

with adequate ventilation. Good feeding is necessary for chickens, but it is not nearly such a vital consideration as provision of the desired brooding-temperature and proper ventilation. Be guided by the old hen.

GREEN FEED.

At this time of the year—indeed, at all times—an adequate provision of green feed for poultry is imperative. It not only keeps the birds in good health, but it replaces to a material extent more costly foods. There should be no lack of it on the farm except in dry spells, which should be provided against. Watercress is excellent. The best of all green feed, however, is lucerne, and there is no reason why the vast majority of those who keep poultry should not have this in continual supply. There are few soils in the Dominion where it cannot be grown. The chief requirement in establishing lucerne is a thoroughly clean seed-bed and applying lime to the soil. In the poultry section at Ruakura Farm of Instruction lucerne is thriving, and is providing all the green food necessary for the flocks.

THINGS TO BE REMEMBERED.

Do not waste the poultry manure. It is a highly valuable fertilizer.

Do not allow the males to run with the layers except in the breeding season.

All surplus cockerels four and a half months old and over should now have been marketed.

The table cockerel is only truly profitable when marketed before the second lot of feathers commence to develop.

A pinch of sulphur in the mash is beneficial when the fowls are moulting.

Do not adopt every new idea. Test it before applying it in general practice.

Overcrowding is one of the worst and most frequent mistakes made by poultrymen.

Good management, of which economy is an essential detail, is imperative to the best results.

Roup may be almost invariably traced to dampness or undue exposure to wet and cold weather, lice and want of cleanliness being contributing causes.

In laying out a plant the principal point to consider is economy in labour. Locate the buildings in such a way that the birds can be attended to and the buildings cleaned with as little loss of time as possible.