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Island Once Held Monopoly Fox Industry

(Canadian Press)

CHARLOTTETOWN, Dec. 27—Prince Edward Island taught the world fox farming but Islanders today regret that short-sighted persons who disposed of breeding stock and secrets of ranching back in boom days, killed the goose that laid the golden eggs.

Caught in the excitement of a buying flurry that made men rich overnight, owners readily told all they knew and sold their valuable breeding stock outright. Today, the sale of "breeders", once so profitable, is at a minimum and the Island vies with countries largely stocked with its own foxes in a scramble to market its $3,000,000 worth of pelts.

A provincial embargo was sought at one time by more far-seeing fox breeders but it failed to materialize.

In its infancy, the industry was enshrouded in mystery. Charles Dalton and Robert Oulton, the pioneers who burrowed out native foxes and raised and bred them to sell their pelts on London markets at fabulous prices, guarded the secret of their strange menagerie on Cherry Island off Tignish for a decade before other islanders became suspicious of their bulging bank balances.

Inside history of those stirring days reveals that the original "family compact" of ranchers lost control of their monopoly when John H. Hinton of Summerside was permitted to buy for a syndicate 10 pairs of black beauties at $6,000 a pair.

With the family compact broken, Islanders, then world buyers, scrambled to purchase P. E. Island silver blacks and Dalton disposed of 20 pairs of breeders to one single company for $400,000. Even at this period, high-boarded fences kept the curious guessing and a buyer was only permitted a fleeting glance at a fox that sold for $10,000.

Alarmed at the rapidity at which foxes were being exported to build up ranches in foreign fields, the Silver Black Fox Breeders' Association of P. E. I., called a special meeting in the Assembly Chamber in 1915 to consider placing an embargo on Island foxes. But members failed to agree on restrictions and the proverbial cat was out of the bag.

One vessel in 1928 carried $250,000 worth of animals to Norway. Heavy shipments to that country went forward for eight years and today Norway leads the world in pelt production and is Canada's main competitor in the London markets.

This northern European country supplied 70 per cent of the offerings at the November and December sales.

Milligan and Morrison shipped a record cargo of 455 Island foxes from Summerside on one vessel bound for an American port. Islanders went abroad with the shipments to Russia, Japan, Sweden, England, France and Germany and stayed in the countries for months advising and assisting the amateur ranchmen who became their competitors.

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—**FUR BUYERS.**—Mr. Justin Rotter of Paris, France, who will be here until Jan. 8th, is now buying Silver Fox pelts at good cash prices at the office of B. Graham Rogers, Summerside. L-3246.

—**DOUBLE HEADED HOCKEY** at the Kensington Rink, Monday, December 30th, 1935. 1st Game Indian River vs. Silver Wings. 2nd game New Annan vs. Spring Valley. 1st game commencing at 7.30 sharp. Admission 10c and 20c. L-4097-12-28-2i.

—**WONDERFUL FLOWERS** — Mr. Hensley Clark, Kensington, a plant fancier, has in his residence a display of plants that challenge admiration. One individual, a member of the Angel's King group, measures twelve feet in height, three stalks; others akin, nine feet. Specimens of the maple leaf exhibit growth demanding attention, leaves measuring 12 inches by 6 1-2 inches. Y.

—**CHRISTMAS TREE AT HOSPITAL**—Through the kindness of Mrs. Norman Wright, Miss Jessie Strong, and Miss Millicent Strong, a most delightful Christmas Tree, beautifully decorated and lighted, was placed in the Prince County Hospital ward. Presents, oranges, apples, and candy were liberally distributed to each patient, the children receiving in addition toys.—S.

—**BUSY SEASON** — Mr. Lloyd Howard, the always genial postmaster at Kensington, and his efficient post office staff, report having an unusually strenuous time during the past two weeks. The amount of mail and parcels handled by this office has been much larger and heavier than for several years previous. Mr. Howard with his staff has worked overtime to meet the demands of the public.

—**CHRISTMAS CONCERT**—Following is the program held in North Bedeque Hall on Monday night, December 23rd, under the direction of the teachers, Miss Ada MacDougall and Miss Mary Maccaull and presided over by Rev. J. W. A. Nicholson. "Welcome" by Winnie Arsenault; Chorus, "What's The Meaning?"; Merry Christmas Exercise, Juniors; Recitation by David Barwise; Lullaby by Four Girls; Christmas drill, Senior Girls; Recitation, Helen Arsenault; Dialogue, "Married in Haste"; Motion Song, Junior Boys; Recitation, Anthony Arsenault; "Manners Class", Senior Boys; Solo, Adella Dingwell (encored); Recitation, Helen Barwise; Pantomine, "Safety First", Juniors; Trio, "The Snowflakes"; Monologue, Norma England; Song, Juniors; Dialogue, "Train to Mauro"; Chorus "Silent Night". Santa Claus then arrived and the children received gifts and candy. National Anthem.—S.

PERSONALS

—Miss Zilpha MacQuarrie, Summerside spent Christmas with friends in Tyne Valley.—S.

—Miss Mary H. Leslie, R. N., Alberton is spending the Christmas vacation at her home in Morell.—S.

—Miss Freda Cotton spent Christmas at her home in Kensington.—S.

—Mrs. Lester Waite, O'Leary has entered the Prince County Hospital for treatment.—S.

—Mrs. John MacLeod, Summerside is spending sometime in Amherst on account of the illness of her mother. Mr. MacLeod spent Christmas in Amherst.—S.

—Mr. and Mrs. William Buchanan, Summerside returned home Thursday night after spending Christmas with their sons, Mr. Roy Buchanan and Mr. Eldred Buchanan, Moncton, N. B.—S.

—Mrs. James Arthur, Summerside, left this week for Sussex, N. B., on an extended visit with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Friars.—S.

—Miss Sarah Webster, Kensington, has as her guest for the holiday season, her cousin, Miss Carrie Beairsto of Miscouche.

—Mr. Robert Ross, of the Bank of Nova Scotia, Kensington, spent Christmas at his home in Wheatley River.

—Mr. A. G. Hope, a surveyor in a large lumber camp near Moncton, N.B., returned last week to Kensington to spend the Christmas season with his family.

—Miss Halie Waite of the staff of Gourlies Ltd., Summerside, is visiting at her home in Kensington during the holidays.

—Rev. T. R. Millman, of the teaching staff of the Montreal Diocesan Theological College, arrived on Saturday, the 21st inst to spend his Christmas holidays with his mother, Mrs. J. G. Townsend, at his home in Kensington.

—One of our many successful Islanders abroad, Mr. Erskine MacLellan, formerly of Kensington, has been elected a member for a Lethbridge, Alberta riding on the Social Credit ticket, in the recent Alberta election. Mr. MacLellan is a son of Mr. Alban MacLellan of Indian River.

League Sanctions Proving Effective

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are proving more effective than had been anticipated.

Hard Hit

The "Buy Nothing Italian" sanction has hit Italy hard, reports reaching these quarters said. Economic and financial restrictions imposed by the League, it was asserted, are causing considerable apprehension in Rome.

It was believed here the League is likely to decide these sanctions are giving Premier Mussolini sufficient difficulty now and that it is best to await developments before further steps are taken.

Disappointed At Progress

ROME, Dec. 27—(C.P.-Havas)—Informed quarters tonight said Premier Mussolini was preparing to send three new army divisions to East Africa to stem Ethiopian counter-attacks as Italy took stock of recent war developments and found them not entirely favorable.

Frank disappointment was expressed in many quarters over the slow progress made since Marshal Pietro Badoglio's arrival in Eritrea just a month ago to take over the high army command.

Hope that the Marshal would wage a speedier offensive than his aged predecessor, Marshal Emilio de Bono, appeared to be on the wane. It was recalled that an airplane bombardment of Dessye comprised the sole major exploit by the Italians under their new commander.

Although none but the most guarded statements were made, an air of gloom was evident in many quarters during a holiday season which lacked the festive gayety of past years.

Blame Britain

ROME, Dec. 27—(C.P.-Havas)—The government-inspired newspaper Gazzetta Del Popolo tonight charged that "Great Britain is arousing all Europe against us" and referred to three possible ways in which to conquer colonies.

One of them, it said, was " a European war launched at an opportune moment."

The newspaper said:

"If the British succeeded in uniting Europe against us and in dragging France into their game, and prevented our obtaining in Ethiopia our fixed objectives, it would be necessary to recall that it is possible to conquer colonies in three ways:

"1. By equitable repartitioning of mandates and raw materials, a social solution which will be studied in perhaps 20 years.

"2. By conquest of colonies which Britain, France, Belgium, the Netherlands and Portugal do not already possess—a solution—which we would have preferred, and in contravention of which Great Britain is arousing all Europe against us.

"3. By a European war launched at an opportune moment, for which it is necessary to conserve our army, air and naval forces.

"We do not forget that a European war must be launched at a moment which we shall deem opportune, and not at a moment and under conditions pleasing to our adversaries.

"Deceived by 3 1-2 years of war and by a revolution, the Italian people know how to await its hour, and no deception could break its resistance.

"A deception actually would strengthen in it the will to resist, so that it could achieve its goal."

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(A. P. By Guardian's Special Wire)

MASSAUA, Eritrea, Dec. 27—Italy's Red Sea fleet, with a royal commander on the flagship bridge, has just completed manoeuvres which, informed sources said today, were designed to make it ready to "face any eventuality."

The fleet was described as the most powerful Italy has ever concentrated in these waters. It was commanded by the Duke of Spoleto, cousin of King Victor Emmanuel, who arrived only recently from Italy.

Lieutenant-Colonel Pedro A. Del Valle, of the United States Marine Corps, in East Africa as a military observer of the Italo-Ethiopian war, said the manoeuvres were carried out with great efficiency. Col. Del Valle is naval attache at the American Embassy in Rome.

It was reported in Rome Thursday 13,000 naval specialists who formerly served in the gun or powder rooms of Italian ships, had been recalled for duty. Informed sources believed the navy was being prepared for possible "events" in the case League of Nations oil sanctions are levelled against Italy.

(Because of censorship and laws prohibiting the publication of military and naval details, there are no available estimates of the size of the Italian fleet concentrations in the Mediterranean and Red Seas.)

Island Producers

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a certificate form provided for the purpose.

Information with regard to the operation of the Meat and Canned Foods Act may be obtained at any time from the Veterinary Director General, Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, or from Dr. E. S. Notting, Charlottetown, Inspector in charge, Meat and Canned Foods Division for Prince Edward Island.

RUSH FOR

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Parliament are receiving letters requesting, or demanding, separate rooms for members. Date of the parliamentary session has not been set—but letters are growing in number. And the situation is full of problems.

There is the bachelor member who insists he will not share a room with a benedict. He does not want the room-mate's wife, not to speak of her feminine friends, around the place while he is trying to work. Again, there is the teetotaller who will not room with a man of conviviality. And yet again there is the member who objects to sharing a room with his colleague from an adjoining constituency because of mixing up their business.

These are difficulties of temperament. House officials must solve them if peace is to prevail in the great stone building with the high Peace Tower and the musical chime.

The mere practical difficulties are less vexatious. While there are 245 members of parliament, 15 are also members of the government. They are entitled to separate rooms. This leaves about 125 rooms to be allotted to 230 members.

Members of the Privy Council frequently advance the view that their position entitles them to special consideration. Again, this parliament has in its membership two mayors. They are accustomed to unlimited space in the old home town, and half a room with a small desk does not seem adequate.

Last, but not least, the House of Commons will this session have two women in its membership. Were they of identical political views, it might be possible for them to share a room. But fate has ordained otherwise, and Miss Agnes MacPhail and Mrs. George Black, like the majority of the other 230, will want separate accommodation.

So the House of Commons officials are knitting their brows and growing grey hairs trying to divide 230 into 125, or thereabouts, with a result that will please everybody. They are finding the problem difficult.

(C. P. By Guardian's Special Wire)

OTTAWA, Dec. 27—A bill is being prepared for submission at the approaching session of Parliament which would enable Canadians touring in the United States to bring back $100 worth of goods free of duty. Canada undertook in the Washington Reciprocity Agreement to pass such a law because United States for many years has had a similar provision enabling American citizens to take home Canadian goods to the value of $100.

The Canadian bill will not come into effect until Parliament has passed it and that may be two or three months. In the meantime many merchants in border towns have made representations to the government emphasizing the need of careful restrictions. Officials here take the view that if Canada's legislation is too restricted, Washington might narrow the provisions in its legislation and Canadian border merchants would suffer from a falling off in the purchases by American tourists. While there are more commodities which can be bought advantageously in United States than there are those which can be bought more cheaply in Canada, against this is the larger number of American tourists visiting Canada as compared with Canadians touring in the United States.

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Mrs. Horace MacArthur, Northam, chocolates.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hunter, chocolates.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Kelly, fruit cake.

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Holman, fruit.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Crue, chocolates.

Mr. Harold Jelly, O'Leary, turkey.

Enman's Drug Store, ginger ale.

Gallant's Drug Store, ginger ale.

Mr. Clarence Harris, fruit.

Mr. Fred Gallant, Cape Egmont, chocolates.

Miss M. Perry, chocolates.

Mr. A. W. Palmer, chocolates.

Mrs. Percy Tanton, chocolates.

Mr. E. P. Foley, powder for nurses.

Donation of money, Hospital Ladies Aid.

Donation of money, Doctors on Hospital staff, also Dr. M. Delaney and Dr. Reid.

Books for library, Mr. H. Lloyd Henderson, O'Leary.

Mr. George Jelly, Ellerslie, smelts.

Santa Pals, per Mrs. B. W. Robinson, sweater and fruit.—S.

KING GOV'T

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arbitrary section.

When Japan made her requests to the government early this year they were generally turned down by the former government on the contention that Japan was being treated exactly the same as other nations. Recognition was taken of the claim the greatly depreciated currency of Japan worked a special hardship and the value of the yen, for duty purposes was reduced from 49.8 cents, par value at the time, to 41.51 cents. The exchange value of the yen, at that time, in relation to the Canadian dollar, was 29.1 cents.

This was not satisfactory to Japan which asked substantially that Japanese goods be valued for duty purposes at the current exchange value of the yen, that "goods of a class or kind made or produced in Canada" be newly defined and restricted, and that an undertaking be given not to apply any new or other forms of trade restrictions against Japan.

On Canada's continued refusal to meet these demands, which ex-premier R. B. Bennett at that time decided would threaten Canadian standards and constitute a special concession, Japan applied the 50 percent surtax against chief Canadian imports, followed by Canada's retaliatory 33 1-3 percent ad valorem surtax.

Under the new agreement Japan will enjoy a greatly improved position with respect to goods not of a kind produced in Canada. It is anticipated this will result particularly in increased imports of Japanese oranges and silks.

The new agreement means the yen will be valued at its current exchange value on goods not of a kind or class made or produced in Canada. On goods of a class or kind made or produced in Canada the rate for 1936 will be 39.5 cents. On a 100 yen order, the agreement means a saving of $2 in duties.

In the Canada-United States reciprocity treaty which was signed Nov. 15 and which comes into effect Jan. 1, 1936, the following items were struck from the list of commodities on which there are fixed values for duty purposes: Meats, fresh, frozen or preserved; Eggs, frozen, dessicated, powdered, etc.; Dried logan-berries, slack cooperage stock, lime, hardwood doors, women's and children's clothing, cotton and artificial silk clothing, fringes, gimps and tassels; Electric light fixtures, lamps and shades; Cut roses, canned asparagus, eggs in the shell, baby chickens, dried peas and beans, market poultry, livestock, canned salmon and sugar of milk.

Those are automatically extended to Japan as a country enjoying the most-favored-nation treatment. In today's agreement the following items are added to the list, and are automatically extended to all countries enjoying Canada's most-favored-nation tariffs; Cotton wiping rags, umbrellas, sheet rubber, cotton stockinette, wood pencils, and wicker furniture.

PRESBYTERIAN YULETIDE SERVICE

The Christmas services in the Presbyterian Church at Kensington, on Sunday the 22nd., inst., were largely attended. In the morning, the Pastor, Rev. William O. Rhoad took for the subject of his sermon from Isaiah 40:1-11. "Isaiah in this passage of Scripture prophecies concerning the Christ who would come. Christ would come because God was a God of mercy, who would seek the consolation of his people. 'Prepare ye the way of the Lord—and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed.' Christ coming in humiliation was nevertheless one whom God highly honoured. He was by right a King. The wise men recognized that. He was a King and gave to Him gifts fit for a King. Even Pilate under whom He was crucified caused the superscription to be placed over the cross: 'This is the King of the Jews.' Before his public ministry God sends his messenger before the face of Christ to 'prepare the way'—so that the way would be prepared for a King. This messenger of whom Isaiah prophecies is John the Baptist.

"The new Testament writers, Matthew, Mark and Luke state that John the Baptist fulfills this prophecy. In the gospel according to John the Baptist believed that he fulfilled this prophecy.

"Christ's coming means that the gospel shall be proclaimed to the world. It is the 'good tidings' which Isaiah calls on Zion to proclaim. Isaiah sees in Christ one who is the 'Good Shepherd' who cares for his sheep.

"The saints of the Old Testament looked forward to the coming of Christ as the time of consolation, and this coming was fore-told centuries before His birth.

"Before His ministry God sent one to announce His coming. Now the Church throughout the world is preaching the gospel which announces to the world that Christ has come." "O Jerusalem, that bringeth good tidings, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold our God!"

And at the evening service, Rev. Mr. Rhoad spoke from John 1: 1-88. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God." Christ's existence did not begin with his birth. John sets forth that Christ is a unique person. He says some wonderful things about Christ. He existed from eternity. He was God. He was the Creator of all things. He is the Light of the world. He was greater than John the Baptist who was but a witness of the light.

Since Christ is such a great person we might expect that the world received Him with open arms. They did not! He came to His own things—the things pertaining to his station and person; and his own people did not receive Him. They rejected Him. There are some who did however receive Him. They were born again by the mysterious work of the Holy Spirit. To those who did receive Him, He gave the right to be called the "Children of God." This Christ who existed from eternity, who created all things, became man. He is the "duly begotten God." We cannot see God; yet we can see Christ who is God.

Let us receive Christ and give to Him the honour which is due to Him as the Son of God, the Creator of all things, and the one who has revealed God to us. "No man hath seen God at anytime; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, He hath declared Him."

In the morning, the choir sang the anthem, "Angels Came Carol-ing" by A. J. Ramler, and at the evening services the anthems sung were "At the Portals of Light" by Lacey, and "O'er Bethlehem Hills," by Roy E. Nolte, the tenor solo being taken by Mr. P. Phillips.—S.

WATCH SHIPS CLOSELY

(By Guardian's Special Wire)

SINGAPORE, Dec. 27—(C. P.-Havas)—Maritime authorities were watching all outgoing ships closely here today as the result of reports that foreign agents had attempted to negotiate with local merchants for a large shipment of tin and rubber for Italy.

KENSINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

The following pupils have passed the Christmas examinations and will comprise the entrance class of Kensington High School for the year 1936:

1	Marjorie Kennedy	662
2	Reta Clark	633
3	Gladys Folland	611
4	Nora Taylor	602
5	Doris Kennedy	599
6	Dorothy Baker	583
7	Doris Saunders	545
8	Glenne Bernard	491
9	Rilla Braham	482
10	Willa Caseley	461
11	Erma Hughes	416

Japanese have bombed a Chinese town in Chahai, one of the provinces over which the new "autonomous" government has been set up by Tokio. It is a gentle reminder, if any were needed, that the new boss is on the job

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tronomer and a great scholar, a fable arose that the gods raised him to heaven and transformed him into the star-group. There is much more to be noticed in the "Capella quarter" of the sky, but we must wait till next "Notes."

At 9.30 p.m. Capella is almost overhead just now: a very bright star, with a smaller one to the south, and the two "kids" near by.

INQUIRY

In a speech to which I listened not long ago, the speaker used the word "inquiry" and startled me by pronouncing it "Ink-wy-ie," with the force on the first syllable. Thought I "Is that local, or an importation from the U.S.A., or merely high adventure? Anyway, I'll see what the dictionary says." So I turned up the good old "King's English," which should be correct. "Inquire," it said, should be pronounced "in-Kwire" and all derivatives follow suit. This is in line with the sound of the Latin "quaerere", (to seek) whence the word is derived. "Inquisitive" and words built on it are from a different root.

ODDS AND ENDS

Notes on hybridisation of plants: When two species of the same genus are crossed, the offspring are termed hybrids; and in those rare cases where crossing of genera can be effected (as in the case of a few kinds of orchids) the results are called bigeneric hybrids. If the hybrids are again crossed between themselves, the offspring are known as varieties. When species are crossed [illegible] is described as hybridisation: when varieties are crossed it is spoken of as cross-fertilisation. Those who are inclined to pursue this work systematically should study "Mendel's laws" on which several books may be had.

The Ivy: My Ivies, of which I have six "varieties" (a better word would be "forms"—although Kew uses the former term,) have flourished well this year and are now in winter quarters. Any of my readers who are interested, may have "cuttings," if they will make a note to apply for them next spring when growth commences. When I applied for these plants, to the Royal Botanical Gardens at Kew, England, the Curator sent me a bundle of about thirty cuttings. This was in the Fall, the usual time for propagating these plants in Britain; but none of them survived the Canadian winter. Nothing daunted I applied again, and after waiting till the following spring, I received twelve rooted cuttings in six select "varieties." (They have at least forty varieties at Kew.) In Canada I find that the young, growing tips of the branches, taken in Spring, are sure to "strike." This plant is the badge of the Scottish clan of the Gordons. According to Balfour, an English botanist, the succulent fruit of the Ivy was formerly used as an emetic and purgative. In France the ivy is called Lierre Grimpant.

Earthquake: Sure enough, on the 16th of December, when the moon and Venus hobnobbed in the vicinity of the Zodiacal sign of Virgo, there was a tremendous drop of the barometer—lower than it's been since last January: and that night Jamaica had a major quake followed by three after-shocks, but little damage was done.

And now I lay down my pen with the sincere wish: to all my readers "A Happy and Prosperous New Year."