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DIARY OF EVENTS.

TODAY

City Magistrate's Court at 9 a. m.
Baseball at the A. A. Grounds at 4.15.
W. C. T. U. meeting in Heartz Memorial Hall, 3.30.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1913

OUR EXHIBITION.

The Provincial Exhibition opens in Charlottetown tomorrow. Already, barring one thing only—the conduct of the weather man—the success of the Exhibition is assured. The entries are fully up to those of former years and in some classes ahead. The buildings and grounds are in excellent condition and the management has left nothing undone that could in any way tend to the success of the Exhibition and the comfort and enjoyment of exhibits, exhibitors and visitors.

The City also has made the usual preparation. The Guardian understands that ample accommodation has been provided in the hotels and private boarding houses for a full list of visitors; the stores are bringing their best goods to the front and preparing for the usual exhibition rush of business.

That the attendance will be larger than ordinary is already a foregone conclusion. Charlottetown Exhibitions have in past years won a reputation for attractiveness and enjoyableness and on this reputation the institution has grown apace until it now ranks among the best exhibitions held in Canada.

The live stock feature, this year, will be of exceptional merit, judging by the number of entries and by the reputation of many of the prospective exhibitors, while there is no doubt that many of the other classes will be fully up to and in some cases ahead of the standard of former years.

To afford the holiday entertainment usually looked for on these annual occasions the management have secured attractions of exceptional merit. Among these the aeroplane, which proved such a popular attraction last year, will be conspicuous and with a few new features added. The horse races, always an attraction, will also be a big feature. These besides other more or less powerful "drawing cards" will, it is believed, make up one of the most enjoyable Exhibitions ever held in the province.

And the effect upon the province? Our duty towards the Exhibition? Why we should encourage it? These are self-evident. The Exhibition is to the province what the annual examination is to the school. The pupils are demonstrating the wisdom or unwisdom of spending money on the school. In our province we have spent lavishly on agricultural education. The Exhibition will demonstrate in large measure the effects of this education. Old methods of farming and stock-raising have passed away and newer methods have been substituted. The Exhibition will afford means of comparison, and to our visitors from abroad will show whether we are advancing with the times or retrograding. The belief that our province is advancing is very generally held not only by ourselves but by others. Let us make the most of this annual opportunity of demonstrating it. Let all who can attend the Exhibition and let each make it his personal concern to help it in every way. It is everybody's Exhibition and it will be what the people make it. Its success means much. Let us make it a success.

MARRIAGES

HENDERSON-HILL.—At the home of the bride on Sept 18th Lena May daughter of Isaac Henderson, Forest Hill to Harry W. Oakley, Cleveland, Ohio, U. S. A. Rev. E.E. Styles, Souris, officiated.

CHARLOTTETOWN SUMMER RESORT

Sir:—The Charlottetown Summer Resorts Limited and your editorial note in Saturday's Guardian stating that this Company had made "over thirty per cent" on its first season's operations and had "ample funds for further development."

It would be nice to know that your information was correct. But while the Summer Resorts Company have, considering all the circumstances, been much gratified with the financial result of the summer's work and have done something to demonstrate that the providing of accommodation for summer visitors can be made a profitable and very valuable industry for this Province, it would be unwise to mislead anyone into thinking that "thirty per cent" can be picked up in the business quite so easily as that. Such a formidable rival of the fox business has not yet appeared.

However, the summer's result has shown that the seven per cent preferred stock of the Charlottetown Summer Resorts, Ltd., is a perfectly sound investment ensuring regular payment of its dividends and security of principal, and it is to be hoped that the business men of Charlottetown and investors generally will be encouraged to take up the remaining seven thousand of the present issue of preferred stock so as to provide for a much greater development of the property next year and a generally improved service.

I am, sir, etc., ROBERT L. COTTON, Managing Director.

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renegade labor leader, whose notorious People's Budget, which was to revolutionize taxation and relieve suffering humanity has proved worse than a failure, it is a fraud. In the course of his exposition of its prospective benefits the Chancellor said: "Even in the case of the 'dreadnoughts' which you are laying down this year, the real expense will be next year, so that when the revenue comes in from the land taxes next year it will be used as much for dreadnoughts as for old age pensions."

But absurd as this sum of \$12,000 is, it is not the most humiliating fact Mr. Lloyd George has to face. In three years these "new and revolutionary" taxes between them have produced \$1,100,000; and to collect this has cost the country \$6,965,000. Think of it; and imagine the howl of execration that would go up here were the Government to expend \$240,000 to collect \$40,000 from fox ranches. Yet this is the finance of the politician who many simple souls hail as, (at his own estimation) a heaven-sent statesman.

Old Age Pensions was not a scheme devised by Mr. Lloyd George. It was a plank in Mr. Chamberlain's social program which the Chancellor adopted to "dish the Tories." The financing was his all right, and instead of costing \$30,000,000, as he estimated, it costs the taxpayers just over \$65,000,000 per annum.

What country but the United Kingdom could survive such travesty of finance? What would the people here have to say were the Government to budget for, say the Department of Agriculture as a new departure, for \$21,000 and at the end of the year come to the House and say: "We are very sorry, but our estimate was wrong, and after we went into the matter we found the efficient working of the department cost us not \$21,000 but \$45,000." That is Lloyd Georgeian finance.

The Insurance Act, which every one supports in principle, but which the Unionists would have assented for in a manner less likely to harness the laborer and the domestic, has proved another dismal financial failure and is already recognized as a universal hardship. The Premier has just intimated that an amending bill will be introduced next session, and has appointed a Special Commission to investigate a persistent series of allegations of malfeasanting made in connection with the Act. Meantime, the Scottish farm servants and crofters are so indignant at the unfairness of the measure that they have just, to the tune of 20,000, banded themselves together to resist payment of their weekly contributions.

The less said about Mr. Lloyd George's connection with the Marconi scandal the better for his reputation. We are treating the Chancellor of the Exchequer generously when we quote the verdict of Mr. H. W. Massingham, the most outstanding Liberal journalist of the day. In the Liberal weekly, The Nation, he said just at the rising of the House: "What many would like to see is a new sphere for him, where his brilliant and restless mind could find a fresh field. His work at the Exchequer is done. His work for social radicalism he has still to do."

With a "farewell" which in some quarters is regarded as a notice to quit Mr. Lloyd George's holiday cannot be altogether devoid of unpleasant reflections.

NOTES.

Diary memo: Must attend the Exhibition tomorrow.

The cheapest and most magnificent advertisement for fox-ranchers now would be to send a pair of Island beauties to the London Zoo. Think of the millions that would thus be tapped.

At present, the owner of an automobile in this Province is not required to hold a chauffeur or driver's certificate. We understand it is contemplated introducing legislation to provide for this. It will be a wise precaution.

In British Columbia a campaign has begun against Sunday desecration. Surely it is not the outcome of the advent of that recently-arrived Scotsman who refused to pay Customs duty because he was a Sabbatarian, and, further, because "it was unlucky to part with money on the Sabbath."

The need for the establishment of an automobile school in Charlottetown was well illustrated the other day, when one of the cars in a motor party got badly punctured. No body in the party was capable of repairing the damage, consequently the car was put out of use for that day, and was left overnight where the mishap occurred.

The directors of the Young Men's

Christian Association in Charlottetown have decided to deprive young women and girls of the privileges which they enjoyed in the Association's building. They think the presence of the fair sex is too distracting to be conducive to the success of the work among the young men and boys.

The issuing to chauffeurs of certificates of competency to operate motor vehicles is at present done at the discretion of the Provincial Secretary, and on a declaration from the applicant for the license that he is duly qualified, accompanied by satisfactory references from prominent citizens. This is not enough. There should be some local qualifying examination to be passed by all applicants for chauffeur's licenses. This is required in other places.

At the bare idea of a fox company giving a return to its shareholders of forty or fifty per cent., investors in Massachusetts, U. S. A., became scared and refused to have anything to do with subscribing the capital of a fox company recently formed there. They evidently thought such large profits a thing to be dreamed of and not realized. Yet some of our fox companies have paid this year dividends of over 200 and 300 per cent., and there is one instance where the dividend declared has reached the phenomenal figure of 900 per cent.

A weird tale comes from Warsaw of four deaths and one case of insanity as a result of a falsehood told by a mischievous gossip, says The Gazette. A young farmer was to be married to a neighbor's daughter. A local gossip told the bride-to-be that her lover was secretly engaged to a rich heiress and the young girl, readily believing that the man she loved was worthy of mating with the fairest in the land, went to her room and took poison. The mother found the girl dead and died of shock; the forlorn youth shot himself and his mother died of grief on hearing of his death, while his father went insane. Perhaps not often in history has an idle tale been responsible for such a succession of tragedies, but countless numbers have borne disgrace and suffered pain that may have seemed to them worse than death because of the malicious slander or idle gossip of a serpent-tongued one. Seldom is there any redress, for though the slanderer may be hailed to court and mulct in damages, in most cases the mischief sown has taken root and like a rank weed cannot be entirely eradicated. The punishment for slander cannot be made too severe.

MR. RAYNER ON IMPORTED FOXES.

Sir:—In some of the Island papers recently I notice an article by Mr. Arthur Holland, in reply to which I should like to point out the difference between the fur of this Province and that obtained by the Hudson Bay Co. from any other section of the world.

In the year of 1910 the average of pelts shipped from the good stock of this Province, amounted to \$1,400 per pelt, whilst the average of all the silver fox pelts on the market for that year amounted to \$260 per pelt. Therefore the choice fur of which Mr. Holland speaks, must have brought the good fur to that low average. There is a type of foxes in Alaska which are pure black, but they are of very little value, the pelts bringing about \$40 for the best specimens. In an article by W. J. Burnett, Manager of the Northwest-ern Hide and Fur Co. this fox is specifically set forth, as No. 42 on the list. The fur of this fox is pure black and, like the bear of that section, coarse furred and of the value mentioned. This fox is short eared and has a long pointed tail with the white tip. This is the fox some would induce the Island fox-raisers to cross with our pure silver fox. They state that the Island is suffering by inbreeding, and advise crossing. I will admit the Island fox-raiser is suffering, but it is from the importation of such stock as this. It will cross with our fox once and, like all other types of animals, will not re-cross. If nature would allow of re-crossing there would be a confusion of breeds, which even Adam himself would fail to find a name for.

Now, Mr. Editor, the reason given for the suffering of the fox breeders on the Island is inbreeding, but there is no need of any fox breeder suffering. There are lots of fox men with first class stock on the Island now, and I, for one, when selling to new beginners promise to give them young foxes out of different litters the following year to mate with their young ones. Then there is no need for any fox breeder with three or four pairs of foxes to worry about inbreeding, if he will only give the matter one moment's thought and keep account of the mating of each pair. Mendel's Law allows that two out and then one in will not be injurious to the breed; but the man with four pairs of good foxes can breed out for four years and then one in, and by so doing keep our Island pure fox, which is beyond all doubt the best in the world.

Thanking you, Mr. Editor, for your valuable space. I am, sir, etc., B. I. RAYNER, Alberton.

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OYSTER FARMING.

(By Our Special Commissioner)

(4) DANGERS.

In former articles on this subject emphasis was laid on the probable profitability of the oyster industry,—at present in the initial stages of development in Richmond Bay.

From information received during the visit which gave rise to this series of articles, and in conversation with men who are intimately acquainted with conditions in and around the Bay, a legitimate inference is that, like every other enterprise, the development of the oyster business is beset with dangers and uncertainties. The present reference to these is not intended as a wet blanket for the use of prospective oyster farmers; on the contrary it is to direct attention to conditions which threaten to handicap the industry from the outset, if not to make all efforts for its development abortive; to enlist the continued support and sympathy of a government which has set the industry on its feet and made its development possible, and to extend a friendly warning to any who may be disposed to infer from successes already attained that all that is required to make a fortune is to select an area from the government and let the fortune grow up of its own accord.

Reference was made to the starfish and the means employed by the present lessors to fight this pest; also to the possibility of so increasing the number of lobsters—the natural enemy of the starfish—as to effectually keep the latter in check. The danger from this pest is a serious one, in fact the opinion has been freely expressed that, unless radical steps are taken and at once, the oyster industry, both on the public and private beds, is threatened with extinction. The greatest danger, of course, is to the public beds which now are entirely at the mercy of the starfish which has multiplied enormously in recent years. The private beds are being swept, as explained in a former article, and with constant sweeping and watchfulness have so far been kept comparatively clear of them. Notwithstanding this, however, there are constant invasions from the unprotected public beds, indicating not only that "eternal vigilance is the price" of immunity but that eternal vigilance is at present very much needed on the public beds and that, without it, what is now a source of considerable revenue to the fishermen is liable, within a very few years, to be wiped out of existence.

The starfish pest has been successfully fought elsewhere. In the world-famed Rhode Island oyster areas, boats, specially constructed, are kept continually sweeping up the starfish. The appliances in use are somewhat similar to those now used by the two oyster dredges, previously mentioned on Richmond Bay with the exception that the Rhode Island boats are propelled by steam in order to provide a tank of boiling water into which the brushes with the entangled starfish are dipped immediately on being hoisted on board. This at once liberates the starfish and is a much more rapid method than cleaning the brushes by hand, as the starfish are provided with thousands of suckers, each of which clings tenaciously to the brush.

Now, this has been suggested: The public oyster beds are still valuable, although sadly wasted by the injudicious and improvident methods of recent years. They could still be saved from extinction and become a valuable source of revenue for those who for any reason, prefer the public to private beds. Quite a number of fishermen reap a fairly good harvest of these public beds and, although many have abandoned the business in recent years because of its unprofitableness, they could still be conserved and the business re-deemed so as to be even a greater source of wealth than ever.

It is the duty of the government to look to this conservation. The interests of the province demand it. There is in Richmond Bay, in the oyster business alone, a mine of illimitable wealth which requires only to be protected. The protection would cost but an infinitesimal fraction of the ultimate value of the industry. It would pay the province, and the government would be satisfied in doing it, to have a small steamer, specially built for the purpose, kept constantly sweeping the bay in order to save this, one of the world's greatest industries and a source of great wealth to the province, from extinction. The fostering care which the provincial government has given the new oyster industry, both in its inception and in its expansion, the hope that this additional and most necessary step will be taken at once for its conservation.

And it will not be forgotten that the new industry itself has its uncertainties as well as its attractive prospects. The seed oysters are imported from the United States at great cost and in the face of many dangers. The young oysters are subject to delays and to killing exposures. Many of them succumb to these perils in transit and those which survive are likely to waste the first year in their new surroundings in recovering from the effects of the changed conditions. They are imported in separate quantities of two-year-olds, three-year-olds and four-year-olds. These, on arrival, are planted in different beds and are to be harvested at earliest maturity, which is when they are four years old. The four year olds planted last

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MONDAY SNAPS

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shirt, hat or cap, will save money by calling today. The lines have been quick sellers but there are still enough to make choosing easy.

LADIES' COATS.

Patons are receiving daily their fall and winter coats for ladies' consisting of lines carefully selected of the newest designs, smart and dressy, as well as warm and comfortable. These coats should be inspected as their elegance is most appealing.

LADIES' SKIRTS.

Patons' ladies' ready to wear outing skirts will appeal to the ladies' of Charlottetown as they are all made of exceptionally good quality goods, in all the newest and practical designs with button trimmings, or plain. The fire prices are deeply discounted.

FOR EXHIBITION WEEK.

Patons will have for the exhibition week the latest in early fall and winter millinery, besides all the different lines of seasonable goods, as will be announced later. Their milliners have many charming effects now being got ready and as Patons' millinery is always in the lead, this season will see even greater results.

SILK WAISTS.

The early shoppers today can secure some pretty silk and net waists at a price that would not even pay for the making. Look them over to a new overcoat, ready to wear suit, day.

GLOVE SPECIALS.

Although there has been some heavy buying in the glove department the firm reports a sufficient number of assorted sizes and colors for today's shoppers. This sale has been much appreciated as every lady in Charlottetown knows the quality of the kids bearing the name of Perrins.

HOSIERY.

The hosiery department offers its quota of bargains also for today and whether for mother, father, sister or brother the desired size and color can be secured at a great saving on the original price.

LADIES' UNDERWEAR.

There is quite a nice selection of ladies' all wool underwear on sale today which at the price marked should effect a prompt clearance.

MEN'S DEPARTMENT.

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