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CRATE FATTENING BIRDS AT KEMPTVILLE SCHOOL

Senior Students Conduct Experiment—Dr. Dewan Gives Results of Work.

Poultry keepers should avoid placing fowls on the market in a thin, unfinished and undesirable condition. Any one who has surplus cockerels or female birds for sale should make an effort to milk-feed and flesh them. If the right kind of fowl is used, a spread in price can be obtained for well-finished stock that will easily pay for the labor involved. It has several times been shown by experiment that reasonably good returns over the cost of feed may be had by crate fattening. It is now the season of the year when poultry owners are beginning to consider the disposal of surplus birds. For this reason, it may be of interest and value to some to acquaint themselves with the experiences of the senior students at the Kemptville Agricultural School just term in a crate fattening experiment.

How Carried On. The work of feeding and attending the birds was done entirely by the students. Each man fed a pen of four birds for a period of three weeks, at the end of which time he killed and plucked the birds under the supervision of an expert in this line of work. The majority of the birds were Rhode Island Red cockerels; a few were light Brahmas and Barred Rocks. A few White Leghorn cockerels were included, but in summarizing the results given below, the data on these birds was eliminated. The sole purpose of including the Leghorns was to demonstrate to the experimenters that the fattening of birds of the lighter breeds is not a paying proposition.

very thin in condition. The cost price was 17 cents per pound. The local selling price of the birds, bled and plucked but not drawn was 20 cents per pound. Exact figures were kept by each student on the weight of the birds when crated, on the gains in weight, and on their amount of meal and milk taken. Approximately 400 pounds of meal were used, valued at \$2.25 per cwt.; and 700 pounds of milk, valued at 40 cents per cwt. Complete figures obtained from the experiment are as follows: Summary of Experiment. Number of birds fattened 64; weight of birds when crated, 298 pounds; average weight of birds when crated, 4 pounds, 10 ounces; weight of birds when fattened, 393 pounds; average weight of birds when fattened, 6 pounds, 2 ounces; average gain in weight per bird, 5 pound 8 ounces; weight of dressed birds, 354 pounds; average weight of dressed birds, 5 pounds, 8 ounces; loss in weight for bleeding and plucking, 10 per cent; value of birds when crated, \$50.66; value of milk and meal used, \$11.80; cost price of birds and feed, \$62.46; selling price of dressed birds \$108.20; profit over cost of feed, \$45.74; profit over cost of feed, per bird, 68 cents.

and regularly, the birds eventually look about 3 times this amount. Of course, the amount of feed must always vary, depending on the size of the birds. Weighing of the feed may not always be practicable but it is a good policy to weigh occasionally, so that approximate measurements may be made at other times. Period of Feeding. As already mentioned, these birds were fed for a period of three weeks. By far the most economical gains were made during the first and second week. The third week only comparatively small gains were recorded. In this respect, the results are quite in accordance with those previously obtained at other institutions. It must be remembered, however, that the quality of the flesh continues to improve after the second week. For this reason, feeding for the longer period may pay, if a special price can be obtained for birds of very tender flesh and high quality finish. Light Breeds are not Satisfactory. Though figures have not been produced above for the Leghorns, it may be stated that they made very little, and in some cases no gains. Only birds of the heavy or medium breeds should be used for fattening purposes. Any One Can Crate Fatten. In connection with this experiment it may be noted that, except in the cases of two or three students the fatteners were all inexperienced in crate fattening. True it is, that birds of fairly large size were used, which made it possible to obtain optimum gains, but equally favourable results should be within the reach of any one who desired to do the work carefully and systematically as did the students of the Kemptville Agricultural college.

out his tour and to this car the Canadian National will broadcast several times daily all news items of importance dealing with British, foreign and domestic affairs. Lloyd George said: "This most excellent service of the Canadian National Railways has made me acquainted without loss of time with what has happened today in London, Paris and Washington. The service is absolutely invaluable. Without it, I would not be in a position to answer these questions you put to me, and I could not be in the position I am to speak today if it were not for the aid of these radio dispatches." TO EXPULSION FROM ITALY SECRETARY OF Y. M. C. A. Anti-Catholic Activity is Charge on Which Demand is Based. Rome, Oct. 11.—Expulsion from Italy of the Young Men's Christian Association Secretary Voore, for his activities in Protestant proselytizing is demanded by the Corriere D'Italia, a big Catholic daily leader here. "The Y. M. C. A.'s anti-Catholic activity does not meet with indifference on the part of the government," the leader in this evening's issue of the paper says. It goes on to state that the Italian Ambassador at Washington has received instructions to have the Y. M. C. A. and American Methodists warned against trying to make Protestant converts here. "Catholic Italy," the powerful Catholic organ, concluded, "does not need Tartuffes in Protestant dress, nor secret powers working in the shade." The semi-official Voite issued a statement to the effect that public feeling against certain foreign religious societies' activities has received attention in responsible circles, who think foreigners must not be allowed to abuse Italy's hospitality. Provincial Treasurer Price is floating \$40,000,000 of Ontario bonds. These will be handled by a strong syndicate.

HUMMING BIRD'S SHEEN REPRODUCED AT LAST The Brilliant Wing Colors Are Caught by Artist Inventor.

Washington, D.C., Oct. 11.—Frank Bond, chief clerk of the General Land Office here, a native of Wyoming, has solved the mystery of the luster in the humming bird's wing and patented a process to reproduce it. "My invention," said Mr. Bond "relates to a process reproducing in pictures the natural luster or sheen of the feathers of birds or other objects, so that such pictures not only will be faithful reproductions of the natural colorings of the birds but also of the luster of the plumage. At private exhibitions Mr. Bond's paintings have attracted the attention of artists. Brilliantly feathered birds were shown in pictures. They included seventeen species of American humming birds. Certain difficult tracts, such as the throat and crown areas, were brought out in all of their beauty. This reproduction of the metallic brilliance or glow is based upon a newly discovered process which utilizes the principle of light reflected through properly colored transparent media, upon which characteristic feathering was traced.

Saxon Princess to Wed. Budapest, Oct. 11.—The engagement of Archduke Joseph Francis, young and handsome son of the former Field Marshal Archduke Joseph, to Princess Anna Monica, youngest daughter of former King Frederick August of Saxony, is announced. Archduke Joseph Francis is twenty-eight years old and his fiancée twenty.

Ask Hulbert To Intercede. New York, Oct. 11.—A delegation of Irish Republicans visited the city hall bearing resolutions urging acting Mayor Murray Hulbert to intercede in behalf of Eamon de Valera, rebel leader, who is a Free State prisoner in Dublin.

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