

Gets Eggs Of Rainbow Hue In Search For True Blue

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TORONTO (CP)—The nonsensical purple cow of modern verse is not on display at the Royal Winter Fair. But there is a chicken here that lays technicolor eggs.

The versatile chickens represent 16 years of breeding and experimentation by O. P. Johnston, 80-year-old Toronto furniture dealer.

Starting in 1938, Mr. Johnston last year finally produced a chicken that would consistently lay blue eggs.

In the breeding process over a six-year period, however, some of his chickens laid eggs that would put an Easter bunny to shame.

KHAKI AND GREEN
Mr. Johnston said he got red eggs, khaki, olive green, grey, chocolate and light green. But in 1954, he got the color he wanted—blue.

His 100 "Onto-Can" chickens (named after Ontario - Canada) now produce about 200 blue eggs each year, Mr. Johnston said. He sells the eggs all over the world for \$2 each or \$20 a dozen.

According to Mr. Johnston, the blue eggs taste just like an ordinary white or brown hen's egg.

The story of the blue-egg laying chickens starts in 1927.

Mr. Johnston saw a picture in a copy of the National Geographic magazine showing an arachuna chicken. The chickens reputedly laid blue eggs and were raised in Chile by Indian tribes living in the Andes.

The chickens lived in a semi-wild state and were almost impossible to get, Mr. Johnston said.

It wasn't until 1938 that he got a pair of the chickens from a California bird importer.

ONE DIED
A short time after the birds arrived, Mr. Johnston said, the hen died. In the meantime, he had discovered they laid blue eggs only occasionally and ordinary ones the rest of the time.

He mated the cock archuna with a Dutch chicken. This union produced a chocolate egg, Mr. Johnston recalled. The chocolate egg proved to him that the color of the egg depended upon the cock, and he was then on the way to producing a blue egg.

From that time on, he mated his cocks with various breeds of hens and got a variety of eggs in all the colors of the rainbow.

The objective of the 16 years of experimentation, was to produce a truly Canadian chicken, Mr. Johnston said.

The two birds on display at the fair are dark blue in color. In their cage is a basket containing a dozen blue eggs and one white one for comparison.



CHARLOTTETOWN HONORS MINISTER OF TRANSPORT

The Hon. George Marler, Minister of Transport, was presented with the key to the city by Charlottetown's Mayor J. David Stewart Tuesday evening at the meeting of the Prince Edward Island Canadian Club.

Also shown, foreground, are Premier Alex W. Matheson, Mrs. T. W. L. Prowse, back, Crier Ivan Docherty, piper Barry MacGillivray, Constable Lloyd Archer, City Clerk James Fullerton and Constable Russell Downe.

—Barter's Film Lab

Constitutional Issue Is Stressed By Quebec Gov't

QUEBEC (CP)—The Quebec government said Wednesday the settlement of constitutional issues remains the "great problem of the hour."

The statement was contained in the speech from the Throne read at the opening of the fourth session of the 24th legislature.

The 1,200-word speech, read by Lieutenant-Governor Gaspard Fautoux, contained no direct reference to the recent federal-provincial conference in Ottawa at which a new formula for fiscal agreements was outlined. Quebec is the only province that has not signed a taxation agreement with the federal government.

On the taxation issue, the speech said it is the government's "constant determination and its utmost wish to co-operate in establishing a fair and adequate division of public sources of revenue which shall be proportionate to the obligations and the prerogatives of each governmental authority."

"In any case it should never be forgotten that the great problem of the hour is the constitutional problem, especially the problem of federal-provincial fiscal relations."

Then, possibly to indicate that the Quebec government's attitude on tax agreements has not changed, the speech quoted a year-old statement expressing the view that each government should have the fiscal powers needed to carry out its responsibilities.

The speech also contained what was interpreted as opposition to a national health insurance program.

The speech, read before 600 invited guests in the stately legislative council chamber, opened a session that is expected to be the last before a provincial election.

The term of office of Premier Duplessis' Union Nationale government does not expire until 1957 but Quebec governments have seldom waited completion of their terms before seeking a renewal of mandate.

Speculation has been fairly general that Premier Duplessis will call an election for next summer.

The throne speech, read first in French and then in English, reviewed the government's accomplishments in the fields of agriculture, colonization, roads, education and health. No major legislation was forecast.

CARLETON W.I.

The twenty-fifth annual meeting of Carleton Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. Frank Quigley on Tuesday evening, Nov. 8th.

The president presided and opened the meeting with the "Institute Ode" followed by creed in unison. Roll call was responded to by fifteen members, by paying their fees for the coming year. There were two visitors present.

The minutes of the last annual meeting and monthly meeting were read and approved. The president, Mrs. Sutherland, thanked all the members for everything they had done during the year. The treasurer reported that \$2,060.64 had been taken in during the year in the following ways: membership fees, pantry sales, donations, Shur-Gain, the cavalcade, institute apron, sale of ornament grant, sale of lunches, blankets, play, sale of candy, go-chicken supper, grab bag, collections, cake fund and birthday box. The expenses amounted to \$1,974.74 in the following ways, school supplies, sick and school treats, delegates expenses, dental clinic, play and supper expenses, donation to the Cultivator India fund, signs painted, piano and stool seats for auditorium, T. B. League, March of Dimes, Historical society, phone calls, postage, advertising, paint lumber, curtains and rescaling for auditorium, rent for nails, gifts.

The following are the officers for the coming year: president, Mrs. Donald Sutherland (re-elected), vice president, Mrs. Ralph MacCaull, secretary, Mrs. Arthur MacKicken, treasurer, Mrs. Albert Craswell, directors, Mrs. Boyd Lowther, Mrs. Nathan Bell, Mrs. Clifford Rogers, citizenship committee, Mrs. Wilbur Cairns, Mrs. John Myers; Arts, literature, Mrs. Y. Gauthier, Miss Frances Craig, Miss Albert Todd; finance committee, Mrs. Heber Myers, Mrs. John Quigley; blanket committee, Mrs. Donnie MacDonald, and Mrs. Clifford Rogers.

Lunch committee for next meeting are Mrs. Avalah MacCallum, Mrs. Ralph MacCaull, Mrs. John Myers, Roll call to be answered with a Christmas gift.

Mrs. Ralph MacCaull invited the members to her home for the next meeting. Collection amounted to 75 cents. Mrs. Avalah MacCallum moved a vote of thanks to the officers for their work during the year. Meeting came to a close with the Queen. Lunch was served by the hostess and committee in charge.

TYNE VALLEY

Rev. and Mrs. Sawdon have taken up residence at the parsonage, Bliford, and will supply the "Ideford United Pastoral charge for the winter months. Rev. and Mrs. Sawdon have many old friends in this vicinity having lived in this same charge some thirty six years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Sheen and Mrs. Frank Platts were visiting friends in Kensington and vicinity on Sunday, Nov. 6th.

Mrs. Nina Ross, Vancouver, B.C. is visiting with her father, Mr. William Waldron and plans to remain for the winter months. Mr. Waldron is ninety-two years old.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanton Clark and family, Edmonton, were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edison Williams on Sunday, Nov. 6th.

The Northern Women's Institute were entertained by the Birch Hill Women's Institute in the Masonic Hall on Tuesday evening, Nov. 8th.

Services were conducted in the Presbyterian Church on Sunday by the Rev. Leigh MacNaughton Marshfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Allen and family, Halifax were weekend visitors at the home of Mrs. Allen's mother Mrs. Angus Walker.

The Presbyterian Ladies Aid met

at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Birch on Friday evening, Nov. 11th with a good attendance. Next meeting at the home of Mrs. Hardy Ramsay on Nov. 24th.

Mrs. John Thompson, Aberdeen, Sask., is spending a month visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Maynard.

Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Aitken and Miss Poole from Montague, were recent visitors at the home of Miss Gertrude MacNeve.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Cotton and family, Gagetown spent the holiday weekend with friends in Northam and vicinity.

Mr. Leeman Campbell, Gagetown, spent the holiday weekend at his home in Tyne Valley.

Miss Evelyn Morrison, is spending a two weeks vacation at her home in Conway. BH

SULTAN RETURNS

RABAT, Morocco (AP)—Sultan Sidi Mohammed Ben Youssef returned to Morocco Wednesday from two years' exile and tens of thousands of Moslems screamed their happiness.

BURLINGTON

Miss Carol MacKay and Miss Alberta Murphy carried in the baskets and the ribbons were cut by Mrs. Jamie Cole and Mrs. Leaman Reeves. The gift cards were read by Mrs. Lyman Moase and Mrs. Brenton Cole while Mrs. Arthur Cousins and Miss Anne Hickley arranged the gifts. Lunch was served and a social hour enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. Clair Proffitt, Burlington, returned on November 11 from a honeymoon trip to Bangor, Me., where they were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kinsman. Other centres visited included Moncton and St. Stephen, N.B.

Mrs. Eva B. Pickering, Charlottetown, spent the Remembrance Day weekend with her daughter, Mrs. James Evans, Mr. Evans and family, Burlington.

The many friends of Mrs. Laura Hogg will be glad to know that she is convalescing at the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. James Murphy, Kensington, following her recent illness when she was a patient in the P. E. Island Hospital. Bur.

HANDICRAFT VAN

A successful ten day course which was started in West Devon and completed in Coleman ended on Nov. 7.

Instructions in sewing and leather work were given by Mrs. Larkin and Miss Bertha Des Roches in charge of the Handicraft Van.

Nineteen ladies from Carleton, Lot 6, Coleman and West Devon took part. Dresses, handbags and gloves were made.

On the final day Mrs. Maylea Manning, supervisor of Women's Institute work was present and looked over the work done and congratulated the ladies. A vote of thanks was presented to Mrs. Larkin and Miss Des Roches and they were each presented with a china cup and saucer.

Lunch was served by the ladies.

FAVORS PACKAGE DEAL

MOSCOW (Reuters)—The Soviet Union is in favor of a Canadian proposal to admit 18 countries to the United Nations under a "package" deal, the official news agency Tass said here Wednesday.



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LOCKE ROAD

Betty Arsenaull of Howland spent a day recently visiting her cousin Gertrude Arsenaull of Forest View.

Annie McLean and Mrs. Calvin Carruthers of the Locke Road were visitors on Sunday afternoon Nov. 13th at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Arsenaull of Forest View.

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were Mr. and Mrs. Joseph T. Gallant of Howland and Anthony Finnan of Howland.

Patricia Finnan, of Howland spent Sunday, Nov. 13th at the home of her cousin Gertrude of Forest View.

Mrs. Jerry Arsenaull of Forest View was a visitor on Saturday Nov. 12th at the home of her mother Mrs. Felix Doiron and her brother Paul Doiron of Duvar. AN

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