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Tuesday, December 25th, being Christmas Day, and a Statutory Holiday, the Morning Guardian will not be issued on Wednesday. The Evening Guardian will not be issued on Tuesday, but will be published as usual on Wednesday. Advertisers please note these changes.

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## OUR FOX INDUSTRY

Last year there was sold from this province \$350,000 worth of fox pelts. There are several million dollars worth of pelts still remaining, on the backs of foxes in our ranches. These two points are worth noting. It is also worth noting that these remaining millions are still to be marketed, still to be perpetuated for future business. How to make these remaining millions a continuous source of wealth to their owners and to the province is a problem that should receive the most careful consideration of all who are engaged in the business. And the solution of the problem is not difficult. Several things are necessary: skilful care in feeding, skilful selection in breeding and judicious care in marketing.

How to secure these necessary factors? There is only one way, co-operation. There are many breeders in the province today who have an intimate knowledge of pedigree values and of the care required in feeding. By frequent consultation with such, as is possible at the conferences occasionally held, all fur breeders can secure much valuable information, information which may save them many thousands of dollars or put them in the way of making thousands. By co-operating with the Fox Breeders' Association, by attending the meetings held and by supporting the Association, this, the educative side of the business can be very materially and very profitably promoted.

The biggest factor, after securing the proper breeding and knowing the best manner of feeding is the marketing. Here especially co-operation is absolutely necessary and the splendid work done last season by Mr. Chester McLure, Manager of the Sales Board, is abundant testimony as to what a properly and intelligently conducted Sales Board can do. The one thing needed to maintain prices at the highest possible level is to feed the market judiciously with just what it can absorb. This can be done only by an intelligent control of the whole output. One peddler can demoralize the market. A few skins offered at whatever they will bring may throw the whole fur market out of gear. With the whole output of the province fed out judiciously as has been done by the Fur Sales Board, the market can be kept firm and prices at the highest possible level. There is always a demand for high class furs, a demand that shall always continue. The thing is not to let it become glutted at any time and this can only be done through one central organization like the Fur Sales Board.

Properly and judiciously handled the fox industry of this province can be made a mine of perpetual wealth. It is up to the fox farmers to make it so. They have in the Fox Breeders Association and in its Fur Sales Board a regulator in which they can all have a voice, in which the best methods of breeding, feeding and marketing can be agreed upon and acted upon. It is gratifying to know that our fox men are beginning to realize this and that they are giving the Association and the Board their support.

We note that the Fur Sales Board is now taking a census of the available skins in the province and sincerely trust, for the good of the industry that there will be a generous response and that every skin sold will be the only way in which the market can be held firm and on the highest level of prices.

## OF CABINET RANK

In its Saturday's issue the Patriot says: "Any person looking over the present political situation in Canada cannot but see that conditions are abnormal. From the Province of Quebec we find three English speaking representatives representing English speaking constituencies in Montreal, namely,

Doherty, Ames and Ballantyne, all of whom are in the Cabinet. The French-Canadian, although a large proportion of the population, is unrepresented in the Cabinet or on the Government side of the Commons. In addition there is only one Catholic in the present Union Cabinet, namely Hon. C. J. Doherty.

"We feel it is not the desire of the Government to cause any permanent estrangement of our French-Catholic fellow-citizens. If there is to be no such estrangement there must be a rapprochement.

"How can this best be brought about? "We make this suggestion to the Government: That Premier Arsenault be given a portfolio in the Cabinet. He is the Premier of a Province, and a French Catholic. There is no other available man in the Maritime Provinces, Ontario or the West of French blood and Catholic faith. An Ontario seat could easily be provided for him.

"We have no authority or mandate from Premier Arsenault to make this proposal, but we believe the suggestion would meet with general approval.

"Some years ago the Island had a representative in the Cabinet in the person of Sir Louis H. Davies when it comprised about fifteen members. To-day there are over twenty members of the Cabinet. Why should not the Island be represented?

"Of course, if Sir Wilfrid should be called upon, as we believe he will in the very near future, to form a government, Mr. A. B. Warburton would undoubtedly have a seat in the Cabinet, for he is a public man of Cabinet calibre.

"In the meantime we in good faith present the above suggestion to the powers that be." In the Province of Quebec we find three English-speaking constituencies in Montreal, namely, be."

We are pleased to find that the Patriot at last recognizes that this province made a mistake in supporting the Opposition instead of the Government on December 17th by thus approving of a stand being made for cabinet representation. Prince Edward Island, though small, is one of the provinces of Canada and as such is entitled to all the privileges of the other provinces. All the other provinces have representation in the Government and if we can find a seat for a representative from this Province we, too, should have a seat in the Cabinet. Premier Arsenault would make an excellent Cabinet Minister and, as the Patriot points out, would be an ideal representative of the French-Canadians. His whole-hearted loyalty and patriotism are unquestioned. He took a prominent part in recruiting, and it is due in no small measure to his influence that the battalions and batteries that have gone from this province. The stand Premier Arsenault took in support of Sir Robert Borden and Union Government, left nothing to be desired, so that if Sir Robert desires a thoroughly representative French-Canadian of Cabinet rank he will find him here in our Provincial Premier. Having said this much, and the suggestion being so warmly supported by the Patriot, we would now make the proposition to our contemporary to show its good faith by inducing one of the Laurierite candidates whom it helped to elect to signify his willingness to give way on behalf of the Premier in case Sir Robert be willing to consider favourably the proposal. We are sure everyone would be delighted if so satisfactory a solution could be found to the present cabinet and Island representation problems.

## U. S. APPRECIATION

Under the caption "There Stands Canada Like a Stone Wall," the Baltimore Evening Sun of the 18th inst. says:

"Suppose this country had been fighting for more than three years, had raised an army of 5,000,000 volunteers, had lost of that army upward of 1,000,000 men killed, wounded and missing, and on top of that should vote for conscription—that proportionally was what Spartan little Canada did yesterday.

"Four hundred thousand and more of her bravest and best are overseas, fighting in the trenches, or under the sod, and all her slackers are at home, where they can vote, and still conscription wins.

"Nor was the opposition to the Borden government solely on account of conscription. Politics was in it, racial feeling and dissatisfaction of all kinds which every government must face at the polls, and the opponents of the War Premier were led by that astute veteran of Canadian politics, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and still the war party wins decisively.

"Gallant, grim never-say-die little Canada!"

## ELECTION REFLECTIONS

Sir,—I would suggest that the Federal Government have the Car Ferry towed Prince Edward Island up to Quebec, and annex her thereto, thus saving a big expense on an unworthy object, the Ferry—then sent to help the Mother Country in her transport problems, and after the war when the glorious history of Canada is written there will be but one dark page instead of two. Prince Edward Island and Quebec paragraphs will not make pretty reading for future generations. Prince Edward Island, the beautiful; Prince Edward Island, the intelligent; Prince Edward Island, the honorable; methinks she has forfeited these titles on Monday by her ignorant insult to the man who, aside from the great principles he stands for, gave to Prince Edward Island what no other Premier even presumed to promise. Henceforth let P. E. I. and expect nothing, for that is what she deserves.

I am, sir, etc.,  
 E. C. MANSON,  
 North Carleton.

## SCOTLAND FOR EVER

(Punch)  
 They came from untamable highlands,  
 From glens where their fathers were free,  
 From misty and mountainous islands  
 Set fast in the throat of the sea;  
 They fought for the honor of Britain;  
 They died in defence of the right;  
 Their deeds are in history written  
 In letters of light.

They fell where the Ganges is flowing;  
 They lie 'neath Yk-oel-Irishdrwy;  
 Their dust o'er the desert is blowing;  
 In the whirlwinds of far Khorofan;  
 The sons of Glen Orchy and Rannoch  
 Sleep sound by the slow-moving  
 Scheldt,  
 And the bones of the men of Loch  
 Fanoek  
 Are white on the velvet.

But the Leves and Lochmaben and  
 Garloch  
 Still march to the battle array  
 And the fighters from many a fair  
 Loch  
 Like their fathers leap forth to the  
 fray;  
 Red flame tears the darkness asunder  
 Where the clansmen through death  
 cloud and thunder  
 Go over at dawn.

In the strength of the hills and the  
 heather,  
 With the salt of the sea in their blood,  
 They sweep from the trenches to-  
 gether  
 With the force of an onrushing flood,  
 Like the billows that beat upon  
 Moedart  
 When the gales from the Hebrides  
 blow,  
 Like a storm on the mountains of  
 Knoifart  
 They burst on the foe.

## DAILY SELECTIONS FOR GUARDIAN READERS

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## CHRISTMAS MUSINGS

One winter night—how long ago it seems!—I lay me down to bask in pleasant dreams. My sock was hung, hard by the quilting frame, where Santa Claus must see it when he came. I'd been assured by elders, good and wise, that he would come when I had closed my eyes; along the roofs he'd drive his team and sleigh, and down the chimney make his sooty way. And much I wondered, as I drowsy grew, how he would pass the eaves in the flue.

The morning came, the Christmas bells rang loud, I heard the singing of a joyous crowd, and in my sock that blessed day I found a gift that made my head whirl round and round. A pair of skates, whose runners shone like glass, whose upper parts were rich with steel and brass! A pair of socks that would the gods suffice, if ever gods go scotting o'er the ice! All through the day I held them in my arms and nursed them close, nor

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 For those cheap skates I'd give my motor cars, my works of art, my Cuban-made cigars, my stocks and bonds, my hunters and my hounds, my stately mansion and my terrace grounds. If having them, I once again might know the joy I knew so long, so long ago.  
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