Farm Is Ideal for Goose Raising

Goose raising does not receivt the attention of the farming community that the busines warrants, states A. G. Taylor, of the Poultry Division, of the Central Experimental Farm, Dominion Department of Agriculture. The farm is the natural habitat of the goose, in fact no other surroundings can make goose raising for market a paying proposition. The two great essentials in roose raising are, first, a free range and second an abundance of green food. On the farm these essentials are always plentiful, and the raising of a flock of geese is one of the means by which ahe farmer can reap a good reward with a very small investment and comparatively little labour. On the Christmas markets, the demand for geese is always much greater than the supply.

The origin of the various breeds of geese is identified with many countires, the most important breeds being the Toulouse, Embden, African, Chinese, Canada Wild and the Egyptian. The last named are kept for ornamental purposes only and are usually found in parks and public gardens. The Toulouse goose originated in France, and the Embden goose, sometimes called the Bremen, had its origin in Central Europe. The African goose is a cross between the Chinese and the Toulouse, and there are two varieties of Chinese geese, the white and the brown.

Distinguishing the sex in geese is more difficult than in any other class of fowl. Outward or visible signs are not in general well defined, as in hens or turkeys for example. Masculinity in geese is usually evidenced by a stout bill, broad full head, short thick neck, broad shoulders and plenty of bone in legs and feet. Coarse females are frequently mistaken for males, so that masculine apearance is not always a sure guide in the selection of a male. Females usually present a feminine appearance, but a male of a fine make-up may be mistaken for a female, particularly during the fall or winter. This is especially true of the Toulouse and the Embden breeds.

The most satisfactory method of picking out breeding geese is by the voice. If the bird in question is separated out of sight of the flock, but within hearing distance its call is distinctive. The male has a voice which could be termed bass and is of a long single call, while the female is of a much higher note and usually of a double echo. Where the sex cannot be ascertained by a distinct difference in voice, the bird should not be used as a breeder. Information as to the various breeds, and the rearing, management, and marketing of geese is contained in the circular on Goose Raising, can be obtained by request to the Publicity and Extension Branch, Dominion Department of Agriculture, Ottawa.

Canadian Poultry on British Market

Under the heading "Canadian Turkeys and Chickens," the Fish Trades Gazette (London, England) of May 9, 1936, says, with reference to the arrival of a shipment that week, Canadian turkeys are showing up perhaps rather late in the season, although ever since the Christmas trade there have been here and there large turkeys that could be bought if asked for. This week, however, a shipment has arrived which contains several cases of hens weighing from 6 lbs. to 8 lbs and 10 lbs. There should be no difficulty in disposing of these birds as they are of a size that any shopkeeper could use. They are eminently suitable for the family trade, whereas the larger ones, which weigh from 16 lbs. to 18 lbs. can only be used at this time of the year by hotels, or for the shipping trade. Canadian chickens too are more plentiful now than they were a few months ago.

Why these shipments should have been held up for so long is difficult to understand. There are a good many chickens on the market just now, but at prices that will suit the pocket of a good many tradesmen who can use a frozen chicken. One item in favour of the Canadian chicken is the quality, although most of what I have seen are grade B selected. They are young and a very good colour. Here and there a box will be found not quite up to the standard, but taking the pack as a whole they are very good. Now, with regard to the future of the Canadian chicken, there is and always will be a good trade in this country, providing that the merchants in Canada can produce a bird that can be sold cheaper than English and at a season when the English chickens are scarce, or not plentiful. The general opinion is that February, March and April are the best months for the cold storage birds, and there is no reason why Canadian chickens should not take the place of all other imported birds.

"What is called 'freedom of the press,' in liberal countries is really the worst tyranny, that exercised anonymously." — Paul Goebbels.

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Why Bees Swarm

Bees are marked with identity discs at the Rothamsted agricultural research station, Harpenden, England. These discs, or birth certificates, dotted in enamel blobs on the insects' backs, conform to a code of colours, each indicating a specific date. So when the scientist-apiarist "pulls in" a bee, he can check up at once on its age and early life. Usually specimens for marking are selected within an hour or so of their emergence in the brood comb.

Swarming, it would appear, is determined by the preponderance of nurse bees over the infant bees to be fed. By the time the maximum hatching-out period is reached, the number of nurses also nears its maximum, as at this age the early-born bees posses special qualifications for nursing duties. Thereafter, while the array of infants dwindles, the nurses still increase. It is then that Nature, taking pity on their overworked food glands, inspires them to seek respite by rearing a new queen.

This theory supports the discovery that swarms consist mainly of middle-aged bees. Later it is hoped to explain the most abstruse changes in hive affairs.

Extending Our World Trade

The announcement is sent out from Ottawa that the Federal Government in its effort to extend Canada's foreign trade is sending the Hon. William D. Euler, Minister of Trade and Commerce, to negotiate with Germany and Russia, notes the Brantford Expositor. This may couse some commotion in circles that formerly were strongly opposed to any trade with the Soviet because of its interference with the internal affairs of other countries. That certainly was very objectionable to the people of Canada, a few years ago, when there was proof on every hand that Soviet emissaries were endeavouring to propagate their doctrines in the Dominion.

However, times appear to have changed and the Soviet has enough to occupy its attention in domestic affairs in Russia and in safeguarding its interests in the Far East. If there is no longer any danger from propaganda why should not Canada seek to extend her trade with both Russia and Germany? The fact that their political systems are so different from ours, and that their treatment of the Christian church is not in accordance with the views of Canadians, is no reason why the latter should not carry on legitimate trade with them provided it can be established on an equitable basis. It is better to follow the British plan of trading with all countries that will do business, regardless of what their own domestic beliefs and practices are. British trade knows no race creed or caste, and there is no reason why Canada should not follow the same principle.

Canada needs markets abroad not only for her surplus agricultural products, but also for her manufactured goods, the whole of which cannot be consumed in Canada. By all means commission the Minister of Trade and Commerce to open up trade with every country where it can be profitably carried on. If the Canadian people trade with Russia and Germany it does not mean that they approve either their political systems or their religious intolerance. Since the war a great many absurd prejudices have arisen which, however should not be allowed to interfere with commerce.

Man (at baseball game)—Oh, look, we have a man on every base!

Wife—Well, what of it? So has the other side.

HAVE YOU HEARD

The time of the year is here when people who wouldn't think of eating with a fly on their table will go on a picnic and eat a meal in the presence of a thousand flies, to say nothing of the ants, gnats, chiggers, bugs, and varied other flying insects and crawling critters.

Farmer (to new hired hand from the city)—Now, when you are attending to these mules, I warn you not to approach them from the rear without speaking to them first.

New Hired Hand—Why is that, is it a question of etiquette on the farm?

Farmer—No, it ain't a matter of etiquette a-tall. But one of them mules is liable most any time to kick you in the head, and I don't want any lame mules round here to wait on.

Nobody is quite so pompous as a man who has the idea that he must maintain a reputation as an authority or play the role of being intelligent.

For those that are too young to remember what horse blankets looked like, it might be explained that their patterns generally were similar to those of men's shirts this summer, except that the horse garb was usually a little more conservative.

Uncle Fred asked Little Cecelia if she didn't want him to play with her.

"Oh, no," she said, "we're playing Indian, and you're no use, 'cause you're scalped already."

Affable Waiter—How did you find the steak, sir?

Diner—Oh, quite accidentally. I moved that piece of potato, and there it was, underneath.

Neighbor—Has your husband any hobbies?

Woman—No. He has neuritis, sciatica and rheumatism now and then, but I'm glad to say he has never had hobbies.

The final proof that a man is cowed by his women folks is his declaration that he likes interpretative dancing.

The bald headed man courteously stooped to pick up a napkin which his dinner companion had dropped. As he arose the near-sighted old lady at his left gave one glance at him and said: "No melon, thank you."

Our own experience is that it is no use to tell anybody our own experience because they will not be satisfied until they get their own.

PROVING THE CONTRARY

Somebody said it couldn't be done, but
he, with a chuckle, replied
That maybe it couldn't, but he was
not one to say no until he tried.
So he buckled right in with a bit of
grin, if he doubted a moment he
hid it.
He started to sing as he tackeled the
thing that couldn't be done— AND
HE DID IT.

James—I've always had great luck in love affairs.

Lucille—Why, what do you mean? Aren't you a single man?

James—Yes, that's where the luck comes in.

Joe— I'll bet you turned all colors when your wife locked you out at 4 a.m.

The Man—Exactly. First, I was red with embarrassment, then white with rage, and finally blue with cold.

Little Mary Lou—Mother Dear, if there are any men up in Heaven why is it that we neve see pictures of angels with whiskers?

Mother Dear—Well, I guess it is because most men get there only by a very close shave.

FINANCIAL FLASHES

Officials of God's Lake Gold Mines anticipate that production for the second quarter of 1936 will approximate $170,000, compared with $160,782 in the first quarter. June output is expected to show in excess of $60,000, an all-time monthly high. Power and milling plants are giving complete satisfaction with the latter treating 150 tons daily.

Cyril V. Knight has been appointed geologist for Bilmac Gold Mines and has left for the property in the West Shiniwin Tree Area, Ont. The crosscut on the 410-ft. level being driven to intersect the downward extension of the main or Saville vein has advanced about 100 ft. and has another 100 ft. to go before reaching its objective.

Shaft sinking at Lapa Cadillac Gold Mines is now down into the bedrock, and it is expected that cementing will be completed to 55 ft. shortly. With the shaft sinking crew making about 6 ft. a day progress, it is expected that crosscutting will reach the ore zones indicated by diamond drilling late this summer.

Directors of Howey Gold Mines have declared a dividend of 2 cents a share, payable August 8th to shareholders of record July 8th. The disbursement involves a total payment of $100,000 on the 5,000,000 shares authorized and issued. In 1935 Howey paid a total of 5 cents to shareholders.

Central Patricia Gold Mines for the 5 months ended May 31st reports net profit of $187,044 or 7.5 cents a share. For the period 21,460 tons of ore were treated, with gross production of $499,970, to which is added sundry earnings of $3,749, making total revenue $53,179. Development, operating general charges and administration amounted to $189,295, leaving operating profit of $264,424, from which is deducted reserve for taxes of $27,154 and depreciation of $50,225, leaving net as above.

Exploration work at the property of Oriole Mines is continuing and a new vein has been uncovered which shows a width of 7 ft. Grab samples taken from surface gave the following assays: $6.65, -7.95 and -13.65 per ton. Hugh Flanagon is in charge of operations.

Mining Corporation of Canada has taken over direction of operations on the property of Bidlamaque Gold Mines Ltd., according to official announcement, through an agreement by which a firm commitment is taken on a block of Bidlamaque shares, with options on further substantial blocks. No reorganization or increase in capital is contemplated. Bidlamaque holdings total 25 claims in Bourlamaque township, Quebec, with preliminary work carried out in 1934 and '35, exposing a well-defined vein system.

Annual meeting of Algold Mines, Ltd. held in Toronto recently was routine with reports adopted and J. M. Mitchell and Thomas F. Daigle added to the directorate of the company. R. F. Mitchell, M.E., mine manager of the Algold property in the Michipicoten - Goudreau district, reports that development work is progressing satisfactory and the 50-ton mill which went into operation on June 16th is being gradually stepped up.

McVittie-Graham Mines is reported to have undertaken prospecting and surface exploration on a group of claims adjoining Burwash Yellowknife Mines on the Northwest in the Yellowknife area, N.W.T. The latter is the scene of the most important discovery of the Yellowknife district on the north shore of Great Slave Lake.

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Deaths by Violence 6,885 Last Year

OTTAWA — Automobile and other accidents, suicides and homicides brought death to 6,885 persons in Canada last year, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics reported recently. Almost all forms of violent death except suicide showed increases over 1934 and crept up towards record high levels registered around 1930 and 1931.

Automobile mishaps took 1,224 lives or 11.2 per 100,000 of population compared with 1,115 in 1934. This was the largest toll since 1931 when 1,316 fatalities occurred.

In all 6,885 persons or 62.9 per 100,00 met death from external violence in 1935. This, too, was the highest total since 1931 and compared with 6,469 in 1934.

Suicides accounted for 902 deaths, compared to 927 in 1934 and homicides for 153 compared with 142 in 1934.

All provinces with the exception of Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick and Alberta showed a larger number of motor vehicle fatalities in 1935 than in the preceding year. Prince Edward Island, however, had two deaths, as compared with five, New Brunswick 40 against 52, and Alberta 45 against 61.

Prince Edward Island had the lowest rate, 2.2 per 100,000, and Saskatchewan stood next with a rate of 4.1.

Montreal had 109 deaths from motor vehicle accidents in 1935 as compared with 101 in the preceding year. Toronto had 74 as compared with 88, Vancouver 43 against 25, Winnipeg 24 against 19, Hamilton 16 against 27, Quebec City 17 against 14 and Ottawa 25 against 19.

Drownings in 1935, exclusive of those occurring in land or air transportation, number 877 or 15 per cent. of the total of fatal accidents. Land transportation accounted for 1,647 deaths or 28 per cent. of the total. Of these, deaths in automobile accidents numbered 1,224 or 21 per cent. of all accidental deaths.

Excluding those cases where an automobile was involved, there 215 deaths in railway accidents and 37 in street car accidents. Accidents in mines and quarries accounted for 141 deaths, although one of the drownings is duplicated here. There were 12 persons killed during the year in accidents of air transportation.

Pasteurization

Toronto—Two-thirds of the people of Ontario are exposed to the dangers of raw milk states Dr. Gordon Bates, general director of the Health League of Canada, urging compulsory pasteurization of all milk throughout Canada.

"Milk is perhaps the most valuable of all foods and yet, of the 3,500,000 men, women and children in Ontario, only 1,500,00 are now protected by proper pasteurization against ravages of typhoid and para-typhoid fever, scarlet fever, septic sore throat, undulant fever and diphtheria," Dr. Bates declares.

"Despite the known benefits of pasteurization there are still 11 cities and 128 towns in Ontario where the milk is only partially pasteurized or not pasteurized at all," he continues.

"Toronto has pasteurized its milk since 1914. Since that time there has not been a single case of bone tuberculosis of bovine origin, originating in Toronto, nor has there been a case of glandular tuberculosis or abdominal tuberculosis of this type. Moreover, Toronto has had no typhoid fever. Such cases as have turned up have all originated outside Toronto where milk is not pasteurized.

"The prevention of these conditions alone has saved many lives, many crippling conditions, and much money to the taxpayers," adds Dr. Bates.

"Many epidemics have been traced to milk," he continues. "The most notorious typhoid epidemic in the history of this country, that of Montreal, only a few years ago, with 5,000 cases and over 500 deaths, resulted from failure to institute proper pasteurization in that city.

"There were also the Chatham typhoid epidemic of 1927 with 109 cases the Kirkland Lake septic sore throat epidemic of 1930 with 457 cases, the St. Catherines epidemic of para-typhoid in 1931 with 457 cases, the typhoid epidemic of 1932 in the St. Maurice Valley, Quebec, with 527 cases and various others.

"In the face of this ghastly trail of disease and death resulting from impure milk, it is positively criminal that so many communities throughout Canada, should not insist on proper pasteurization of their milk supply," Dr. Bates concludes.

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Family Life in Newfoundland Quiet and Happy, Says Minister's Wife

LONDON, Ont. — In Newfoundland it is the family boat and not the family carriage, according to the native-born Mrs. Royle, wife of Rev. Harry Royle, who is leaving Thorndale parsonage shortly for Springfield.

In an interview in The Free Press she said Britain's oldest colony is inhabited chiefly by the English, Scottish and Irish race, descendants of several of Britain's most noble families coming to the island at a very early date. The islanders love British principles and British laws and have no desire to lose their independence and become a part of Canada. In fact, their interests are chiefly in Britain and from that land they obtain many of their products.

In Newfoundland no families are isolated as in Canada, stated Mrs. Royle. They either reside along the coast or in villages. In their home life the fishermen are happy, residing in comfortable frame dwellings, cultivating fine gardens of roots and potatoes, owning a cow, making their own bread and butter, and obtaining plenty of wild fruit in the marshes and on the small islands, including the cranberry, the yellow bake apple which grows on a shrub, the blueberry, the strawberry and the raspberry.

Plying up and down the bays and inlets, Mrs. Royle, when a small child watched with interest her brothers and sisters manipulating the sails and when very young was capable of piloting the boat and was familiar with the mysteries of the sea-faring life.

A former member of a Newfoundland teaching staff, Mrs. Royle sketched the educational system of some years ago, explaining that all schools in the island are connected with religious denominations, every child receiving a thorough religious training. Culture is also stressed in all educational institutions, the youngest child being instructed in proper methods of deportment.

At this date British text books were in use, examination tests being set in England and the papers returned to that country for examination. Newfoundland students are particularly well informed on all countries of the world, more attention being directed to the study of foreign lands than in the Ontario school, Mrs. Royle thought.

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