York road and at present are operating at Covehead.

DON'T FORGET the date, Wednesday, July 25th for the Scotchfirth Memorial Celebration at Scotchfort.

UNION COMMERCIAL COLLEGE—In the list of prize winners published on Saturday the name of Miss Iris McLellan was omitted. Miss McLellan won the Gold Medal presented by the United Typewriter Company for writing 65 words a minute on the Underwood typewriter.

ENJOYING HOLIDAY—Miss Olga Warburton, daughter of Judge A. B. Warburton and Mrs. Warburton who has been engaged in hospital work in Boston, is now on a trip to the Old Country. She expects to return in about three weeks and will visit her parents before returning to Boston to take the position of Superintendent of the Farquhar Hospital.

A NEW INSTITUTE ORGANIZED—A meeting was held at West Point School House on May 31st, 1928, for the purpose of organizing a Women's Institute. There were nine women present and a great many more anxious to join this Institute. The Assistant Superintendent conducting the meeting and the following officers were elected: President—Mrs. J. Sabine; Vice-President—Mrs. John Stewart; Sec'y-Treas. Miss E. Sabine; Directors—Mrs. Jack MacDonald, Mrs. Barton Boates, Mrs. D. Stewart; Auditors—Mrs. Barton Boates, Mrs. W. Stewart.

FURTHER PARTICULARS—Rev. W. H. McEwen, D. D., formerly of Orwell, but for the last five years filling his second pastorate at Battle Creek, Iowa, U. S. A., has been invited to the combined charge of Orwell and Vernon and has accepted the invitation. His application to be received into the United Church of Canada, from the Presbyterian Church, North, U. S. A., has been accepted unanimously by the recent action of the Maritime Conference, and his call sustained by the Settlement Committee. Dr. McEwen will be heartily welcomed back by his many friends on Prince Edward Island.

PERSONALS

Mr. Norman Brown, Covehead, is reported somewhat better this morning.

The serious illness of Mr. John Marks of Covehead is reported.

Mr. W. G. Hogg was in Halifax last week attending the Synod as a delegate from St. Peter's Church.

Miss Frances H. McCabe, who has spent the past four months in York, has returned to her home at Stanhope.

Major J. A. MacKenzie is spending a few days in Halifax, his former home.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Carr are spending the week at Pleasant Grove, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Duck.

Miss Katherine Murchison, R. N. of Montreal, arrived Wednesday night to spend a holiday with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Murchison of Bonshaw.

Miss Marion MacMillan has returned home from a visit to her sister, Mrs. George Medforth, Amherst, N. S. Mr. and Mrs. Medforth and Miss MacMillan had a very enjoyable motor trip through the Annapolis Valley.

DAILY LESSONS IN ENGLISH

By W. L. Gordon

WORDS OFTEN MISUSED: Do not say "will you loan me ten dollars?" Say "lend me."

OFTEN MISPRONOUNCED: hoist; oi as in "oil" not as i in "ice."

OFTEN MISPELLED: main (principal); mane (hair).

SYNONYMS: adjust, adapt, apply, arrange, conform, accommodate.

WORD STUDY: "Use a word three times and it is yours." Let us increase our vocabulary by mastering one word each day. Today's word: **HERMETIC**; perfectly closed and air-tight. "The box was hermetically sealed."

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In Memoriam

MR. MONTAGUE HOWATT.

(From the Newport Evening News, Newport, Rhode Island, U.S.A.) Mr. Montague Howatt, building superintendent of the Army and Navy Young Men's Christian Association, died at his home on Brooks Avenue this morning after an illness of several months. He had been unable to attend to his work for the past three months. Mr. Howatt came here from Providence, where he had been superintendent of Y.M.C.A. building for a number of years, and came here shortly after the Newport Association Building was opened, and had been superintendent until his last illness. His work in this capacity was of the highest order, showing unusual executive ability and he had reputation of having the best as far as upkeep was concerned among the Army and Navy Buildings in the country. Mr. Howatt became a member of the St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church soon after coming to Newport, and had been an active worker in the church until his health failed. Mr. Howatt was 63 years of age, and is survived by his widow, formerly Miss Lila McBurnie, of Nova Scotia, whom he married in 1892; two sons, Henry, who served in the world war, and is now under treatment at the Veteran's Bureau Hospital; near Los Angeles, California, and Lloyd, musician, in the cartooning machinery corporations shops in the city; also one daughter, Miss Marretta of Newport. The remains were taken to Providence, where they were laid to rest in the North Cemetery, often spoken of as the most beautiful cemetery in the United States. The late Mr. Howatt referred to in the Newport Evening News, was born in Bradford, P. E. I., and was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Howatt of that place. He is survived here by one brother, Walter, on the old home farm, and one sister, Mrs. Edward McPherson, of Cape Traverse; also a brother, Benjamin, a member of the Winthrop police, Winthrop, Mass., and a sister, Mrs. Christi Wood, of Boston.

Liberal Conservative Convention for Belfast (Fourth District of Queens)

A Liberal-Conservative Convention will be held in the Eldon Hall, on Wednesday, June 20th at 2 o'clock for the purpose of nominating a candidate to contest the district in the coming by-election in the interests of the Party in the coming by-election caused by the resignation of the Hon. George S. Inman, K. C. Post Chairmen are advised to see that five delegates from each poll are sent to the Convention.

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By ROBERTA LEE

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Ice Box

Never place any warm food in the ice box, as it melts the ice very rapidly and means a larger ice bill. First allow it to cool.

A Cake Suggestion

A tablespoonful of ground ginger mixed with the flour when making a cake will make it very light. Or a tablespoonful of lukewarm water added to the eggs before mixing them in a cake will also make the cake light and spongy.

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