

in grass, and given a rest. All the droppings in the isolated pen should be raked up daily and burnt or deeply buried with lime, while the floor under the perches should be given a dressing of lime after each cleaning. The food-troughs and drinking-vessels should be frequently cleaned with disinfectant.

The fact cannot be emphasized too strongly that prevention is the one thing to aim at in keeping this disease at bay. Too much stress cannot be placed upon the value of cleanliness, and plenty of sunlight and fresh air in the houses, while ample food of a nourishing nature should be supplied at all times. This disease is most common when the birds are preparing for or are undergoing the moulting process. The appearance of any infectious disease should at once be reported to the Director of the Live-stock Division, Department of Agriculture, Wellington.

THINGS TO REMEMBER.

To secure the best results from poultry-keeping both eggs and table birds must be marketed to the best advantage.

Turning a store cockerel into a table delicacy by good feeding doubles the weight of the bird and the profit to the poultry-keeper.

Feeding oats of inferior quality generally proves an expensive food when the egg-yield is taken into consideration.

Many failures in the work of rearing poultry stock are put down to incubators and brooders, whereas the fault is traceable to the breeding-birds.

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EARLY SPRING WORK.

AUGUST is one of the most critical months in the year, as the bees have awakened from their semi-dormant condition, and the incessant demand of the young brood for food will deplete the stores in a way to astonish even the seasoned beekeeper.

Advantage may be taken of the mild weather occasionally obtaining in August to give the hives their first inspection of the season. This is very necessary where sufficient stores have not been left to carry the bees through the first stages of brood-rearing, which in the milder parts of the Dominion will have commenced in earnest. It is not wise to delay this work till breeding is well advanced, as it may lead to losses through a shortage of stores. The examination is made for the purpose of determining the amount of food in each colony, to note the