

HISTORIC MONUMENTS

Detailed List of Stones and Inscriptions in Old Protestant Cemetery, Elm Avenue, Charlottetown.

By Elsie J. Cambridge

Note of Explanation: In order to facilitate the finding of stones or monuments, they have been listed in "rows", and each has been given a number. The "rows" are by no means always straight and there are many gaps between stones.

- Row Stone No. Names, Dates, Inscriptions, etc. Condition of Stone & Type. 1 (at walk) Edward Curtis HAYTHORN, a native of the city of England, 18 yrs. a magistrate for Queen's County in this Island, (d. Jan. 30, 1859, age 45) and for (7) yrs. a member of the Legislative Council—Large flat stone, neatly levelled, a little, and base stones arranged more neatly. If, also, lichen should be cleaned off.

NEWSY NOTES

By Agricola

THE PHALAROPES

In the 1916 list of Island birds occur the names of the Red and Northern Phalaropes. The great majority of bird-names are popular in the sense that they have been bestowed by the people themselves. The name Phalarope, on the contrary, could only have been imposed by a scientist, for it is Greek for "Cool-foot." It is a good name intimating that the birds have separate joint webs running along each toe, scaplo-fashion. The list does not give any specific records of the Phalaropes, but since they are fairly common in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Newfoundland the surmise is that they certainly visit P. E. I.

The Phalaropes are noteworthy in some other respects. The female is larger and brighter-colored than the male, thus reversing the usual order; and incubation periods are largely or chiefly performed by the male bird. Another striking difference appears in the seasonal changes of plumage as listed below:

Red (or Gray) Phalarope. A.O.U. 222. Probable fall visitor. Adult female summer plumage: Crown and chin brownish-black, cheeks white, lower neck and underparts reddish-brown, often with scattered white feathers. Back black, the feathers bordered buff, wings gray, tips of greater coverts white; upper tail-coverts rufous. Adult male in summer: Similar, though smaller; little or no white on cheeks, crown striped like back. Adults in winter: top of head and underparts, white; region about eye, and back of neck fuscous; back and scapulars dark pearl-gray; wings glossy fuscous, coverts and secondaries tipped white; rump and tail fuscous. Toes with lobate webs. Length of adult 8 inches.

There is a distinction between the bills of the two Phalaropes which must not be forgotten. The bill of the Red is heavy, broad and flat; that of the Northern Phalarope is very slender and sharp-pointed.

Northern Phalarope. A. O. U. 223. Probable visitor, according to 1916 list. Adult female in summer: sides (and front) of neck rufous; rest of the underparts white; upper parts slaty-gray; back and scapulars edged with ochraceous buff. Adult male in summer: similar but upper parts black and more ochraceous; sides (and front) of neck mixed with fuscous. Adults in winter: upper parts grayish, more or less mixed with white, tips of greater wing-coverts and secondaries tipped white; occasionally with traces of rufous on the sides of the back, underparts white, more or less mottled grayish on the breast. Immature birds have the upper back, edged straw-color; forehead white; underparts white, lightly stained buffy. Toes with lobate webs. Length of adult 7 1/2 inches, of bill .85 inches.

Phalaropes were noticed off the coasts of the U. S. A. in 1881, but it was not till 1909 that an actual capture of three birds was made and the plumage observed. H. B.rimley described them as "most peculiar in their actions, darting about on the surface more like insects than birds."

Scottish Life and Character (4)

When Dean Ramsay published his "Reminiscences" (1860) it is clear that the drinking habits of the previous generations of Scots had given place to more rational relaxations. No doubt the "aid fowk" could have put up a good excuse for their devotion to the "bottle." The climate, among the hills and mountains of the North, was inclement; there were no ra-

ional amusements for the leisure hour; and there was remarkably little in the line of education, to promote a better class of culture. (Matters were almost in the same stage in the Northumberland of my childhood. I can recall the sight of well-dressed men, adorned with stove-pipe hats, zig-zagging along the streets of a sea-side town, and nobody giving them a second look. Years after, when I myself went to live in town, I noticed a great change: drunkenness, except in the lowest stratum of the people, was taboo!)

There was an invariable practice at private drinking parties, which struck the reverend Deans in the practice of forcing each person, man, matron, spinster, or girl, to drink a "toast" and utter a "sentiment." Some of these sentiments took the form of wishes—"Here's tae the land o' cakes" (Scotland). "Mair freens and less need o' them."

Here's tae them that lends us a lift! There is no doubt that a certain number of this sort could be made very embarrassing by an ill-natured person, but the malice seldom backfired as the Laird of Combie once found. There was a Miss MacNabb of Bar-a-Chair, a spinster of great benevolence and probity, but no beauty. One day Combie was, as frequently happened, a guest of Miss MacNabb's, dinner was over, and several toasts had gone round, as usual, when Combie asked all the guests to fill their glasses to the brim, for a special bumper. Rising, he addressed himself to his hostess, and said "I propose the old Scotch toast of 'Honest men and bonnie lassies.'" He bowed to the hostess and took his seat. Miss MacNabb returned the bow with a smile, and taking up her glass, replied, "Weel, Combie, I am sure we may drink that, for it will apply neither to you nor me." It is not on record that Combie had any reply to this taunt.

Some years ago a Russian scientist came out with a theory that the maximum sun-spot period was productive of unrest, and even crime, on the earth. Sunspots produce enormous quantities of electrons, causing magnetic disturbances, he said; these electrons also caused a notable alteration in man's emotional and volitional centres, rendering him, in a certain, irresponsible for his actions. The condition of the world, today, gives the theory some support.

Just a Few Words

The other day I heard a speaker mention the old time Vikings; he pronounced the word VIK-Kings, in concession, I suppose to some local pronunciation. It ought, of course, to be spoken as VIK-ling, for the following reasons. The long narrow bay or creek on the Scandinavian coast was called a "vik," and the dwellers on its shores became known as "vikling." The "r" was the sign of the plural, and the "ing" might be loosely translated "people." The Vikings were literally the "creek-folk," a title which had nothing to do with the name "sea-kings," after wards applied to these wild rovers. Because the vikings clustered together for safety their settlements gradually acquired the name of "viks" too. V and W, in some of the old languages were interchangeable, and by the time the word got to England it was "wicked" or "wicks." Warwick, soldiers'-town, and Sandwich, town on the sand. The Germans flattened it to "wig" as Schleswig, the town on the Schlei. (The letter "g" as a plural is a thing, very scarce. I have heard old Irish mothers talk of their children "when they spoke of their families." The Anglo-Saxon has managed to achieve a double plural by talking of the "child-en.")

vening years the grave was marked by a small square stone with simply the initials "P.C." John Bayliss, son of John and Clara B. LEA, b. April 21, 1862, d. Mar. 12, 1863.—Tiny Gothic slab. Needs cementing to base. If John LEA, b. Sept. 20, 1831, d. Jan. 12, 1864.—Gothic stone, entirely loose on base. Frank D'Isdale, b. Apr. 7, d. Sept. 24, 1888; Mary Andrews, b. June 12, 1863, d. May 11, 1864, children of John and Clara R. LEA.—Small Gothic slab, loose on base. If (close to walk) James Andrew, son of Wm. B. and Mary A. DEAN, d. Nov. 2, 1857, age 6 mos.—Small slab—1. If Ann, wife of Wm. CRABB, Sen. d. Aug. 7, 1868, age 73.—Gothic slab, untidily cemented on base. If (in advance of No. 2) Mary and Johnson BEARSTO, daughter and son of George and Jane BEARSTO, d. Jan. 17 and 23, 1852, age 5 and 3 yrs.—Slab—11. If Ellender Burk, wife of Edward BURK, d. Feb. 14, 1827, age 30.—Slab—11, lettering faint. If (gap) Thos. Boggs TREMAINE, d. Aug. 28, 1864, age 61.—Odd pile of bones with scroll in good condition except leaning somewhat. If Elizabeth Allan, wife of Thos. B. TREMAINE, d. Oct. 22, 1858. Also their sons, Benjamin (19) yrs.bury Pryor, age 8 yrs. George Barclay, 6 mos.—Slab—1, interesting odd design. If Lydia Marton, wife of E. L. LYDIARD, d. Nov. 6, 1836, age 41 (or 44). Also their daughter Annie Mary, d. Sept. 2, 1854 (or 1851), age 1 yr. 8 mos.—Large flat stone. Should be levelled and lichen cleaned off. If "Removed from him" in the full bloom of health and promise." d. Aug. 20, 1860, age 19 yrs.—Lower 1-2 of slab, no name but ascertain from newspaper. Put on base. If Artemus, son of John and Jane LEA, d. Mar. 13, 1861, age 18 yrs.—Slab—11. If Penelope, wife of George DAVIES, d. January 2, 1860, age 11.—Slab—needs straightening up and putting on base. If Cecilia ATWOOD, wife of Nathan DAVIES, d. May 30, 1863, age 78.—Slab, sunken too far, and face badly weathered. If Nathan DAVIES, merchant, d. Oct. 18, 1837, age 87 yrs., a native of South Wales and a resident of upwards of 30 years in Charlottetown.—Slab—11. Too high out of ground. If Maria ATWOOD, wife of Benjamin DAVIES, Esq., d. Nov. 1, 1852, age 33.—Slab, too high out of ground. Surface is weathering. If Agnes R., d. Sept. 24, 1856, age 15 mos. Mary D., Dec. 20, 1860. (Get family name and other information from newspapers.)—Upper 1-2 of small slab. Could be put on base. If Mary, wife of Thomas MORRIS. (Date of death gone).—Upper half of slab. Set on base. If Josephine Augusta, wife of Albert Hinde YATES, d. April 13, 1850, age 30.—Slab—should be raised and mounted.

The End.



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Getting back to the "vik", we last find it in Iceland, where the capital is Reykjavik, "steam (or rock) town", the reek being caused by the sighing hot springs. A poet once said "Westward the tide of Empire takes its way," and if the reader can secure an old map of Canada, he (or she) will find a "vik" or "arm of the sea" place names on the coast of Labrador (e.g., Avulsivik), Hudson Bay (Kovik, Lat 62°), and right on to Alaska, near the delta of the great Mackenzie River. The writer has read that there have been occasional discoveries of Viking burials on this continent, but no permanent record of them has been published.

A great many native place-names on the route above-mentioned, and in "ak", with variants, "ok", and "uk." Had they occurred in Europe these syllables would be "people." In Brittany, France, is a prehistoric site of the Viking burials, hence called "Cairn" (cairn) and "ac" meaning "stone men." This may be a memorial of some great battle.

Most of the older names are discarded from the modern maps of Canada, which is a loss in some respects.

Sunspot Maximum Year?

There is just room for an application from "The Observer's Handbook for 1948", agent "sunspots." The current sun-spot cycle has produced the most and largest sunspots ever observed. That of March 1947, and the corresponding group of April 1947 were in each case the largest on record. The maximum of the cycle may be occurring about the beginning of 1948. For the whole of the year 1947 far above average spots of the sun may be expected.

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TIMELY NOTES ON TOPICS CONNECTED WITH Silver Fox and Mink Farming

Prices paid at Hudson's Bay Company January sale of silver fox were as follows: Full silvers uncontrolled \$40; controlled \$28; three-quarter silvers uncontrolled \$38; controlled \$26; half-silvers uncontrolled \$14; controlled \$15-40; low grade skins uncontrolled \$9; controlled \$11-40; pearl platinum uncontrolled \$18.

Harrod's one of the largest department stores in London, England, whose slogan is — Everything from a needle to an anchor — had a wonderfully decorated window of silver and mutation fox pelts recently. A reproduction of it appeared in Women's Wear Daily, New York.

The Canadian Fur Auction Sales (Quebec) Ltd., will commence their Auction at Montreal on January 15th. The day will be devoted to the sale of raw mink, white mink, beaver, muskrat, ermine, fisher, blue fox, cross fox, red fox, lynx, wildcat, marten, otter, raccoon, mink, marten, wolf and timberline. It is doubtful if there will be any mutation fox will be offered here on January 26th. The offerings will consist of 35,000 including platinum, pearl platinum, white marked and silvers.

Several opinions have been expressed regarding the number of mink that will be offered for sale the season of 1948, being the production of 1947. George Mayers declares that his estimate of the total Canadian and United States ranch pelts would be about 1,250,000 pelts. Mr. Mayers does not expect any difficulty in the absorption of that number by the buying public of the United States and Canada.

The fur breeders of Wisconsin as a gesture of goodwill to the children of New York, have sent a magnificent male platinum fox and an equally fine ring-necked white fox to the New York Zoo. They were accompanied by a letter from the governor of Wisconsin to the mayor of New York asking him to accept the gift. Mayor O'Dwyer has in hand to receive the present and the airplanes arrived in New York where the trip in excellent condition and the next afternoon were viewed by thousands of children. Window displays were made by dozens of furriers dark and silver fox, white fox and platinum fox so that the whole idea became a boost for the industry. After all when it comes to promotion one has to hand it to the Americans.

We have received from Lampton, Fraser & Hutch, Inc., New York, the analysis of the February mink extra dark, \$28.50 to \$32.00; good quality medium does \$25, to \$29; ordinary quality medium \$19.50 to \$23. Half-flooms are very popular. They appear to have more of the quality of the wild conditions than the other mink and as a result they are going strong in the auction sales. Great interest is being taken in the next quotation sale of mink by Lampton, Fraser & Hutch which will be held on February 26th. This sale is supposed to set the figures that will govern a large part of the season.

Another of the veteran ranchers of Prince Edward Island — and that means a lot as this was the birthplace of the industry — John R. Munn, Mansfield has decided to go completely out of the business and has sold his entire holdings. We had a talk with Mr. Munn the other day and he said he had arrived at the age when he figured that with present conditions it would be unwise to continue. Mr. Munn's name was one to conjure with in fox farming as from the very first he was a success of it. I believe it was early in '32 that he started his ranch and the fact that he has continued for over thirty years is evidence of his tenacity and good management. Munn foxes were always noted for their good quality, good color and particularly for their prolificness. Year after year he would have numbers of large litters of sixes and sevens and the average production would be in the vicinity of four per female. Of course Mr. Munn whose beautiful farm has been an example through all the years to other farmers for its neatness, arrangement and the good use made of the land would have made a success no matter what business he went into.

We had a short talk with B. B. "Bus" Jones, Burnbury, the other mink farmer. He had just recently returned from the Michigan show, show at Grand Rapids. He said the fox entry was not large but the mink, which included all types and mutations, was \$12.75 to \$17. Lower than that he has had and he did not think the foxes were any better than those shown at our recent exhibition but he said they did have some very wonderful mink. The facilities for judging foxes were nothing like as good as those at the Provincial Exhibition.

Of the types of foxes shown there were some very nice silvers with platinum, white marked, glacier and pearls of all types. The only Canadian that he noticed exhibiting was Perry Noble and he was

not sure that he had any more there. There were some Canadians there looking on and of course the show was wonderfully staged with banquets and fashion shows featured by beautiful models wearing all the different new creations of silver fox, mutation fox and mink. Among the sales made he noticed a blue fox that changed hands for \$500. It was a magnificent individual.

Returning home he stopped off at Allison, Ontario, which is a section that contains over half the fox and mink farms of Ontario. He visited the Rutthven and McCaughey farms and was given every facility for seeing their foxes, buildings, etc. Both have splendid plants which are managed in the very best possible manner. The top mink man in Ontario, he believes, is Bisbee and he has mink farming down to a science. Bus could not resist the appearance of one of his pastel males so looked over the necessary and came home in possession of this beautiful mink. He is particularly grateful to Dr. E. R. Bowness, one of our own Island boys now with Foster Freds, Ltd., Toronto, who took him around and he says Dr. Bowness' fox and mink farm is one of the best he has seen. It is to a certain extent an experimental ranch and what is learned there is disseminated through articles written by Dr. Bowness in the leading fox magazines.

He thinks they have a good idea in their system of feeding in Allison and vicinity. The Rutthven farms are equipped with numerous mixers and grinders and they make up practically all their feed on various farms. The farmer sends for it at three o'clock and gets it all mixed at eight cents a pound. Due to the number of horses which are slaughtered in Toronto and surrounding areas each year horse meat can be purchased pretty reasonable in the late fall. Rutthven cold storage plant stocks up with this enabling them to produce feed at a lower cost than they can. He asked Bus if he intended keeping as many mink as last year and he said yes, he was keeping more but he had culled out very carefully and would stick to the solid colors, that is silverblue, pastel and standards.

Yesterday morning we had a talk with Tom Carruthers at Canadian National Silver Fox Breeders headquarters. Summer is just past and the entire staff was at the highest pressure in years, that already over 35,000 pelts had passed through their hands and they were still working. The day previous some 2,000 had arrived from Ontario and there was still the west and late pelts throughout the Mar-times and Quebec. Although he would make no prediction we would not be surprised if C.N.S.F.B. A. will handle nearly 50,000 pelts, which will smash all records.

We spoke about the show and he said just a minute, and he called Lowell Hancock. Lowell was up to his eyes in work figuring out plans for the coming fox pelt show. Tom was not sure if the show could be pulled off, but Lowell said everything was arranged. "If we don't judge them in the Association here we will judge at the Labor Union Hall where we judged last year. There is an excellent skylight and I am sure we will have everything in tip top shape for the public to see the judging Monday, January 19th." You might mention that everyone is welcome to attend the banquet at the Olympic Hotel, Tuesday evening and that in addition to a good feed there will be entertainment. "The judge of the pelt show will be Douglas Bell of Charlottetown and Exhibition grader, whose work has been so well liked the past few years.

Just recently we had a photo taken at the "Pinky" ranch of some pelts with the idea of making it into a letter head if it turns out well. We had the pelts hung up full length and photographed also taken on a board frame covered with dark blue crepe paper. The board was set at an angle and each pelt was separated by about two inches. Believe it or not, we could look at a better line of pelts and pick the tops just as easy as you can be. Those hung straight up and down on the wall also could be judged much better than flat on the table. We mentioned this to Lowell and he said he believed they could arrange to have a judging table at an angle. Still another suggestion and it worked out well with us — have a long bristled hair brush or if that is not procurable a good whisk and carefully brush the pelts from the head down to rump after they are hung. Once at the H. B. C. Warehouse in London Ontario, I was wanted to pick out a good silver skin for the King's sister. We set out about a dozen on the table and the Governor selected the best. Asked how he picked that particular pelt he said, "It looked best." Yes we said, that's about 80% of what judging pelts amounts to.

Elderly Man Kills Daughter Injures Wife



HELEN TIMMONS



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FRANK TIMMONS, RIGHT AND OFFICER

Said to be a victim of melancholia, Frank Timmons, 72, of St. Charlottes, Ont., is being held by police in connection with the death of his daughter, Helen, 42, and injuries suffered by his wife, Mrs. Catherine Timmons, 80. Mrs. Timmons, critically injured, told police that the elderly man had brooded over his inability to work, beat her and his daughter in a fit of despair. The daughter had given up her teaching career to care for her parents.



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