

FOR FARMERS, STOCKBREEDERS AND GARDENERS

NEWSY NOTES

BY AGRICOLA

"WELL CALL IT A DAY"

About twice a year I receive a letter from the daughter of an old friend in the Homeland, and it sometimes contains news of sufficient interest to bear repetition.

Here is a glimpse of collegiate life at Durham: "The first three weeks of the term we were sent out on school practice. (That means they were given a test in practical teaching in the City schools.)"

"We get up at 7 a.m. Here is a list of our times in tabular form. A bell goes for each time except the last, when someone blows a whistle."

"7.00, Rising Bell. 7.45—Breakfast Bell; 8.30—Chapel Bell; 8.55—Prepare for lectures; 9.00—Lecture Bell—begin work, 9.00-1.15 p.m.—Five lecture periods—bell rings at end of each lecture. 1.15 p.m.—Dinner or lunch. 1.45-4.00 p.m.—Free except for games, gardening, etc."

"4.00 p.m.—Tea bell. 4.25 p.m.—Prepare for lectures; 4.30-7.00—Three lecture periods. 7.00-8.00—Private study. 8.00—Chapel Bell. 8.15—Supper Bell. 8.30 to 9.40—Free time."

"9.40 Bell—Get to own rooms, get undressed. 10.10—Silence Bell. 10.30 p.m.—Lights out whistle. We have, as you see, quite a full day. And as we are always tired and stiff with games and physical training, rising bell comes too soon."

"The subjects I am taking are: Hygiene, Physical Training, Educational Method, English, Advanced Geography, Nature Study, Music, Needlework and Handwork. The first five are compulsory."

"That is college life as one young student sees it: and when the 'lights out' whistle blows I can imagine her 'calling it a day.'"

ODDS AND ENDS

An English November: This first week of the month strongly recalls Old England. The fields are green, greener than they were in August. In the garden (which is rather an exposed spot) today, the 7th, I found in full bloom two named varieties of the old "Scottish Marigold" or Calendula, which seem to enjoy the cool weather; a Sea-pink or two displaying its clover-like bloom; night-scented stock (Matthiola) open to the day, but without the fragrance it had in warmer months. As its usual there are still lingering blooms of the various bell-flowers (Campanulas), a race which seems to love our climate and soil, and a few "Fairly Yellow-flowers," the orange-colored Erysimum Peroffskianum. The hardy Chinese Cabbage is still holding its own, with clusters of mustard-yellow flowers. Among the weeds in flower are Yarrow, Barnyard, Daisy, Pineapple weed, Buttercup, Shepherd's Purse, Mullein. (which is really a garden flower), and Corn Spurrey. A remarkable garland for Nov. 7th!

But yesterday (6th) recalled another aspect of November in the Old Country: an aspect such as the old cycle in Tennyson's "Vision of Sin" talks of:

"When a blanket wraps the day, When the rotten woodland drips, And the leaf is stamp'd in clay,"

"The Wood, the Weed and the Wag," by Sir Walter Raleigh, a poem which recently appeared in The Guardian, is evidently addressed to the poet's son—who is styled a "pretty knave." This is no disparagement of the youth, for "knave" in those days simply meant lad, from the German knabe, a boy. "The wag is wild," says the poem, and the expression is shorter way of naming one who deserves hanging. Like the word knave, it has altered its meaning since Raleigh's day; but while the former has acquired a considerable obliquity, "wag" has become synonymous with a witty or ludicrous fellow.

But to play the wag' in Northumbria meant to be A.W.O.L. from school; or as we say "to play truant." Wag also means to vibrate or move to and fro; and I once heard a miner's wife reproach her offspring for some unflattering action, with the curious expression "Where will your hand wag? Above my grave!" The idea behind this was that one day he would wring his hands when too late.

At Howe's Hall: As a rule I stick to my ain fesside o' nights, but when a friend brought his car and said he'd drive me across to Howe's Hall, Brackley Point, I accepted his kind offer with alacrity. For I knew it was "practice night" for the liturgical society which I have mentioned in this column before. On arriving at the Hall I was pleased to find a group of young folk very busy at "Modulator practice" in the "Tonic Solfa. For the benefit of those not initiated into the matter, I may say that a Modulator is a chart of the musical scale, to which the conductor points by my setting forth the reason why indicated. By this practice students soon acquire the ability to strike any musical interval.

The register showed that there were twenty-one singers, some of whom resided between two and three miles from the Hall, and I believe that all but two were present. I particularly admired the earnest way in which the young folk went at their work; there was none of the interruption which I remember to have been a feature of the old "singing schools" once in vogue in the Island. Everybody was doing his or her best and judging from their cheerful countenances, all were thoroughly enjoying the effort.

These young folks are learning a great deal more than music, though perhaps all of them are not aware of it. They are learning the value of co-operation for a common purpose, a matter in which the bygone generations were lamentably deficient. They are learning (as their conductor pointed out) that by helping others they are helping themselves. And, not least, they are storing up memories of happy times against the day when "all the daughters of music shall be brought low;" a day which comes inevitably to all of us, if we live long enough.

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A very considerable loss of life and property was recorded in the major quakes. During that period the barometer was much disturbed here, with violent gales on the North Atlantic and further south, tropical hurricanes. All these phenomena are gravitational disturbances, and are consequently inter-related.

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LEGENDS OF THE SKY (1)

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shortening. I received a letter from an Island lady who stated that her husband and daughter were engaged in tracing out the constellations, whenever the nights were favourable. This, I reflected, was a pursuit that could be made very interesting to the amateur astronomer by my setting forth the reason why indicated. By this practice students soon acquire the ability to strike any musical interval.

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AN ANCIENT CAPITAL (3)

There is no doubt that Alnwick derives most of the prestige it enjoys from the fact that for some centuries its castle has been the residence of the Lords, Earls, and Dukes of Northumberland. Rumor personified (in the Second Part of Shakespeare's Henry IV) tells of "old Northumberland" lying "craftily sick" in Warwick's worm-eaten hold of ragged stone; and it is true that from the beginning of the 14th to the middle of the 15th century Warwick was the principal seat of that noble family. But the Percies never forgot the old homestead and in due course returned to it after many vicissitudes of fortune. The original fortress at Alnwick

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Congratulations to successful exhibitors at the Amherst Winter Fair, particularly our Island foxmen, who as usual shed added lustre on their native province by their exploits. The fox dates are Callbeck, who has been out of the show picture for several years because of being the judge at Charlottetown, or the Royal Winter Fair and other important points, decided to exhibit at Amherst and was the winner of many of the principal prizes including the Grand Championship.

Alberton Fox Show is over as these lines are written, but next week Borden will hold the centre of the stage. Its fox dates are Tuesday and Wednesday, 19th and 20th. Secretary E. C. Bell expects to have 250 or more entries, classes providing for Canadian National and unregistered foxes. Last year Borden Show was a great success and there is no reason to suppose that this year's exhibition will not be equally as good.

Now is the time to take extra precautions to guard your ranch and animals. Thieves become active when pelts become prime. They usually have their quarry under observation for some time so they can study the habits of the rancher and his help. Take time by the forelock and think out some ways of coping with this recent menace. A good, big, cross dog will help.

This month is one of the most important of the year to the fox farmer. In its final preparations for the pelting season will be made and selections to replace those pelts will be decided upon. It is also the time to give the ranch its final cleaning before Jack Frost sets in. Kennels should be cleaned and disinfected, ground floor pens scraped, lewes and all debris removed. Minor carpentering repairs should be attended to so that everything will be in readiness when the real winter sets in.

Look over your pelting equipment, see that the knives are sharp, that you have plenty of drying boxes, racks and other necessities.

What will the market be like for fox pelts, is a constant query heard upon everybody's lips. It is a difficult matter to state with certainty just what the reaction of the fur trade will be to the 1935 crop of silver fox pelts which is estimated to be in the neighborhood of 400,000. The Hala-Bhalopia situation with consequent disturbances in Europe is not likely to improve prices, but rather to disturb the market.

On the other hand there has been a remarkable revival of coalitions, aiders, and execution; followed by just as frequent restorations of the main stem to the royal favor. This, it may be said, was quite in keeping with the old adage: "The father to the bough, and the son to the plough"—a playful way of saying that when the father was hanged (or otherwise executed) for treason the son was allowed to resume and work his estate. At its heyday as a military base against the Scots, the castle was garrisoned by three thousand and thirty-seven men-at-arms, and forty hoboes—light-armed cavalry mounted on small ambling horses.

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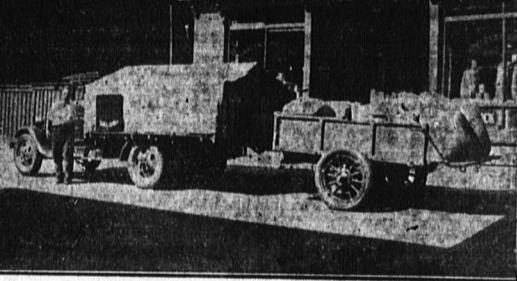
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