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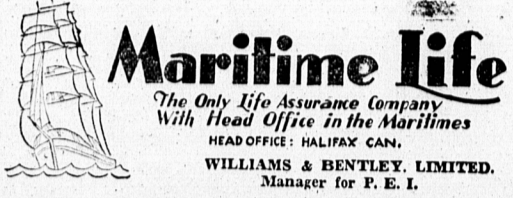
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NEWSY NOTES

BY AGRICOLA

A GOOD BEGINNING

The School Fair at Winsloe was notable this year in that music was included in the entertainment offered to visitors. This is, I believe, the first time that singing has been heard at the Fair and it appears to have given satisfaction, for two little girls informed me that "it was good" and one added, "it was fast music". Good luck to the teacher who taught her pupils to sing, for she is conferring a benefit that will last their lifetime. Who was it who said, "A singing people is a contented people?"

The view that fast music "is the only music, is of course a very youthful view. This is an age of speed, and even music is not exempt from its influence, but the old songs that have the staying power, were not of the hurry-up-type. They represented the survival of the fittest, because only the very best of music in the slow style could last, whereas even mediocre music if fast enough, will always find admirers.

I heard with regret that there were no exhibits of insects at Winsloe this year. And insects are the farmer's greatest foes and every child in the rural districts should have a knowledge of them. Some of their life histories are very wonderful. Again when the interest is kept up, year after year, the exhibits will improve.

A SCHOOL SONG

The little school that I attended was very fortunate in having a succession of masters—masters, the rustics called them—who were keen on singing. Singing was in the official time table, but these men did not teach it perfunctorily. And they imbued their scholars with the love of it. Here is a song that fifty long years have not effaced from my memory.

BEFORE ALL LANDS

Before all lands in east or west,
I love my native land the best,
With God's best gifts 'tis teeming;
No gold nor jewels here are found.

Yet men of noble souls abound
And eyes of joy are gleaming,
And eyes of joy are gleaming.

Before all people, East or West,
I love my countrymen the best:
A race of noble spirit!
A sober mind, a generous heart,
To virtue trained, though free from art,
They from their sires inherit.

Before all tongues, in East or West,
I love my native tongue the best,
Though not so smoothly spoken,
Nor woven with Italian art;
Yet when it speaks from heart to heart,
The word is never broken.

To all the world I give my hand,
My heart I give my native land,
I seek her good, her glory!
I honor every nation's name,
Respect their fortune and their fame,
But I love the land that bore me.

All our songs were fervidly patriotic and the tunes were as good as the words. There is a physiological effect in such songs that is beyond measure.

WILL SEED BE DEAR?

If the experience of seed growers

in other parts of the world is the same as mine, the answer to the above question is in the affirmative. There is so much dark weather, with rain every two or three days, that seed is not maturing properly, and many varieties of vegetables are putting out new growth instead of ripening up. Under such conditions seed is likely to be dear and poor in quality next year. We get a quantity of field and garden seeds from Britain but the summer there has been as wet as that of 1888 which has been apostrophized thus:

----- "Now in July
A cheerful fire is welcome on the hearth
For all the air is heavy damp and chill,
And out of doors incessant falls the rain:
While points the glass to more, and Swithen threatens
To open all the fountains of the sky,
And make an end of summer in a flood
Of forty days, as in Noachian times."

A very large proportion of our seed comes from the U. S. A., and the season has not been normal there. Josh Billings says "all the philosophy in the world is contained in the following brackets (grin and bear it) and under the circumstances that's all we can do.

THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF CANADA

In the Annual Report of the above Institution for 1929, just issued, I note with interest that Mr. J. Robt. Mutch, Mount Herbert, P. E. Island, donated to the museum several specimens of the smaller mammals of the Island. There must be hundreds, perhaps thousands of specimens of birds, beasts, and fishes, from all over the Dominion, in the museum. Of the beasts, Dr. R. M. Anderson, (the well known Canadian authority who prepared the article on "Furbearing animals (Land)" for the last edition of the Encyclopaedia Britannica) is now preparing an illustrated "natural history" which will include analytical keys for the determination of species, adequate descriptions, and distribution maps. The latter items could only be worked out by means of the specimens sent in by contributors or collectors from all parts of Canada.

It is to be regretted that we have no collection of our fauna and flora on the Island. If a beginning were made, I have no doubt that it would soon be added to by owners of specimens, mounted or unmounted, all over the Province. At present if we have anything special in that line, usually goes to improve the collections of the U. S. A., or in other parts of Canada. I have heard that our one and only "Dinosaur" which was dug up at New London, years ago, "went to the States."

This year Dr. Taverner is to give us a new work on the "Birds of Canada" which will replace "Birds of Eastern Canada" and "Birds of Western Canada" both out of print. Thirty new paintings by Major Allen Brooks, will replace earlier drawings now in use.

The body of the Report is taken up with a dissertation on the "Distinguishing characteristics of Algonkian and Iroquoian cultures," illustrated by 14 plates Indian relics. These comprise arrowheads (28 in the plate), spear heads, scrapers and blades, axes, gouges and ornaments of stone and similar objects in horn and copper. In the amulets and pipes the prehistoric Indians have attempted to represent various animals and also man, but in a very stiff and clumsy fashion and not in the free and

spirited lines of the prehistoric cave dwellers of Europe—who however did not smoke! Some of the pipes have ornamental patterns with diagonal and circular lines on the bowls.

TWO NEW WEEDS

A short note in the Guardian informs us that two new weeds have been discovered in Canada. The Butterbus, Petasites vulgaris Hill, has been found at three points on the Frazer River, B. C. This plant is British and is in no sense noxious. Its leaves, "of a vast bigness," as Sir John Hill's "Family Herbal" (1806) says, may reach a diameter of three feet—the largest leaves of any British plant. It throws up short spikes of flesh-colored flowers in the early spring, before the leaves appear. Besides being looked upon as a curiosity this plant has medicinal properties of a diuretic character. A species Petasites palmata Gray, is said by MacSwain to grow near Southport but I have not come across it. Its leaves differ from those of P. vulgaris in that they are not orbicular, but palmately 5-7-lobed.

The other weed, the Hoary cress, Lepidium Draba L., is also found in Britain, but most likely reached Canada by way of the United States, where it is "a fugitive from Europe." We have several different species of Lepidium here, especially around the wharves and railway sides in Charlottetown. They are straggling untidy plants, delighting in semi-waste ground, but not troublesome in our fields. Sir J. D. Hooker says L. Draba is found in the fields in Britain but is rare and sporadic. So I think our new weeds need not disturb us.

THE FEED THE BIRDS CONTEST

At the suggestion of Mr. Ludlow Jenkins, Dunstaffnage, the proprietors of The Guardian have again generously provided the funds to promote this laudable contest. The amount donated is \$20 and as it is more than last year's prize money, the prizes also will be larger. Each of the Counties, Kings, Queens and Prince, will have three prizes—First \$2.50; second \$1.50 and third \$1.00. In addition to these, one Provincial prize of \$5.00 will be awarded to the winner of a first prize whose letter is considered the best, not necessarily in a literary sense though that will have weight—but as showing a practical interest in feeding our feathered friends. In this way one only of the first prizes will amount to \$7.50.

The subjoined rules must be rigidly adhered to. In the last contest one contestant only followed the instructions in full. Some neglected one rule, some another. Neglect of the rules means disqualification.

(1)—Begin to feed at once. This is important; the birds will soon be leaving the neighborhood if the food supply is running short; they take to the woods or go south and your opportunity is gone. Write to the Department of the Interior, Ottawa, for their bulletins on "attracting the Birds"—they are free to all applicants.

(2)—Keep a record of the numbers and species of birds you feed. If you don't know your birds, get Reeds "Bird Guide, Land Birds." It is a cheap but good little publication with a colored plate of each eastern species.

(3)—Do not feed crows, grackles, nor domestic ("English") sparrows. But news of their abundance or otherwise, the earliest dates in the spring when you first see them and any peculiarities of habit, will make your letter more valuable.

(4)—Include in your letter a description of your "feeding station" and state what food you put out and what was most attractive.

(5)—Each letter must be countersigned by the teacher of the school which you attend. Letters must be addressed "The Editor, Feed the Birds Contest, The Char-

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lottetown Guardian." The contest will probably close in April but this will depend on the season. Should it be necessary to make additions or alterations in these rules, due notice will be given in these columns.

BIRDS OF P. E. ISLAND

- Perching Birds (Continued)
- (618)—Bohemian Waxwing. W. V. Seen winter 1915-16.
 - (619)—Cedar Waxwing. Cedar Bird or Cherry Bird. S. R. Not uncommon.
 - (621)—Northern Shrike. W. V. Rare visitor (found one, some years ago, which had perished in a storm)
 - (622)—Loggerhead Shrike. S. R. Rare (MacSwain).
 - (624)—Red Eyed Vireo. S. R. (No data).
 - (627)—Warbling Vireo. S. R. (No data).
 - (628)—Yellow throated Vireo (No data).
 - (629)—Blue headed or Solitary Vireo. S. R. Observed by Dwight.
 - (631)—White-eyed Vireo. S. R. Not uncommon (MacSwain)
 - (636)—Black and White Warbler. S. R. (No data)
 - (642)—Golden-winged Warbler One seen 1897 (MacSwain)
 - (645)—Nashville Warbler. S. R. Tishish (Dwight)
 - (647)—Tennessee Warbler. S. R. (No data).
 - (648)—Parula Warbler. S. R. Reported by Dwight.

GOVERNOR "HOT DOG" FAN

(United Press)
NEW HAVEN, Conn., Oct. 3 — Wilbur L. Cross, Connecticut's scholarly chief executive, has been revealed as a "hot dog" addict. Lunch car proprietors on the Hartford New Haven road are no longer startled when a long, glittering 16 cylinder sedan draws up and the governor and his state policeman chauffeur climb onto stools and order "two hot dogs—with."

COFS' BARBER SHOP ROBBED

(United Press)
NEW HAVEN, Conn., Oct. 3 — A barber shop eight doors from the Dixwell avenue police station here has been burglarized four times since last December. The burglars are persistent as well as daring. On their latest visit they ripped off the lock and half the casing of the front entrance before discovering the inside was locked and barred. Then they smashed a show window.

HEATH HEN TO GET 5 WIVES

(United Press)
BOSTON, Oct. 3 — The solitary existence of a heath hen last of its species, is nearing its end. This last survivor, whose habitat is the moors of Martha's Vineyard Island off the Massachusetts coast, will have five wives, effective in the

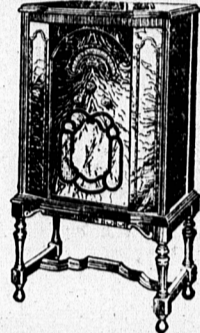
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spring. That number of practical chickens are to be brought to Martha's Vineyard from Oklahoma so the heath hen will not become extinct.

RETIRING TEXAN SOLD PRESIDENTS TICKETS
DALLAS, Tex., Oct. 1—(U.P.)—

R. B. Courtney retired this month after 47 years of service. He was division passenger agent for the M.-K.-T. railway lines here.

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Populations

(Canadian Press)

TRURO, N. S., Oct. 1—The population of the town of Truro on June 1, 1931, was 8,035 not 7,813 as given out in a statement from Ottawa issued on September 29, according to a statement of Colonel O. G. Heard, census commissioner for Colchester. The figures as compiled for that date, stated Colonel Heard, are considerably less than the population of Truro today due to the fact that when the enumerators were making their rounds several hundreds of residents were away from town because one large industrial concern was closed for the summer and another was operating with a reduced staff. The actual population of Truro, said the commissioner, is about 8,500. The correct census population of the town of Stewiacke is 800, two more than the figures contained in the Ottawa statement.

TOT'S FALL ON SNAKE FATAL

While walking to Mount Longhan, near St. Moritz, Switzerland, the eleven-year-old daughter of Count and Countess I. Prinetti Castellati, of Florence, Italy, slipped and fell on a viper. Although in a comatose state, the snake bit her on the leg. The girl was rushed to a hospital at St. Moritz, where she died.

STATE COUNCIL WILL TRAIN DOGS FOR BLIND

HARRISBURG, Ga., Oct. 1—(U.P.)—The State Council for the Blind in Pennsylvania plans to train 600 police dogs to "act as eyes" for as many blind persons in the state.

At present there are only 14 dogs so trained guiding blind persons under the council's sponsorship.

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