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RHODES SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED TO BRILLIANT SON OF P. E. I.

(Dalhousie Gazette). The Rhodes Scholarship selection committee recently announced that Fulton C. Underhay would be the Rhodes scholar from Nova Scotia for 1931. Mr. Underhay came to Dalhousie in the fall of 1926 and was awarded a valuable entrance scholarship. The following year he was also successful in winning an award and he completed a brilliant arts course in three years graduating with great distinction and winning the Avery Prize. Despite the fact he took four years work in three, Mr. Underhay found time to write a thesis entitled "Sir Robert Borden and Imperial Relations" which won the Overseas Club essay prize.

In the fall of 1929 Mr. Underhay returned to Dalhousie to enter the Law School and during the first year was awarded the Carwell essay prize on the case of Carlisle v. Bragg. He also came well up in his year. During the present term, Mr. Underhay has the distinction of having two of his articles published in the Dalhousie Review and the Canadian Bar Review.

Besides being a clever student he takes an interest in other activities and is a valuable member of the Round Table Club which Club is well recognized as interested in current world affairs.

It is Mr. Underhay's intention to enter Oxford next fall. The Gazette takes this opportunity of wishing him on behalf of the students every success and to hasten to add that we feel sure that Oxford will gain in securing him while Dalhousie will be a heavy loser. We see in Mr. Underhay, as do all that know him, a brilliant son of P. E. I., a great Canadian of the future.

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NEWSY NOTES

BY AGRICOLA

THE "FEED-THE-BIRDS" CONTEST

As has been announced, The Guardian is offering prizes for this contest, to the extent of \$45; this being equally divided among the three counties in first, second and third prizes of \$2.50, \$2, and \$1.50, and nine others of \$1 each. Contestants are to feed the small birds round their homes till the end of March. Reports showing the species fed, their number, and any other particulars, must reach "The Editor, Feed-the-Birds Contest, care of The Charlottetown Guardian," not later than March 31st. The report is to comprise about 150 words, and must be countersigned by the teacher of the school.

In the last "Notes" I promised to write something about bird boxes. The construction of nesting-boxes is recognized to be a valuable introduction to the practice of carpentry, and is commonly included in the manual training subjects of our School Fairs. Winter is the proper time to make the boxes; for then the great out-of-doors is not demanding the young carpenter's attention, as it will do later on, and besides, the box should be exposed to the weather to take the look of newness from it. Birds are suspicious of new-looking boxes.

What is known as the Wellesley Bird Box is recommended by the State Ornithologist of Massachusetts. It is made of half-inch board, and its interior dimensions are 4 by 4 by 7 inches. The front and back of the box are each 5 by 7 and one-half inches; the sides are 4 by 7 and one-half inches; using the bottom (4 by 4 inches) as a base, the sides, back, and front will readily fall into place. Before nailing the front into position a hole about two inches in diameter is cut in it, quite near the top. Over this is tacked an entrance guard of thin galvanized iron, also pierced with a round hole. If you intend your box to entertain swallows, this last hole (through the iron) must be one and a half inches in diameter; if the box is for smaller birds then the hole should be one and one-quarter inches. Nail these five pieces together with one and one-half inch galvanized nails, and the body of the box is complete. Better drill a small hole in the bottom, near the front, so that if rain does find entrance it will drain out.

Now for the top. Cut a piece of half-inch board 5 by 6 and one-half inches. Cut a piece of thin tin or iron to a size of 7 by 8 and one-half inches to cover the board, so that when it is applied it can be turned down one inch on every side. The tin, when tacked on will now protect (like a rim) half an inch below the "lid." This top is put on the box and held in position by a piece of soft wire running over it and twisted round a small nail driven into each side of the box. It can thus be removed to clean out the old nests. The top must be placed so that the long way of it projects over the entrance hole in the manner of an "eaves," to exclude rain or snow.

If the tin is too bright and likely to make the birds suspicious, give it a coat of some dull colored paint. Now put your box outside to acquire the proper weathered tint. The iron entrance guard with the hole of specified dimensions prevents larger birds, with all intentions, from gaining access to the nest. The inside of the box should be left as rough as possible; sometimes both young and old birds have been found dead in the boxes, not having been able to climb the smooth walls to the entrance. A piece of old screen wire

tacked to the inner front surface will provide a ladder for the birds. Forbush says "fix nesting boxes on poles or buildings rather than on trees, and make them inaccessible to cats, squirrels, weasels, etc." This can be done by fixing a piece of tin or iron, cut like an inverted funnel, round the pole. The pole need not be higher than eight or ten feet. The so-called "English" sparrow, which is a foe to the smaller birds, occupying their nests and driving them away, is too suspicious to tackle a box which is so near the ground. It is found, too, that to be successful the boxes must not be too near together; about 100 feet apart is the minimum distance.

A word as to the position of the pole. Birds prefer quiet, away from the noise of playing children. If there is a water supply near by, to which they can resort, so much the better. The Wellesley box should be nailed to the pole with a slight forward slant.

INTOXICATING TOADSTOOLS

Under the caption "Siberian Tribes Get Drunk on Mushrooms" The Guardian of January 20th gives an account of a "binge" indulged in by the natives of eastern Siberia. Chewing the dried heads of the Amanita muscaria, (a toadstool quite plentiful in P. E. I., where it is known as a fly poison) the Kamchadales induce a delirium which follows the course of ordinary intoxication. This state was described at some length in the "Nature Notes" of this column for June 1928. The actively poisonous alkaloid muscarin, occurring in the plant, is one of a considerable group found also in putrefying meat, fish, and shell-fish, all of which produce what was formerly known as ptomaine poisoning.

The latter part of Prof. Buller's address on the subject of "mushrooms" was much cut down, but I gather that he affirms that their spores have a sexual re-action. A writer on these plants once stated that on "some privileged point of the mycelium (which answers to the roots) the cap or head arises." It is indeed difficult to make out what the "privilege" is, seeing that the mycelium is underground, but my theory is that at these points a conjugation (or as we might describe it, a lowly form of sexual conjunction) takes place, of which the sporophore (or cap) is the expression. The spores from the cap then carry on an asexual reproduction and thus there is an alternation of generations. However this is only the opinion of a layman, and is as yet unproven.

An extremely able diagnosis of muscarine poisoning, with the means taken to combat it, may be read in Dr. Gussow's "Mushrooms and Toadstools" (King's Printer, Ottawa, price \$1). I fancy a copy of this work is to be seen in the Public Library, Charlottetown.

RIDDING HENS OF LICE

Many nostrums have been advertised in the past, which professed to rid the hens of these pests in a more or less easy manner but which one never hears of now. It has remained for the Dominion Entomologist to give a real worth-while control, and a control, too, which is easily applied. Nicotine sulphate, known also as Black Leaf 40, applied to the perches at the rate of 7 or 8 ounces per hundred feet of perch proved extremely effective. Fifty-five hens were used in the demonstration; the nicotine sulphate was applied just before the birds went to roost, and next morning a total of 8,992 dead lice was collected! Ten days later the treatment was repeated but the sulphate had proved so effective that only 26 lice were found. "Care must be taken" says the item "in using nicotine sulphate to provide good ventilation and an ample circulation of air." Black Leaf 40 appears in most of the seed catalogues.

SMOKES HIS WAY PAST HUNDRED MILESTO.I

SAINT JOHN, N. B., Jan. 24—Well along in his hundredth year, Patrick McDonald of Welsford, N. B., concluded that never again would he be able to find tobacco worth smoking. So he quit the weed. But not long ago a friend induced him to try a plug which met with some measure of approval, and when Mr. McDonald reached the century mark on January 13 he was as heavy a smoker as ever. Furthermore, he embarked on another year in the best of health, with good eyesight, and a keen interest in community affairs.

Mr. McDonald was born in what was known as Portland North End St. John, on January 13, 1831. In 1868 he took a sea voyage around the Horn to California, and returning to visit his old home four years later, decided to stay in New Brun-

IN MEMORIAM

FLORENCE E. BOWEN, R. N.

Florence Bowen was the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Bowen. She was born in La Junta, Colorado, May 31, 1901, spending her early childhood there where she was so much loved by her little play mates. Later at the age of sixteen she with her parents, came to Prince Edward Island, where she remained until her spirit winged its flight to its Heavenly home on Dec. 19th at the early age of twenty-nine years.

Although Florence was confined to her bed for four years the end came so suddenly and unexpected that her death was a great shock to a sorrowing community and to all that knew her. She was always a lovable, neighborly girl and at the early age of five years she chose her life's work while visiting a hospital where she addressed the nurses as Angels in white. Before entering the Prince Edward Island Hospital, she showed special ability in nursing. She became a nurse in training and with tender loving touch, her gentle voice and cheerful Christian character she entered in the hearts of the patients she nursed, the doctors she worked under and the nurses she loved, a bond of love which death could never sever but which will always remain as a loving memory in the hearts of those who knew her.

She being of a delicate constitution, the strain of her chosen work was too much for her and she too became a patient. She although in pain which never ceased, was never heard to murmur or complain, would often say during her long illness, "Christ has been good to me." I will rest when my time comes. Her dying words which are a great comfort to those left to mourn are, "I'm ready to go, I'm ready to go, I've told you so many times I'm ready to go."

She leaves to mourn her sorrowing parents Mr. and Mrs. Bowen three brothers, Morris, Summerside, Blois Concord, N. B., Lockley and one sister Muriel at home. The funeral services were held at home and at the United Church of which she was an ardent member. Her pastor Rev. A. E. Chapman, spoke very feelingly of her loving Christian character, enduring patience and to know her was to love her. The choir sang beautifully her favorite hymns Life's Railway to Heaven, My Mother's Prayers have followed me and Will the Circle be unbroken. The unusually large funeral showed the love and esteem in which she was held.

The pall bearers were her three cousins, Cyril Toombs, Gordon McEbs, Willard MacCallum, Earl Ling Reigh Barrett and Harold Chandler.

Floral tributes: Crescent—Mother and family. Wealth—Mr. and Mrs. Louis MacCallum, Willard and Evelyn MacCallum.

Sprays—Graduate Nurses of P. E. I. Hospital and Misses Tweedy, Mason and Foster R. N. Letters of Sympathy—Misses Emma Bowen Mr. and Mrs. J. S. MacLeod Miss Annie MacDonald, R. N. Miss Etta Coles R. N., Miss Georgie Stewart Mr. James Easton, Miss Winnifred Best, Mr. and Mrs. John Mill Miss Olive MacLeod, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Warren, Miss Mary Bowness and Wheatley River Women's Institute. 1-24-31

LETTER OF SYMPATHY

Mr. and Mrs. James McKenna and Family Auburn, P. E. I. We, the members of the Auburn Women's Institute, wish to convey to you our regret and heartfelt sympathy in your recent sad bereavement. May you realize that your loved one is not dead but sleeping and that there is a great day coming when you shall meet again on that bright and shining shore where there will be no more partings.

We know that there is a vacancy in your heart and home that cannot be filled and we trust that God will in His mercy comfort you. Signed on behalf of Auburn Women's Institute.

MRS. J. SIMPSON, Pres. MRS. E. CORRIGAN, Secy.

Side, Back, Arms Ached With Rheumatic Pain

Painful Experience Related by Resident of Goderich

Goderich, Ont., Jan. 26—From her home on Bennett Street comes word of the wonderful results of Nerviline achieved in Mrs. Levey's case. She suffered from shooting pains in the side, arms and back. These muscular pains caused intense distress. Ordinary measures failed. Then Nerviline was applied. It penetrated quickly. Its pain-relieving influence quickly brought ease and comfort. All pain disappeared—recovery was complete. This all goes to prove what a powerful liniment Nerviline is. Every drop rubs in—and the pains of rheumatism come out. Get a large 35¢ bottle today.

wick. Seven of his eight are living.

HAZELBROOK AND VICINITY

Mr. W. E. Wood has returned home from a pleasant visit to Summerside.

Miss Julia Myers, student at C. B. C., spent the week end at her home here.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Gibson returned to their home in Marshfield after spending a pleasant time here with their daughter, Mrs. J. A. Drake.

Miss Hattie Carver, City, spent the week end at her home here.

Mr. Pius Kelly was a recent visitor to Lake Verde.

Mrs. Seymour Myers and little son Percy spent Sunday in Mermaid the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McEachern.

Miss Helen Chandler, teacher Village Green spent the week end at her home here.

Miss E. Wood, Pownal, was a recent visitor to Millview.

Mr. Elton Rayner and family of Mt. Stewart were visitors to Hazelbrook recently.

Mr. and Mrs. James Rankin and Miss Bertha Rankin spent Sunday here.

Service at the Baptist church here on Sunday evening, January 18th, was well attended and conducted by the pastor, Rev. E. J. Chisholm, who preached a very inspiring sermon. During the service a solo "Think on Thy Way" was beautifully rendered by the pastor, Miss Frances Wood, was organist. All were glad to welcome her back from her pleasant trip to U. S. A.

Miss M. Myers was a recent visitor to Mermaid.

The Mt. Herbert Community held a meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Jenkins, Mt. Herbert, on Friday evening last and was very largely attended. Meeting opened with the president, Mr. Everett Lund presiding. A hymn was sung following the spiritual talk by Rev. H. S. Campbell. Several new members joined. A mock trial was carried out which caused a great deal of amusement. Games and music occupied the remainder of the evening. A dainty lunch was served by the ladies and meeting closed by singing "Auld Lang Syne."

Mrs. C. Drake spent the week end at her home in Waterside.

The Ladies Aid of the Mt. Herbert United Church held their regular monthly meeting at the home of the president, Mrs. Harry Wood. Meeting opened in the usual way, followed by roll call to which eight members responded. Some business of the society was discussed. Mrs. Seymour Wood invited next meeting. Dainty refreshments were served in the usual good style of the hostess. Meeting closed with "Mizpah."

Mr. James Noy, Village Green, made a business trip here this week.

Mr. Wilfred Lawton of Pownal loaded two cars of turnips at Hazelbrook station this week.—H.

BUYERS PURCHASE FISH BY BIDDING

PORTLAND, Me., Jan. 24—Competition among buyers and wholesale fish houses along the Portland waterfront began when the bidding method of buying fish direct from the boat was resumed in place of the former system under which all firms paid the fishermen one price according to a "gentlemen's agreement" reached at daily price conferences.

The new system affects three large wholesale houses here, one Boston firm, smaller buyers and several hundred fishermen operating out of this port.

Fishermen agreed the change would benefit them and especially those owning the greater interest in their vessels, inasmuch as they would sell their catch to the highest bidder and thus obtain the maximum price.

The so-called gentlemen's agreement which had been in force at this port for some time was a regulation of fish prices agreed upon by officials of the wholesale companies each morning regardless of whether or not the fish were offshore fish. The price offered in the morning remained fixed for the day.

This system, according to the fishermen, discriminated against those operating on a small scale who landed their catch the same day it was caught. Shore fish, it was contended, were fresher and should command a higher price. Fishermen believed that under the new system all men owning their own craft would be able to secure a higher price for their catches.

Prem. Bennett Not Alarmed By The Secession Rumor

That conditions in Canada were fundamentally sound and that prosperity was already visible through the clouds which at times seemed to obscure the horizon was the keynote of a brief but eloquent speech delivered by Rt. Hon. R. B. Bennett, prime minister of Canada, at a complimentary luncheon in the Royal York Hotel yesterday.

The premier warned his hearers against taking too seriously reports tending to present beyond their true perspective the importance of what had been called the secession movement in the Canadian west. "Agitations of this kind," said Mr. Bennett, "had made their appearance periodically in recent years. 'Sometimes,' he said, 'men find it more profitable to agitate than to farm their farms and I would ask you not to attach too much significance to stories that may attempt to magnify the importance of the issue.'

"It is absolutely essential that we should put ourselves in the place of other provinces if we are to understand their problems and work for a unified Canada," he said.

"I have recently been in western Canada. It is important that the people of eastern Canada should know the real difficulties of a country that has produced as much new wealth as has western Canada," he said.

Many of the young men and women before him, Mr. Bennett said, owed their jobs in eastern Canada to the wealth produced in the west. He hoped that whatever he had to say to-day would further a sympathetic understanding.

"We who are in public life have a right I think to ask for your sympathetic consideration and support in times like these," said Mr. Bennett. "Not political support, that will come in due course. What we have before us is a condition which has been bequeathed to us. We have inherited it. We are the legatees of the past," he declared.

Study Made Of Americanisms

One of the editors of the Oxford Dictionary has been making research in the United States for pure Americanisms. The total number of words added to English and coming from America, say to the middle nineteenth century, cannot easily be estimated. What then of the enormous number that have been added since? The very term, Americanism was coined by Dr. Witherspoon, president of Princeton, 150 years ago. He was a Scot and used the word as an analogous to "Scotism." But anybody might have coined so obvious a term. Naturally the early settlers were adding to, and altering their common vocabulary, not only by adopting Indian words but by using old words in new sense. "Corn" came to mean "maize," and a "lot" a piece of ground; "lumber" would be used for "timber," and "hemlock" came to mean a tree instead of a plant, while "creek" and "creech" were streams. And many words that had little currency in the Old Land became common speech in the new, for instance: swamp, swale, intervals, bottom, canoe, log house, meeting-house, cabin, etc.

It is difficult for the Oxford English Dictionary to show when these adopted words were first used by British writers. It is said that "bluff," meaning a steep bank, was first used by John Wesley in 1737. It is not used on the Prairies West to denote a close group of trees or a glade on rising ground, not necessarily steep? The word "prairie" seems to have found its way in England by 1815. Southey said of this musical word so significant to us: "It is but merely a French synonym for Savannah, which has long been naturalized, the Americans display little taste in preferring it." On two counts, that of beauty as well as utility, "prairie" passed into the language to stay.

It is surprising how many words, coined in the wide new world, crossed the Atlantic, some of them to enrich English. That word, "balance," in the sense of remainder of rest, to wit: "the balance of the time," so used in New England as early as 1805, got itself established in England by 1875, when a writer in Blackwood's Magazine, said: "balance," long familiar to American ears, is becoming so to ours" in the new sense.

"Lengthy" seems to have been coined by John Adams, second president of the United States and founder of the famous Adams family. It is traced in his diary of 1759. The "British Critic" of 1793 objected to

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FEED THE BIRDS CONTEST

The Guardian offers prizes of \$2.50, \$2.00 and \$1.00 to each of the three Counties to children Feeding, Counting, and Writing the Best Story about the Birds visiting their farms.

This contest closes March 31. For further particulars read regularly "Agricola's" Notes in The Guardian.

HUNTER RIVER PRESBYTERIAN SUNDAY SCHOOL CONCERT

The Presbyterian Sunday School Concert and Christmas Tree was held in the Orange Hall, Hunter River on the evening of Friday, December 18th.

The evening was fine and the Hall was crowded to the doors. Rev. R. Hensley Stavert presided and the following programme was well carried out:

Chorus, Choir; Remarks by Chairman, Rev. R. Hensley Stavert; Reclination, Rhoda Bagnall; Sifting Drill, Greenvale Children, Velma Martin, Mildred Spence, Jeanette Paul, & a Whitlock, Louise Moore, Louise Clew and Frances Carew; Duet, Guy Gammeter and Elsie Wood; Dialogue, "Changing the One Hundred Dollar Note," by May Faul, Ellsworth Bagnall and Ray Bagnall; Recitation, Irma Bagnall; Song, "Old Black Joe," by six boys, Vernon Noy, Stanley Watts, Douglas Smith, Reggie Whitlock, Elmer Whitlock and Hilton McMillan; Dialogue "The Sick Doll," Irma Bagnall and "Murdoch McLeod; Solo, Mrs. R. Bert McLeod; (encores): Duet, Ruth and Rex McCoubrey; Dialogue, "The Doctor," Lillian McLeod and Reggie Whitlock; Sale of Gandy; Solo, Rex McCoubrey; (encores); Pageant, "The Boy Who First Saw the Christ Child," in six different scenes, by May Paul, Elsie Wood, Florence Noy, May Bagnall, Helen Burns and Olive Reeves and Berden Bagnall, Ellsworth Bagnall, Ray Bagnall, Eric Bagnall, Guy Gammeter, Arthur Paul, Ernest Colser and Vernon Noy; Recitation, Lillian McLeod; Solo, Ruth McCoubrey; (encores); Pantomime, "Lead Kindly Light," by May Bagnall, Elsie Wood, Florence Noy, Irma Bagnall, Helen Burns, Viola Gammeter, Olive Reeves, May Paul and Lillian McLeod; Solo, Ernest Coker; (encores). Just as the programme was brought to a close Santa Claus arrived to the great delight of all the children. After having made some fun for the little ones he settled down to work and distributed a large number of gifts for both the young and the grown up folks. Among the other gifts was a beautiful silk scarf for the pastor, Rev. R. Hensley Stavert a very fine purse for the Superintendent of the Sunday School, Mrs. Frank Bagnall.

MARIE INSTITUTE

The regular monthly meeting of Marie Women's Institute met at the home of Miss Carrie Sanderson on Friday evening Dec 19th. Eight members responded to roll call with Christmas Recipes. Two visitors were present. The president presided and the meeting opened by repeating the creed in union. Minutes of last meeting were read, approved and signed. Money was voted to pay several bills, also to pay for the Red Cross seals. The secretary (pro tem) was requested to send a Letter of Sympathy to Mrs. Long and family. It was decided to start a program contest. Committees have their reports and new ones were appointed as follows: Sick—Carrie Sanderson and Hilda Webster.

School—Mrs O. Dingwell and Mrs John Jay. One new member was enrolled.

Next meeting invited to the home of Mrs John Jay on Tuesday January 13th. Roll call "Name of one of L. M. Montgomery's books." After luncheon a hearty vote of thanks was tendered the hostess and her assistants. The meeting closed by singing The National Anthem.

The January meeting of Marie Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs John Jay on Tuesday evening Jan 13th, with the president Mrs T. R. Cullen presiding. Ten members and four visitors were present. The meeting opened by members repeating the Creed in union. Roll call was responded to by each member naming one of L. M. Montgomery's books. A discussion followed regarding the purchase of a sand table for the school. This subject will be further discussed at our next meeting. A letter from Mrs John Long and family was read. By the president thanking the members for the Letter of Sympathy and also for the spray received from the Institute at the time of their sad bereavement. The bills for the pencil sharpener and books for the school were reported paid. School and sick Committees were appointed as follows: Sick—Mrs T. R. Cullen and Mary Long. School—Margaret Jay and Violet Lutz. The members were in-

cluded to attend the meeting of a neighboring Institute. The first series of the program contest were held, and proved quite an interesting feature of the meeting. The next meeting was invited to the home of Mrs Bruce Webster roll call to answered by "My first recollection in school and my first teacher." A dainty lunch was served by the hostess after which a vote of thanks was tendered Mrs Jay and her assistants. The Meeting closed by singing The National Anthem.

Pimples On Face Humiliated Her

Miss Frances Lodge, E. R. No. 8, Dunnville, Ont., writes—"I used to feel very humiliated whenever I would go to town, on account of the breaking out of pimples on my face, caused from impure blood. Now all that has vanished and I have not been bothered since I took part of a bottle of your wonderful medicine Burdock Blood Bitters."

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