

### IMPROVING POULTRY A CROSS THE BORDER

#### Industry Stimulated in Recent Year by Efforts of the Government.

#### AMAZING RESULTS GAINED

#### Project Begun to Develop Export Trade Ends With Canada Absorbing Output.

By F. C. ELFORD, Dominion Poultry Husbandman.

Canada is primarily an agricultural country and draws much of her wealth from the soil. As a nation we have grown tremendously in numbers, wealth and influence during the past quarter century and this development is still progressing at an astonishing rate. This is especially true of our great wheat-producing territory in the West, whose countless towns are springing up and unnumbered farms are springing on virgin soil which yields bumper crops of the principal cereals.

It is not to be wondered at that in sparsely settled regions the poultry industry is apparently neglected, and attention to the raising of fowls in the last century did not amount to much in Canada. Of course, it had been developed in certain sections, especially in Ontario and Quebec, but this was on a small scale and the poultry population was relatively small. The census of 1891 records approximately 14,000,000 head of poultry, but no figures are available regarding the number and value of eggs produced or the birds killed and sold. Possibly the census officials felt that these items were not of sufficient importance to make note of.

At any rate, at the time mentioned eggs sold for 10 cents per dozen and the dressed chicken at 25 and 20 cents per pair, and even at these figures they had to be "limed out" at the store. These prices may have represented the actual worth of the goods, as the quality must have been poor. No attention was paid to the raising of fowls when most convenient and marketed when groceries were needed. The chickens were never specially raised for the market. In fact, a large proportion of them never had a farm excepting what they "straggled" for in farm yard and field. It goes without saying that the quality was scarcely to be compared with that of the present day. The birds were lean, muscular and tough.

At this time dressed poultry was bringing good prices in Great Britain and Prof. J. W. Robertson, Live Stock and Dairy Commissioner of the Dominion, began an investigation of British methods of fattening and marketing poultry, in the hope of opening up an export trade in Canadian chickens.

Agents visited the chicken fattening section in Sussex and learned what the method followed there. The method followed there is to fatten the birds in a special pen, and it was decided that these methods could profitably be adopted by Canadian poultry growers and shippers, and steps were immediately taken to secure more information on this subject.

Prior to this time, in fact, since 1885, experiments with the Central Experimental Farm and some of the branches thereof, but the proposed "fattening stations" were special, an extra, and a direct to the farmer what every farmer had not been able to see for himself—the methods and appliances used in countries where the chicken fattening industry had been developed. This special work was planned under the supervision of Frank C. Mare, now connected with the United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, and on the splendid foundation laid by him the plan has been developed, to the great advantage of the industry in Canada.

It must be remembered that the primary object of these demonstrations was to educate the producer to use fresh dress and pack his chickens to make them acceptable to the then more desirable markets of England. At that time a great change was taking place in Great Britain in the matter of classing and packing chickens. Whereas the English diet used to be one of beef and bread and cheese, it was becoming in large measure one of bacon and chicken. The poultry brought about a great demand for these staples. Canadian hams and bacon were moving well in the channels of English trade, but our chickens were much below par, and reasons explained above. Therefore, we adopted the English method of fattening in order to make them acceptable to our relatives across the water.

The earliest test of this method was conducted at Ottawa. Chickens of average quality were purchased alive on the market at the rate of 25 cents per pair, and were placed in fattening crates and fed heavily for a few weeks on finely ground grain and skim milk. These birds made a great gain in weight, and the average of 7 1/2 cents per pound, and every ounce of chicken meat was vastly improved in quality.

Now, the greatest cost of producing these chickens during the many weeks they were growing. The fattening process involved but a short space of time, and right here the money value was shown. The following figures, which are enlightening to any one unacquainted with the possibilities of this fattening process:

Three representative chickens were selected from the lot just as purchased and dressed before fattening. Bled and plucked they weighed 8 pounds 5 ounces, and the edible portion, the meat remaining after the removal of head, feet, intestine and all bones, weighed 2 pounds 5 ounces after boiling. Three similar chickens after fattening weighed 16 1/2 pounds 4 ounces, and the edible portion weighed 7 pounds 7 ounces, and was edible affording 7 pounds of meat as against 2 1/2 pounds of meat in the un-fattened birds. In other words, one fat three chickens carried as much meat as one un-fattened bird.

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### CHICKENS FLOCK TO SHOW AT THE PALACE

#### Record Breaking Entry Insures Full Pens for Opening on Tuesday.

#### IMPORTANT SIDE SHOWS

#### Cats and Cage Birds Among the Features—Some Leading Exhibitors.

Chickens are to the fore. The first of the big poultry shows is at hand—that of the Empire Poultry Association, which was established by some energetic Long Island farmers, Messrs. Staman, Capt. C. E. Arnold and L. D. Howell among them. It is to open at the Grand Central Palace next Tuesday. With the poultry are to be "side shows"—of cats and cage birds. Some wonderful and rare birds from far off corners of the earth will be another big feature. Everything can be seen for one admission. By the way, the biggest rabbit in the world will be there. Of course every child will want to see him.

The show is to be a notable chicken fanciers and breeders' convention from all over the country. A number of specialty clubs in the poultry field will hold meetings during the week—all at the Grand Central Palace. There will be a brilliant array of experts in every breed. Some of these specialty clubs whose members will come together in full force during the week are: The American Pigeon Club, December 4, at 2 P. M., Dr. H. R. Hietel secretary; The Ancona Club of America, December 4, at 3 P. M., William S. Kattbun secretary; The American Buttercup Club, December 4, at 10 A. M.; The American Rose Comb Brown Leghorn Club, the Blue Antwerp Breeder's Club, December 4, at 10 A. M.; The American White Plymouth Rock Club, December 3, at 4 P. M.; National S. C. White Minorca Club, December 4.

The entries for the Palace Show, as it is to be called, show an increase of nearly 40 per cent over last year. This is a record that has surprised even show officials. There were 7,000 entries last year. This year the entries number 3,700. There are 300 more single entries, and there will be over 100 more pens. The increase are well distributed over practically all the breeds. The most marked increase is in the Rhode Island Red and Buttercup and in the White Leghorn. The Rhode Island Red class has 181 entries, an increase of 76 for rose comb fowls, a total of 181 in all. There are 178 Buttercup entries, divided among 48 exhibitors. White Rocks all birds, 114 entries; Buff Orpingtons, 114 entries; Minorcas, 117 entries; Campines, 68 entries. Blue Wyandottes are a new and excellent class this year. Black Wyandottes, 114 entries; Orpingtons are also to figure extensively.

From both the poultry experts and the general public's point of view this will be one of the best shows in all likelihood. It will be a five days show, starting through Saturday. There are nearly 500 prizes and cups in all. The Rhode Island Red is a very strong feature of the show. Some of the chief exhibitors in this breed are the Dune Alpin Poultry Farms of Easthampton, N. Y.; the Schenley Heights Poultry Farms of Brown Mills, N. Y., 22 entries; Skylands Farms of Sterling, N. Y., 25 entries; Elm Poultry Yards of Hartford, Conn., 20 entries; Lester Thomas of Concord, Mass., rose comb, 5 entries; Amesley Anderson of Morton, Pa., rose comb, 5 entries; George W. Tracey of Kinderhook, N. Y., single comb, 7 entries. The various classes of judging from their entries, promise to be H. G. Bissard of Hampton, N. J., 12 entries; the Fenonia Way Poultry Yards of Tabor, N. J., 22 entries; Dr. Reynolds & Son of Ballston, N. Y., 14 entries.

Principal exhibitors in other breeds are: Barred Rocks, Schwab Brothers of Irondequoit, N. Y., 12 entries; John G. D. Gentry of Mount Vernon, N. Y., 12 entries; White Wyandottes; Horace Havemeyer of Stamford, Conn., 14 entries; Havemeyer Brothers of Mahwah, N. J., 12 entries; Robert Hanson of Westbury, L. I., 6 entries; Oniga Farm of Flomham Park, N. J., 12 entries; Charles W. Partridge of White Plains, N. Y., 10 entries.

Buff Orpingtons: Robert Bacon of Westbury, L. I., 4 entries; Mrs. Isaac N. Seligman of Irvington-on-the-Hudson, 7 entries; the Joe Pyle Orpington Farm of South Norwalk, Conn., 15 entries; Inglefield Poultry Farms of Flushing, L. I., 10 entries.

The Schenley Heights Poultry Farms of Pittsfield, among their entries in many classes, are to be particularly strong in the field and silver Campines. Another of the big specialty exhibitors is the Langgollen Farms of Great Neck, L. I., which will show Blue Andalusians, Houdans, Blue Orpingtons and Campines. The Pet stock—rabbits and caviars—are to be among the "headliners" of the show. The very large number of 215 entries has come in. The great feature of the show will be the largest rabbit in the world. Every little boy and girl in New York and its suburbs should see him. He weighs seventeen pounds and is being exhibited by Albert Sherwood of New York.

The cats of this show have had a great deal said about them. They are all beauties and will establish a record in cat showing in and about New York. Not so much is known, however, as to the cage birds that will be a feature of equal importance.

The Empire Cage Bird Association, recently organized, with Frank Gambo and Kenneth N. Woodward as executives, is managing this section of the big Palace Poultry Show. There are to be ten specialty displays of aviaries by Miss Jack and Kenneth N. Woodward will bring the entries to over 400. Jacob Melton is to be president of the club, has 21 entries in the canary classes. In the wild bird sections are said to be some very interesting collections, many specimens exhibited, being unique. In Miss Jack's display of some 25 birds are to be the rare Australian fire finch and South American black faced love birds and long tailed whistlers. Mr. Woodward is to show over 100 cage birds. Cage bird enthusiasts will be interested in the exhibit of the New York Canary Association. All in all, this is to be the largest exhibition of small birds ever brought before the New York public. One of the stars of the collection will be a wild canary.

In all probability the enthusiasm of the large man of business will center about the most interesting and remarkable birds that George D. Tilley of Darien, Conn., is exhibiting. Many of these exhibits are to be exceedingly interesting and unique. They have entirely new and beautiful features, some of the world's strange birds of the world that Mr. Tilley is to present at the Palace show are rare white pheasants.

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Buff Orpingtons: Robert Bacon of Westbury, L. I., 4 entries; Mrs. Isaac N. Seligman of Irvington-on-the-Hudson, 7 entries; the Joe Pyle Orpington Farm of South Norwalk, Conn., 15 entries; Inglefield Poultry Farms of Flushing, L. I., 10 entries.

The Schenley Heights Poultry Farms of Pittsfield, among their entries in many classes, are to be particularly strong in the field and silver Campines. Another of the big specialty exhibitors is the Langgollen Farms of Great Neck, L. I., which will show Blue Andalusians, Houdans, Blue Orpingtons and Campines. The Pet stock—rabbits and caviars—are to be among the "headliners" of the show.

The very large number of 215 entries has come in. The great feature of the show will be the largest rabbit in the world. Every little boy and girl in New York and its suburbs should see him. He weighs seventeen pounds and is being exhibited by Albert Sherwood of New York.

The cats of this show have had a great deal said about them. They are all beauties and will establish a record in cat showing in and about New York. Not so much is known, however, as to the cage birds that will be a feature of equal importance.

The Empire Cage Bird Association, recently organized, with Frank Gambo and Kenneth N. Woodward as executives, is managing this section of the big Palace Poultry Show. There are to be ten specialty displays of aviaries by Miss Jack and Kenneth N. Woodward will bring the entries to over 400. Jacob Melton is to be president of the club, has 21 entries in the canary classes. In the wild bird sections are said to be some very interesting collections, many specimens exhibited, being unique. In Miss Jack's display of some 25 birds are to be the rare Australian fire finch and South American black faced love birds and long tailed whistlers. Mr. Woodward is to show over 100 cage birds. Cage bird enthusiasts will be interested in the exhibit of the New York Canary Association. All in all, this is to be the largest exhibition of small birds ever brought before the New York public. One of the stars of the collection will be a wild canary.

In all probability the enthusiasm of the large man of business will center about the most interesting and remarkable birds that George D. Tilley of Darien, Conn., is exhibiting. Many of these exhibits are to be exceedingly interesting and unique. They have entirely new and beautiful features, some of the world's strange birds of the world that Mr. Tilley is to present at the Palace show are rare white pheasants.

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