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WEEKLY POULTRY LESSON

Under the Authoritative Direction of
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BREEDS AND VARIETIES IN POULTRY.

The terms "breed" and "variety" are frequently used in speaking or writing of poultry. These terms are not interchangeable, both having a distinct significance. Breed represents the race, or stock, to which a bird belongs. A Plymouth Rock, whether Barred, White, or Buff, belongs to one breed; a Leghorn, irrespective of feather coloration, belongs to another breed; and so on with the Wyandottes, Rhode Island Reds, etc. Each of these is distinguished by characteristics of shape of body, size and color of eggshell, and temperament that have been artificially acquired, but that are definitely fixed and are specifically its own.

Differentiation in Varieties—

In nearly all the standard breeds there are several distinct families, usually distinguished by the color pattern of the feathers or the shape of the comb. Each of these families is known as a variety. There are seven standard varieties of Plymouth Rocks, eight varieties of Wyandottes, eight of Leghorns, and so on.

Breed Characteristics—

The physical characteristics of each variety of Plymouth Rocks are identical. The Barred Plymouth Rocks have a small single comb; a stout comparatively short beak; moderately long wattles, bright red in color; a rather long back, flat at the shoulders, and nearly horizontal from neck to saddle; a broad, full, moderately deep breast; and stout, yellow legs, free of feathers. So have the White Plymouth Rocks and all the other varieties.

An Example of Variety—

The difference in Plymouth Rock families, or varieties, is seen in color of feathers entirely. The plummage of the Barred Plymouth Rocks is a grayish white, crossed by regular, parallel bars that stop short of positive black, giving the plummage a bluish appearance. The White Plymouth Rock is white, and the Buff Plymouth Rock is buff in plummage throughout. The physical conformation of each of these varieties is identical—only the feather coloration differs.

Breed vs. Variety—

"Shape makes the breed, feather coloration the variety." This statement is often seen in the poultry papers and is frequently heard at poultry shows. This is correct, but it must be remembered that the same plummage pattern may appear in varieties in different breeds. For instance, the color pattern of the Silver Pencilled Plymouth Rocks, the Silver Pencilled Wyandottes and the Dark Brahmas is identical in every section of the body. So is that of the Columbian Plymouth Rocks, the Columbian Wyandottes, the Light Brahmas and the Light Sussex. While the color pattern of these varieties are the same, they are each of different breeds because their physical shape is different.

Shape of Comb as A Variety Characteristic—

Shape of comb as well as feather pattern enters in to make the varieties in Leghorns. Some varieties are single combed; others are rose combed. There are Single Combed White Leghorns and Rose Combed White Leghorns. This is also true of the Brown Leghorns. Then there are both Single and Rose Combed White and Black Minorcas and Single and Rose Combed Anconas. Varieties in Polish fowl are distinguished not only by color of feather but also by the presence or abscence of a beard, which is a bunch of feathers that covers the wattels.

Color of Lobe Decides Color of Eggshell—

The color of eggshell that a fowl will lay may always be told by the color of the ear lobes. In breeds like the Leghorns the lobes are white and so are the eggshells. Plymouth Rocks, Wyandottes, and others have red lobes and lay brown-shelled eggs. When the lobes of Leghorns have a yellow tinge or are splashed with red their eggshells will be tinted. When white appears in the lobes of breeds laying brown-shelled eggs the pigmintation in the shell will be lessened. It is very important, if market eggs of the highest quality are desired, to see to it that the lobes, of the breeders are either pure white or pure red, according as required by the breeds. Red in the lobes of Mediterranean breeds or white in the lobes of American breeds disqualify them in the show room.

Questions on This Week's Lesson—

1. Is it correct to speak of a Barred Plymouth Rock as a breed or as a variety?
2. Correct this statement. The White Leghorn breed is considered to be a splendid "egg machine."
3. Is breed distinguished by shape or color?
4. Is it possible to tell before a pullet starts to lay what color the shell of her eggs will be?

Answers to Last Week's Lesson—

1. The chief cause of chicks piling up in the corners of the brooder room is overcrowding. It is a common practice to put too many chicks under each hover. Other causes are rapid changes in temperature and low vitality in the chicks.
2. When chicks pile up in the corners those underneath are often smothered; at least, they are made to sweat and are easily chilled. Once a chick has been thus chilled its growth is seriously retarded.
3. When the cockerels are separated at an early age from the pullets twice as many chicks may be hovered together as could otherwise be done. Both sexes grow better and more rapidly when separated.
4. The amount of floor space which should be allotted to a growing chick depends somewhat on the skill of the attendant. Approximately 200 chicks is the most economical number that can be reared in one flock.

Kingston Markets

Friday, July 25.

Fruit.

Bananas, doz.	25 to 40
Grapes, Cal., lb	35
Oranges, doz.	25 to 60
Lemons, doz.	30
Dried Fruits—	
Apricots, Cal., lb	18
Prunes, Cal., lb.	15 to 30
Peaches, Evap., lb.	18

Garden Produce.

Onions	5
Carrots	10
Lettuce, leaf	5
Potatoes, bag	$2.25
Potatoes (new)	55c to 80c peck
Fresh vegetables—	
Cabbage, lb.	4 for 25

Unclassified.

Sugar, granulated, lb	9
Sugar, yellow, lb.	9
Sugar, icing, lb	12½
Flour, standard, cwt.	$3.75 to $4
Rolled Oats, lb.	5
Honey, 5-lb. pail	75
Honey, comb.	20

Fish.

Cod, lb.	15
Fillets, lb.	20
Finnan Haddie, lb.	15
Haddock fresh lb.	12½
Halibut, fresh, lb.	30
Kippers, pair	20 to 22
Perch, lb.	12½
Pike, lb.	15
Salmon, lb.	30
Fresh:	
Trout, salmon, lb.	18 to 25
White Fish	20

Dairy Produce.

Butter, creamery, lb	35 to 40
Butter, dairy, lb.	33
Cheese, new, lb.	23 to 30
Cheese, old, lb	40
Eggs, new laid, doz	28 to 30

Meats and Poultry

Beef:	
Steak, porterhouse, lb.	30 to 35
Steak, round, lb.	18 to 25
Boiling cuts, lb.	10
Stewing cuts, lb.	8 to 11
Beef, western, cwt.	12 to 14
Beef, local, lb.	6 to 8
Pork:	
Loin, roasts, lb.	28
Shoulders, roasts,	20 to 22
Hogs, live weight, cwt	7 to 9
Chops, lb.	25 to 35
Hogs, dressed, cwt.	13 to 16
Bacon, breakfast,	28 to 32
Ham, smoked,	35
Lamb:	
Hinds, lb.	40
Fronts, lb.	32
Mutton, chops, lb.	20 to 25
Mutton, carcase	15
Poultry	
Fowl, lb.	25
Chickens, lb.	35 to 40

Hay, Straw and Grains.

Bran, ton	$28 to $29
Buckwheat, bus.	$1.10
Corn feed, car lots,	95
Hay, baled, cwt.	85c
Hay, loose, ton	$10 to $11
Oats, local, bus.	50
Shorts, ton	$30
Wheat (local)	$1.40

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A LONDON LETTER

By Panton House.

London, July 8.—With so many thousands of Canadians here for the British Empire Exhibition, Dominion Day gatherings were this week the largest that London has ever seen. Over 2,000 guests attended the reception by P. C. Larkin, High Commissioner for Canada, assisted by his daughter, Miss Aileen Larkin. In the evening the High Commissioner presided at a Dominion Day dinner, attended by the Prince of Wales and a large company that included J. H. Thomas, Secretary for the Colonies, and E. H. Armstrong, Prime Minister of Nova Scotia.

The prince, responding to the royal toast, said: "I do not think I need to tell any of you that I have a certain love for the dominion. Canada has always been a real tonic to me. So it was last year, and I am sure it will be the same this fall, when I have every hope of returning to my ranch." He congratulated the Dominion Government on its splendid contribution toward the success of the British Empire Exhibition, adding that he had a personal reason for wishing to re-visit the Canadian Pavilion. He had the greatest faith in everything Canadian, and he "wanted to see how I am faring during this hot spell." His allusion was, of course, to the life-size statue of himself in butter, one of the most popular exhibits in the pavilion.

Wembley, too, kept Dominion Day, though a few hours in advance. William Phillips, European manager of the C.N.R., invited the London staff and their wives and friends to a garden party at the company's pavilion. The island in the middle of the lake was taken by the company for the evening of June 30th, and the gathering ended with a most successful dance.

At Hampton Court.

On Friday, June 27th, between two and three thousand guests attended the government garden party, most of them arriving by the Trophy Gate and passing over the moat into the wonderful gardens of Hampton Court by the fine battlemented brdge, built by Henry VIII. and rediscovered and restored in 1909. Ramsay MacDonald, the British premier, received his guests in a special enclosure near the Long Water.

The Empire Dance.

Another great function in honor of our visitors from all parts of the empire was the reception, ball and concert held on June 30th, given by the Lord Mayor and corporation of the city of London at the Guildhall. The great hall had a temporary dancing floor for the occasion; the Royal Artillery band played there and in the library. Refreshments were served in the crypt, the most ancient part of the building, a relic of the Guildhall built in 1411-35. Among the guests, of whom there were over 2,000, were the High Commissioners for Canada and Newfoundland, and Agents-General for British Columbia, Nova Scotia, Ontario and Quebec.

Canadian Editors' Tour.

The party of 170 Canadian newspaper representatives who arrived in London this week are not letting the grass grow under their feet. Besides attending all kinds of private functions and inspecting London newspaper offices, they will have visited Wembley, Richmond, Hampton Court and the House of Commons, spent a day with the Atlantic fleet and appeared at the king's garden party. Most of them were present at the Dominion Day reception, and another reception at Kensington Palace, where they were presented to Princess Louise, the Duchess of Connaught and Lady Patricia Ramsay.

PROVINCIAL HIGHWAYS.

Conditions as Reported by the Department of Public Highways.

Toronto to Quebec Boundary, 302 miles—Toronto to Oshawa, excellent paved roads. Oshawa to west boundary of Durham, closed from Monday, July 21st, for paving. Detour 2nd concession north at Oshawa. Road good from Bowmanville to east limit of Lennox and Addington. Boundary of Frontenac to Kingston, good macadam. Kingston to Brockville, good macadam, oiling proceeding near Mallorytown. Brockville to Prescott, good macadam and gravel except for one rough mile near Maitland. Prescott to Cornwall, good macadam, except for canal bank roads at Cardinal, Iroquois and Morrisburg. Cornwall to Lancaster, good macadam, oiling proceeding. Lancaster to Quebec boundary, rough; macadamizing proceeding near Lancaster. Traffic to Montreal proceed via Coteau Junction. Ferries to U.S. will be found at the following points: Kingston, Gananoque, Brockville, Aultsville and Cornwall.

Whitby to Lindsay, 48 miles.—Good gravel road throughout.

Port Hope to Peterboro, 29 miles.—Good road throughout.

Picton to Foxboro, 30 miles.—Road good throughout except two miles south of Crofton under construction. Traffic requested to go slow at this point.

Kingston to Ottawa, 131 miles.—Kingston to Joyceville, good macadam. Joyceville to Smith's Falls, fair gravel road. Smith's Falls to Carleton Place, fair macadam, grading proceeding south of Innisville; no detours. Carleton Place to Ashton, fair except two miles which is rough. Ashton to Stittsville, gravel road in good condition. Stittsville to Ottawa, asphalt road in good condition.

Prescott to Ottawa, 74 miles.—Prescott to Carleton county, good gravel and concrete road. Carleton county boundary to Manotick, fair gravel road. Manotick to Jock River, concrete road, good. Jock River to Black Rapids, under construction, take detour Merivale road to base line road. Base line to Ottawa, asphalt road.

Ottawa to Pembroke, 105 miles.—Fair gravel road.

Toronto to Severn.—Paved from Toronto to Holland Landing, good with the exception of a short local detour on the west of Yonge street at Aurora Subway. One way traffic and level crossing over C.N.R. Drive with caution. Detour old road from Holland Landing to Bradford through Holland Landing village. Road closed five miles north of Bradford. Detours will be well marked. Balance of the road, good.

Port Credit to Owen Sound, 103 miles.—Port Credit to Cooksville, paved. Road closed two miles south of Brampton. Detour east to first line east. Brampton to Chatsworth, grading for five miles south of Flesherton. Grading three miles south of Chatsworth to west for four miles, detour in good condition. Bridge construction at Snelgrove.

Toronto to Hamilton, 43 miles, via Lake Shore Road.—Concrete pavement; via Dundas street, asphaltic pavement.

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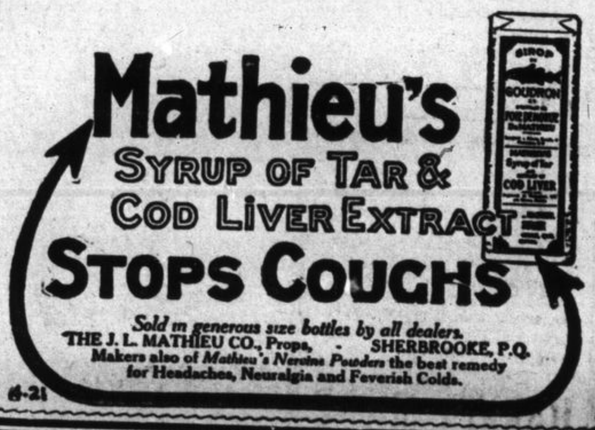

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