

MR. W. K. ROGERS RETURNS FROM THE OLD LAND

He is Optimistic Regarding the Future for Foxes But thinks Improvement Could be Effected at the Selling End.

Mr. W. K. Rogers, the well known Fox Rancher of this Province, returned this week from a visit to England and Scotland, where Mr. Rogers visited and inspected the various Silver Fox Ranches, Mid Lothian, in which he is largely interested. Although Mr. Rogers has been engaged with Mr. Duncan Macnaughton, S.S.C., and others in Edinburgh, in Fox Ranching and Breeding in Scotland since 1916, this is the first occasion on which he had been able to visit Scotland and personally investigate the development of the Fox Breeding industry there.

The ranch started in 1924 with 18 pairs, supplied from Mr. Rogers' ranches here, and the company has now 50 pairs and has defrayed operating expenses from the proceeds of the pelts.

From his examination of the foxes on the Ranch and pelts, which were ready for marketing, Mr. Rogers did not discover very material difference from the parent stock in this Province.

The weather in Mid Lothian is probably colder on an average all the year round than it is here, but it lacks the intense cold we have in January and February, when frequently zero weather is experienced.

In Mid Lothian, when he was there, there was still snow on the hills and mountains in the vicinity of the ranch, and in the valleys and lowlands, and rarely is. The effect of this may be that the under fur may not be so thick, and the overhairs not so long as on island bred foxes, but it would take an expert thus far to discover the difference.

The pelts put on the market from Seaton, brought an average of \$27 or about \$135.00 each, which was a fair price considering that they were in no way exceptional quality. Mr. Rogers is quite satisfied there is a good future for Fox Ranching in Scotland and England. He spent most of his time in London, where he interviewed by arrangement many prominent stock breeders and raisers, who had become interested in the industry. Mr. Rogers was impressed by the fact that these men were thoroughly qualified and effi-

the London and Continental fashions of the past year or for the current year, nevertheless, the demand for Silver Fox Furs is growing all the time. He could see for himself that the buyers were bidding keenly for good skins and that there was even a healthy demand in the present year in Europe, for both good pelts and high grade live foxes.

He had always been of the opinion, ever since 1914, that there would be a healthy demand for Silver Foxes for their pelts, and his visit to England confirmed him in this opinion.

Beyond question it is a business which has come to stay, and every one should endeavour to try and raise the finest quality foxes and pelts as possible. Of course every one must realize that the prices cannot always be high or highly remunerative. There will be ups and downs, just as in other industries, but from the manner in which he saw the 300 buyers attend Lampons' sale, examine and bid for the 9,000 skins on sale, he was satisfied that there would always be a market and buyers for pelts of good quality.

Mr. Rogers and his sister, Miss Rogers, had a pleasant visit to the Old Land although the weather was far from being at its best. They were impressed with the solidity, caution and knowledge of the average people they came in contact with there, and were satisfied that when once these people took hold of the Fox industry in the same proportion as the people of this Province, the industry would go with a bang, because their agriculturalists were largely Live Stock breeders and knew what quality meant, and what quality should bring.

Mr. Rogers said that he had heard many favourable comments of the prominent part played in the Fox industry by Messrs. McLure and MacKinnon, and felt that there were more enterprising business men in the Fox industry here, it would not be long before this Province would take its proper place as one of the most highly favoured and popular Province in the Dominion.

As a matter of fact by the way, Mr. Rogers mentioned that during all the time he was absent he never saw a man the worse for drink. The people had open access to all kinds of liquor, but seemed to favour light wines and beer. It was the whiskey, although now and then one would see a man take a whiskey and soda after an evening meal in the majority of cases where liquor was drunk it consisted of light wines and beer and no one seemed a bit the worse for it.

I suppose it is a case of people being trained and encouraged in self-control, and after all that is the best kind of protection for any people.

Mr. Rogers may make another visit to the Old Country and the Continent in the coming Summer.

St. Patrick's Day

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appointed them that they should continue the work which He had begun and promised them that their labors would bring forth fruit and that this fruit would remain. In other words, just before departing from this world He sent forth His chosen disciples to do His Divine work with a Divine assurance of success.

Our special purpose this morning dear friends, is not to extol or praise those favored disciples because of the honor which was conferred upon them, nor do we wish in any way to detract from it. We simply purpose to show to you that this text—that these self-same words may be fittingly applied to the Saints of the East we celebrate today—our treat and glorious Saint Patrick. You have not chosen me; but I have chosen you, have appointed you that you should go and should bring forth fruit and that your fruit should remain. In applying these words to Saint Patrick we can picture to ourselves, our Lord appearing to him while he was yet a boy at home with his parents and telling him that he had chosen him to do a divine work. That He had appointed him to go to Ireland and at the same time assuring him that his labors would be fruitless and that this fruit would remain. Here then, we have three points about which we wish to speak to a group of the many and beautiful things which may be said on an occasion of this kind.

The first is the coming of Saint Patrick to Ireland.

The second is the fruitfulness of his labours in Ireland.

The third is the permanent nature of these fruits.

The Coming to Ireland of St. Patrick

It is not known with certainty in what part of God's earth this Saint was born, nor does it matter much. But what we do know is that Ireland was the chief field of his labours. His coming to Ireland resembles in many ways the coming of Joseph into Egypt. Joseph, as you know, was sold by his brothers and carried as a slave into Egypt. For some time he suffered much. He was cast into prison, but his innocence soon spoke forth. He was released, elevated to the second highest position in the realm and by his wisdom he saved his country from a disastrous famine which lasted seven years. So it was with Saint Patrick. In his 16th year he was carried into captivity by certain barbarians, who took him into Ireland, where he was obliged to guard cattle on the mountains in hunger and nakedness, amid snow, rain and ice. But God was with him. He took advantage of this exile to prepare St. Patrick for the great work He had destined for him to do. For just as He had selected Joseph to refresh with corn the Egyptians who were oppressed with famine, so He chose Saint Patrick to feed with the solitary food of the Christian faith, the Irish, who were perishing under idolatry. Saint Patrick, during his exile, spent much

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Provinces. I saw this not on my own authority. We have the words of Sir Andrew Duncan himself to that effect. (Applause). And on the strength of that presentation which when carried into effect, will give this Province the claims we have been looking forward to for so many years in this connection I cannot let the opportunity pass without extending to Premier Stephens, my colleague, the compliments of his District, for these sentiments have been voiced to me from many quarters of that District, and very often in much better words than I am able to command. However, such as they are, I present this expression of appreciation, that all may know in what respect we hold his ability and industry, and that he may be encouraged to the greater things that are ahead of him.

Improvement in Agriculture

Agricultural items are the next things that come before us in the speech from the Throne. Our people are certainly grateful for the condition that prevail on the island, especially this year. We had a splendid harvest and an satisfactory rate of prices. And in this connection we might pass a compliment to the Department of Agriculture, which on every occasion has been at the beck and call of our farmers, and has assisted them in every way along the lines of cooperation in their work. You may remember, Mr. Speaker, that in my first effort to make a speech in this House I referred to the importance of cooperation and suggested it as a solution of many of our difficulties. You will remember also that when we came into power we found things at sixes and sevens and it was hard to know just how to straighten them out; but I am pleased to say that through the efforts of our various departments and the industry of our farmers working with them, they have brought the farming industry of this country to a very high level; and one of the results is that we find our people much

they themselves driven from the woods and the hillsides, they took themselves to the silent recesses of the rocky caverns, where they worshipped their God in secret and truth. No tongue or pen can describe all that they suffered for their religion, even the most horrifying details would fall far short of the reality. It is certainly marvelous to see an entire people thus voluntarily preferring stripes and scourges, imprisonment, torture and death, to the ease and enjoyment which they might purchase by apostasy from the religion of their fathers. But not mothers taught their little ones how to die for their faith; and fathers blessed their sons on their way to the scaffold.

Our enemies do not deny these facts, simply because they cannot. They are the cold facts of history. Some, however, have been so shallow-minded as to show their insincerity by attempting to attribute to natural causes the resistance of the Irish to any new religion. But there was no human motive that forced their little ones to stand that intused such courage to their hearts. Ambition; love of worldly riches and honors, love of country and above all love of life would soon have forced them to set aside their faith. Like the primitive martyrs of the early church, they sacrificed home and country, friends, riches, happiness, and life itself rather than flinch one iota from the truth handed down to them from Saint Patrick. It was the spirit of Saint Patrick that stood by them, and enabled them at a great cost, to guard for us the treasures of the Catholic faith; so that today, after almost 1600 years of trial, the faith of Saint Patrick is still the faith of the Irish people.

The same old tree planted and watered by the cares of Saint Patrick still flourishes for the Isle of Erin, and although some of its branches may have withered, yet its trunk is still as full of life as when Saint Patrick watched over its growth, and the many storms and tempests by which it has been tried have caused only to strike its roots deeper in mother earth, and the tree tends more closely round the sod from which it sprang. This sod was the life and doctrine of our good Patron Saint Patrick. And it is not in Ireland alone that we see the fruits of Saint Patrick's labours. When famine and persecution forced many of his children to leave the land of the Shamrock, they carried with them in pure and honest hearts a fountain of deep, ardent and generous faith and for us to show that this sudden raising of an entire nation from the religion of idolatry—a religion of ease and self-gratification—to the doctrine of the cross—a doctrine of mortification and self-denial, was not a mere passing emotion, but due to any fickleness of character, which would have held today and tomorrow cast into the fire, but on the contrary, something that had come to stay. (Text) "Yes this fruit was to remain, and this fruit HAS remained. The rays of light which have illumined the Irish people in accepting the Christian faith is surpassed only by their tenacity in preserving it. For generations these sons and daughters of Saint Patrick suffered under a nation of idolaters. When indeed, is the history of Ireland's sufferings for the faith which was given her by Saint Patrick. Never was tyranny so displayed in all its hideous colors. All the instruments of persecution were employed—the rack, the stocks, the triangle and the halter were all used but without avail. Poverty, with all its bitterness, exile, with all its sorrows, may, even death with all its terrors were faced with cheerfulness—but the old religion could not be abandoned. When their churches were burned and

Opportunity for doing greatly good seldom occurs; life is made up of trifles.—F. W. Robertson.

Toilers Win

WINNIPEG, March 17.—The Toilers, of Winnipeg last night defeated the local Vics, 46 to 29, in the first game of a two game series to decide the Manitoba basketball championship and the right to represent this province in the Canadian play-downs.

The permanent work carried on last year on bridges and culverts is very favorably commended throughout the country, and I feel that this programme if carried along will meet with the full approval of the bulk of our people. This is one thing in the Speech from the Throne that I am especially pleased to note: that some atten-

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ST. PATRICK'S DAY

ANNUAL ENTERTAINMENT UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE BENEVOLENT IRISH SOCIETY AT THE PRINCE EDWARD TONIGHT AT 8.15 SHARP PRESENTS THE DELIGHTFUL IRISH COMEDY DRAMA 'THE WILL O' THE WISP' IN THREE ACTS By the Charlottetown Dramatic Club UNDER THE DIRECTION OF J. AUSTIN TRAINOR Irish Songs, Music and Dances Between Acts Seats now on Sale. Ticket Office Opens at 9.30 A. M. Daily. PRICES—35c, 50c, 75c.

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tion is being given to our Fisheries. We all know, as we are closely surrounded by water, what a great advantage the Fisheries have been to this Province. Sometimes, in years of hardship on the Island, the industry has been perhaps the only means of ready cash that came to the Province. Fortunately, for the last few years this has not been a necessity, but there have been times in my recollection that it was a case, and I am very pleased to note that the Government is taking active steps to see that our fishermen receive the attention they deserve. There is not a har-

der working class of people in this country than the fishermen. There is no class that has less in the way of help and assistance from the Government. I can assure you, sir, that the attention of the country to this matter will be greatly appreciated. There are many other things that perhaps I might have mentioned, but not knowing my own well I will leave these matters to speakers who may be better fitted to deal with them. I thank the House for the patient attention my remarks have received. (Applause).