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The Fox Show

The Silver Fox Exhibitors' Association is to be warmly commended upon the decision to "carry on" as usual this year, despite wartime conditions. The enthusiasm shown at yesterday's opening of the 11th annual Prince Edward Island Fox Show has justified the optimism of the Association, and the inclusion of classes for new types in addition to the regular classes of silvers makes the exhibition this year of added value and importance. The judging, which commences today and continues daily until Friday, will be followed with the keenest interest.

As the home of the silver fox industry this Province achieved world fame, and our breeders, down through the years, have consistently endeavoured to maintain the highest standards of quality production. It is in this connection that fox shows, at first regarded with scepticism, have become essential as an educational factor in developing the industry.

This year there is an exceptionally large list of entries, and the show promises to be the most successful ever held in the Maritimes.

An Accounting Wanted

Under the above heading the Globe and Mail says it is quite certain that any investigation of the nation's war effort by the Committee of the Whole House of Commons, suggested by Mr. King as an alternative to Mr. Hanson's proposal, would fail to satisfy the Opposition, since the committee cannot call and examine witnesses. Such an "investigation" would degenerate into a political dog-fight and the net result would be to retard rather than accelerate defense preparations. If there is to be an investigation at all, it should be undertaken by a special select committee of the House, before which spokesmen for the General Staff, the Munitions and Supply Department and others vitally engaged in organizing the nation for war could be examined in an orderly and judicial manner.

"We are told," says the Globe and Mail, "the Government is spending a billion dollars a year on the war and that large contracts have been placed for this and that. Every one knows it is a simple matter for a Government to spend a billion dollars. It is a healthy sign that the public wants to know what it is getting for the billion. What deliveries have been made? The people were alarmed by the statement of the Chief of the General Staff that an increase in the thirty-day training period for home defense is not feasible because the equipment is not available for advanced training. They are justified in being curious about affairs on which depend their national life.

"From Mr. King's address it is to be inferred that all material details short of war secrets will be made known by subsequent speakers. If this is done there will be no occasion, probably, to press for an investigation. It is the proper way to enlighten the public, provided the information is given fully and frankly. But if it is not forthcoming in sufficient detail to prove that funds are being spent with the utmost prudence the Opposition Leader's demand for an inquiry is likely to be backed by the force of public opinion."

Rehabilitation

Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King, in a letter to Alex Walker, Dominion President of the Canadian Legion, has given assurances that plans are now being formulated for the satisfactory rehabilitation of men returning to Canada following discharge from the overseas forces.

The Legion President, who drew the Prime Minister's attention to the fact that there have been instances where returned men were finding it necessary to apply to relief offices for assistance in re-establishing themselves into civil life, was informed by Mr. King that "plans are being worked out which, it is our intention, shall be adequate to meet the situation as it is and as it may develop in the future."

Mr. Walker has expressed the gratification of the Legion that the Government has promised to adjust the situation which, he said, "has up to the present been hardly commensurate reward for the services these returned sailors, soldiers and airmen have rendered."

A Kipling Hero

The new Commander-in-Chief of the Home Fleet, Vice-Admiral J. C. Hovey, has an unusual literary distinction. According to the Manchester Guardian, he inspired Kipling to one of the most brilliant naval sketches in the whole range of the Kipling sea writings.

It was during the last war. Kipling was asked by the Admiralty to write for general publication the story of the destroyers at Jutland. Among the records he found the story of the Onslow (Lieutenant Commander J. C. Tovey), and from the brief official phrases he built up that incomparable sketch which is now incorporated in his book "Sea Warfare" and is headed "Cripple and Paralytic."

It tells the story of the Onslow, crippled by a heavy shell, and the Defender, paralytic with similar wounds, as only Kipling could tell it. Those who want to get some idea of the character of the man who will in future be in chief command of Britain's defence afloat should read that Kipling story.

— EDITORIAL NOTES —

Fox Show.

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Medical doctors' services are apparently not in great demand for the Canadian Army, except for medical examinations and ordinary hospital cases. Army surgeons are being let loose for private practice until further orders.

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Mr. W. Ivan Linton has been elected a member of the Montreal Scout Council as representative of the Montreal Junior Board of Trade. Mr. Linton was formerly a Scout in the Kensington Troop and was assistant Scoutmaster from 1930 to 1932.

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While arrangements are being made to give the C.A.S. Force six days leave at Christmas or New Year, provided not more than 60 per cent are absent at one time. There will be no special leave for the Royal Canadian Air Force because of the urgency of the air training plan. Permission for ordinary four days leave will be given provided training schedules are not disrupted.

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Because of Prime Minister King's spleen in dissolving the Parliament unnecessarily last March, the country has been involved in an expenditure of $2,625,000. As the election (March 26) occurred a few days before the end of the fiscal year the bulk of the expenditure will be a charge on the fiscal year 1940-41, but accounts totalling $200,077 were paid in the year ended March 31 last.

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Mechanization is playing heck with veterinary surgeons as well as mounted battalions. An announcement in the last issue of the Canada Gazette states that the Governor-General-in-Council has ordered the disbandment of all permanent force and non-permanent active militia units of the Royal Canadian Army Veterinary Corps. Which means—no doctors, no patients, of course.

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Charles I born this date, 1600. He began his reign with a belief in the divine right of Kings and ended it in disaster at Naseby, when his army was routed by Cromwell aided by a Scottish army. Charles was a pattern of all the private virtues, but in public affairs was weak, obstinate and tortuous in his methods, disregarding considerations of reason and even of honour, when these conflicted with his absolutist ideas.

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A Western Liberal is more interested, evidently, in a market for our potatoes than our own members. Mr. Thomas Reid, New Westminster, has given notice in the House of Commons that he will ask the Government what amounts of table potatoes have been imported from the United States this year and what sums of United States currency were allowed by the Foreign Exchange Control Board for such importations, as well as for fresh fruits and vegetables.

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$1 a bushel for No. 1 Northern wheat at the local elevators, is advocated by Mr. Charles E. Johnson, N.D., Bow River, in a motion of which he has given notice in the House of Commons. The other day a western member was urging the stablizing of wheat prices, when some one shouted, what about potatoes? On the spur of the moment the western member retaliated that he had been more than surprised that no Eastern member had advocated a fixed price for potatoes; if they had done so he would have supported them.

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It is a civil offence under the Militia Act for a soldier to be disobedient to an officer. Frederick W. Koobs, 19-year-old private in the Essex Tank Regiment, Windsor, Ont., was fined $5, without costs, by Magistrate D. M. Brodie after Koobs had pleaded guilty to a charge of disobeying an officer of the regiment. It was the first conviction under section 117 of the Militia Act in Windsor during the present war. Magistrate Brodie warned that future offenders would receive heavier punishment. Pte. Koobs was charged with being insolent or disorderly to an officer, 2nd Lieut. W. W. Bradley, while on service with the regiment.

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Some 7,000,000 Free Churchmen in all parts of Great Britain are represented by the Free Church Federal Council brought into being at a historic meeting in London recently. This union of the National Free Church Council and the Federal Council of the Evangelical Free Churches will in future act for the Free Churches on all corporate matters. "It does not mean the end of the various Free Church denominations," an official of the National Free Church Council stated. "The different denominations will still exist separately, with their own constitutions, but they will be affiliated to the new main body. The new council will consist of 125 representatives elected from the denominations and 75 members elected by popular vote."

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The debunker is at it again. In an eye witness account of the Civil War, published for the first time this week, entitled "I Rode With Stonewall", Assistant Inspector General Henry Kyd Douglas says he was with Jackson almost constantly until the fatal day at Chancellorsville in 1863. Once they picked blackberries together while riding along an advanced line; occasionally they went to church together, ate together and to the degree that a subordinate would be likely to be involved, consulted together. Douglas carried dispatches for the general, of course; lent him books to read, and, on the famous march into Frederick, Md., rode by his side. "As for Barbara Frietchie," he observes, "we did not pass her house. There was such an old woman in Frederick, in her ninety-sixth year and bedridden. She never saw Stonewall Jackson and he never saw her."

NOTES BY THE WAY

R.A.F. fighters in Britain ask only that the factories maintain the supply of planes and they will take care of Hitler. The fighting spirit of these men is writing new war history. — Chatham News.

Hitler stands on the threshold of one of his worst tactical blunders. He appears to be paying the way for the joining of the main issue at sea, with every prospect that his grandiose hopes of conquest will go down beneath the waters of the Mediterranean, just as his own inconsiderable fleet melted away under the pounding of British guns along the coast of Norway. —Windsor Star.

Norman W. Berkinshaw, the Bank of Nova Scotia's new assistant general manager, is not a Maritimer by birth. In recent years it has become almost an axiom in the banking fraternity that to be a top-flight Canadian banker, one had to be a Bluenose or a Herring-Chocker. Mr. Berkinshaw's latest promotion, therefore, draws attention to the fact that not being a Maritimer, he must be a banker of more than ordinary ability. — Financial Post.

Soon after the outbreak of war in 1914 an ounce of procaine (local anesthetic) sold for as much as $25; a single dose of arsphenamine, indispensable in the treatment of syphilis, brought $50 and more; camphor soared to $3.75 a pound, formaldehyde to 85 cents, glycerine to 70 cents, antipyrene to $60. It is gratifying to learn from an address recently delivered by Dr. E. H. Volwiler before the New York Section of the American Chemicle Society that such prices for medicinals are not likely to be charged in the present world crisis. And the reason is that American research has come of age. Two important drugs we must still import, and these are opium (source of morphine) and quinine. Fortunately, the country is well stocked with both for several years. Though there has been no prolonged fighting on land by large masses of men, the wounded of this war have fared medically and surgically better than did their elders twenty-five years ago. Tetanus and gas-gangrene were the most dreaded afflictions down to the declaration of the Armistice. The journals devoted to military surgery have had little to say about either disease in this war. Dr. Volwiler attributes this to the wide use of tetanus toxoid and gas-gangrene antitoxim. — New York Times.

German repressive measures in occupied Polish territory are on the increase. The so-called Chief of Culture and Education there has now issued an order forbidding the playing of any works by Chopin at concerts and public gatherings. Poles are thus to be prevented from enjoying the music of their greatest composer. The works of the leading Polish novelists, Sienkiewicz and Zeromski, have been placed on the index and all their books are to be removed from libraries and reading rooms. — London Times.

In some sections turnips are selling for as little as 10 to 12 cents per bushel. If you know nothing about turnips we advise going out in the country and working on the business of taking them in for half a day. Then next day, using the pain in your back as the basis of computation, figure for yourself what the price per bushel should be — Peterborough Examiner.

Less than seventy years ago bananas were an oddity in the United States. So unusual was the fruit that a bunch of bananas on exhibit at the Centennial Exposition of 1876 in Philadelphia attracted crowds of curious visitors. Today bananas are a familiar item of American diet, imported into the country chiefly from Central American, Jamaica, Mexico Cuba and Columbia. In 1936 more than 63,000,000 stems of bananas were shipped to the United States, the largest share coming from Central America. — New York Herald Tribune.

A glass with venetian blind characteristics, which can be changed from transparent to translucent, or from clear to opalescent, by changing the angle at which it is held, has been developed in the du Pont laboratories in Wilmington. It was designed for use in lighting fixtures, so it is possible to have the efficiency of direct lighting and the comfort of indirect lighting from the same lamp. — New York Herald Tribune.

Admittedly the lot of the Prairie farmer is not a particularly happy one at this time. Everybody wishes it could be better. But it might be infinitely worse. At least a bountiful crop has been harvested following—as far as most of Saskatchewan is concerned—many previous years of failure. That is something to be thankful for. And while storage limitations prevent full deliveries being made, the recent raising of the general quota to eight bushels, together with the setting of materially larger quotas in many separate districts would seem to meet the situation in this province to a considerable extent. — Regina Leader-Post.

Hitler's airmen drop a bomb. They don't care whether it hits a hospital, a railway station or a row of workmen's cottages alongside. For Hitler seeks not only to destroy the communications of the city, but to create the same panic here that drove out the people of the open city of Paris. It is one of the enemy's aims to make confusion here, too, whether invasion comes from the east or the south. Now what is the R.A.F. job in bombing Berlin, which took its biggest "pasting" on a recent night? Our bombers try to wreck the means by which the Germans can invade us or bomb us. The outraged feeling of the people of London is wholly understandable. And it is unpopular to say that we should confine our attacks to Hitler's weapons of war. But it is still right. Therefore it should be said. — London Daily Mail.

It has been said that Nazi bombing of London has brought to Britain a practical social democracy the country has never known before. Lords and ladies, it is declared, are sleeping in servants' quarters; they are playing bridge in cellars with butlers and maids; and they are sitting almost in each other's laps in trains. People from the East End have moved into mansions further west, and on all hands social barriers, especially those of wealth, have been broken down.

New Agreement Re Farm Products

(Ottawa Journal)

The new farm products agreement with Britain announced in the House of Commons Thursday by Agriculture Minister Gardiner, under which Canada agrees to send increased quantities of cheese and pork products to the United Kingdom during 1941, constitutes a challenge to agriculture in Eastern Canada. Farmers have been crying for something definite, for specific direction—now many thousands of them have a goal to shoot at, and price or gain will not be the great incentive.

What farmers, and city consumers of dairy products as well, must realize is that the increases which this agreement calls for will not just happen. Management, changes, fixing, a possible rationing of domestic consumption of some dairy products, will almost certainly be necessary if Canada is to live up to this agreement and produce the food which Britain needs.

Canada has agreed to ship to Britain in 1941 about 25 percent more cheese and the product of over one million more hogs than was shipped this year. If we can send more cheese Britain will take it. Canada has guaranteed the minimum quantities. Just to leave it to farmers to achieve this huge increase as a patriotic duty will not be sufficient; it is going to take careful planning to reach the goal set.

With the best will in the world cows cannot produce a great deal more milk than they do at present and it takes time to grow mature cows. Some slight increase in the milk flow may be obtained by making Winter feed available to Eastern farmers but most of the milk necessary to produce the extra cheese and hogs will have to be diverted from other uses. Owing to greater employment, more money from wages, there has been a very marked increase in the consumption of whole milk and butter in urban areas. Some of this may have to be diverted and that is where the urban population takes a part in this scheme —submits to some form of rationing.

There are three very evident ways in which more milk for cheese and hogs may be obtained. First the Government can bring feed from high-producing areas such as the prairies and make it available to Eastern dairymen at a reasonable cost. This means involved problems of transportation and storage. Second, there can be a planned diversion of milk from the domestic butter market which would mean some form of rationing, and might also involve financial assistance to creameries to install cheese-making machinery. Thirdly, the 35 to 40 million pounds of cheese which Canadians eat annually in one form or another could be diverted to the export market. The latter would appear easiest to achieve and would be a form of rationing working little hardships on Canadians. We are not a cheese-eating people and to most of us cheese is a luxury and delicacy.

In his statement to the House Mr. Gardiner made no mention of the Government's intentions regarding the premium on high quality cheese paid for the past two years. It will amount to about $1,200,000 this year. Already cheese-producers are dissatisfied with the price they are receiving and the $500,000 extra they will get under the new agreement will mean little spread over so many. Farm wages are going up to an alarming extent. To achieve what the Government hopes for under this new agreement a higher premium may be necessary, and advisable.

The Poets' Corner

FIGHTER PILOTS

"Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few."—Winston Churchill.

A gallant handful by his side,
A despot's host against him hurled,
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Who clip the wings of tyranny
And hold the cloud-embattled pass—
In every sky—Thermopylae!

—Patric Dickinson in the Montreal Star.

This is true. But it is somewhat of an exaggeration to suppose these are a new phenomenon in British history. The diarist Pepys, for example, frequently sat down for an evening's music with his wife and servants, nor was there considered anything socially odd in this. It is a mistake to imagine that the past of Britain is wholly aristocratic. The roots of democracy go deep; its growth is correspondingly lofty. — Christian Science Monitor.

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open for the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Charlottetown Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinions of correspondents.

AMONG THE CLOUDS

Sir:— We were glad to be informed that that Bristol goose was shot in a legitimate manner. We hope the goose appreciated the fact. We thought there might be some mistake but hope "Interested" will excuse us for wondering what kind of a gun could make "contact" with a goose such a long distance up among the clouds.

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Casey Jones would be unworried though. The foreman of the T.C.A. machine shop spent 18 years with the C.N.R. at its Fort Rouge, Man., shops before joining the airline!

COULDN'T SLEEP COULDN'T WORK

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