NOTICE

Fourth or final installment on Civic taxes is due and payable on or before the 31st day of December 1941.

A discount of 3 per cent is allowable on fourth installment if paid as per the above date.

Interest at the rate of 6 per cent will be added to all unpaid taxes after December 31st, 1941 on Real Estate, Personal Property, Permanent Streets and Sidewalks.

No taxpayer in arrears at December 31st, 1941 is eligible to vote at the coming Civic election in February.

JAMES A. FULLERTON,
City Clerk.

W. C. T. U. NOTES

MY OWN CANADIAN HOME

Though other skies may be as bright
And other lands as fair;
Though charms of other climes invite
My wandering footsteps there;
Yet there is one, the peer of all
Beneath Heaven's bright dome,
Of thee I sing, oh happy land,
My own Canadian Home.

Thy lakes and rivers as the voice
of many waters raise
To Him Who planned their vast extent
A symphony of praise.
Thy mountain peaks o'erlook the clouds,
Their pierce the azure skies,
They bid thy sons be strong and true,
To great achievements rise.

Shall not the race that tread thy plains
Spurn all that would enslave?
And they who battle with thy tides,
Shall not that race be brave?
Shall not Niagara's mighty voice
Inspire to actions high?
'Twere easy such a land to love
Or for her glory die!

BIBLE READING

2nd Chronicles, Chapter 19.

This story of the King of Judah, Jehoshaphat, is both timely and enlightening.

He, like his father, established a rule of righteousness under which the kingdom flourished. He aided religious teaching. He sought the Lord God and walked in His commandments and the fear of the Lord fell on the kingdoms round about. He waxed great accordingly. He built castles and cities of store and had much business in the cities of Judah.

With prosperity came indolence, indulgence, and an easy tolerance towards evil doing. What if Israel under the rule of Ahab had become lax toward God, they were blood brothers? So he joined an affinity with them, aided in their war in which Ahab was slain. Thus came the question in verse 2, Shouldst thou help? That is the question asked by many today. This so roused the King that he brought back his people unto the Lord God of their fathers. Is this our need? Verse 7 tells what God requires—Doing, not giving, is the test of the heart.

The command given in verses 9 and 10 is climaxed in the last phrase "Deal courageously and the Lord shall be with the good . . . This then is our measuring rod today. Can Canada, our Provinces, our community, ourselves dare use it?

Would it could be said of each Christian family as it is of the little princesses that at the hour when the Royal household gather for prayer they too wherever they are set that time apart for prayer. If that were so would not the history of Dunkirk be repeated every day?

The sequel to this story is found in Chapter 20. Three mighty armies were attacking Judah and the people, panic stricken, met in a National Day of Prayer. Their answer came in the 15th verse: "Be not afraid, nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude for the battle is not yours, but the Lords." Verse 20 tells us that as they rose early in the morning and went forth to battle, and the King said: "Hear me; Believe in the Lord your God, so shall ye be established; believe His prophets and ye shall prosper."

The story ends by saying that when they began to sing and praise God the enemies made war one upon another and none escaped. The realm was quiet for God gave them rest and the fear of God was on all those kingdoms round about.

This whole narrative is paralleled today in our own situation. Anglo-Saxons stand almost alone fearing invading hordes. Because we enjoy a freedom backed by a courage willing to face such invasion, some argue that our doors should be thrown open to all who want to enter.

The question to be considered is whether such apparent hospitality would not end in chaos and the ultimate destruction of our Christian ideals.

YOUTH TEMPERANCE COUNCIL Y. P. B. ONTARIO

(Mrs. F. W. Stephens, 104 Albany Ave., Toronto, Ont.)

My Dear Young People: — A Happy New Year to one and all. As the old year closes, we look back and think of all our difficulties and accomplishments, and feel we can make some big improvement in our program for the New Year.

As for me, sickness and death have entered our home since I last pondence almost cease for a few wrote you, which made my correspondence weeks. There is an old hymn which goes like this:

"Oh the good we all may do,
While the days are going by."

This is the way to live, dear young people, accomplishing something worth while each day. We can do this in no better way than by helping others live clean, wholesome lives, exempt from liquor and tobacco in any form, that they may present their bodies "wholly acceptable unto God."

I hope and pray your Y work has been progressing. Do try and have a membership campaign in each group, with a supper or banquet as the goal.

Keep a written record of your work done. Do not forget to send in articles (either suggestions or reports of work accomplished) to me for our page. Your Y may win the five-dollar prize which our editor, Mrs. Craw, is again so kindly sponsoring.

I am now thinking of two verses from Lord Tennyson's beautiful poem:

"Ring out a slowly dying cause,
And ancient forms of party strife;
Ring in the nobler modes of life
With sweeter manners, purer laws.

Ring in the vailent man and free,
The larger heart, the kindlier hand.
Ring out the darkness of the land.
Ring in the Christ that is to be."

Wishing you all God's richest blessing throughout the New Year.

Yours in Christian service,
(Mrs. F. W.) Harriet L. Stephens.

THE FOREMOST FIGURE IN THE MISSSONARY WORLD

In his addresses to groups drawn from all denominations, Dr. Mott faced the ugly facts of the present world situation. Then on the basis of his vast experience and massive faith in Christ, "The Supreme Personality of the Ages and of Eternities," he gave solid foundation for encouragement and optimism.

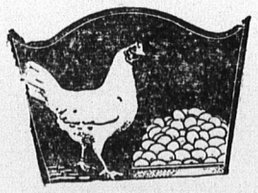
The movement toward Christ in this generation, he said, is everywhere gaining volume and speed. Throughout the world there is rising a spiritual tide and never before has there been such opportunity for spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ. People are yearning for something which is freer and better, and are eager to learn of righteousness and truth.

"I never saw such religion as exists in Britain at the present time," asserted Dr. Mott. "Never before has there been seen such great living loyalty in the face of the impossible."

Russia, too, is more responsive. The Russians are essentially a religious people and have limitless possibilities and a great capacity to suffer and to lay down their lives, as they are doing now against the common enemy.

Christianity has made headway in Japan, despite government restrictions. There have been mighty triumphs in China, even while the war is in progress, and there are almost 8,000,000 Christian natives in India.

To meet the world's needs with an adequate Christian evangelism Dr. Mott considered necessary: Larger plans in place of the "pitiably small" ones; larger adaptation of ways and means, with rethinking and re-statement of religious programs; a larger unity among the Christian forces; and a larger message, which is the preaching of Christ as the power that transforms communities as well as individuals. —From Conference Report.



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(Tonic and Egg Stimulator)

SOMETHING NEW UNDER THE SUN FOR POULTRYMEN

Master minds invented the telephone, the electric light, wireless telegraphy, etc., but now comes the crowning achievement of modern times, Nicholson's Poultry Health. What Nicholson's Poultry Health is! It is a scientific tonic and regulator for Hens. It has a tonic action upon the egg-laying organs, besides it is a general regulator and conditioner. It improves the appetite, builds up the general health, and helps keep the hen strong, vigorous and active in any weather. It doesn't force or hurt the hen in any way. It simply helps keep her in Perfect Health. Received the following letter from a poultryman: "We had heard quite a bit about Nicholson's Poultry Health as an egg producer, so naturally were interested as we always are in anything that is beneficial to the poultry industry, we purchased a 70 cent package then selected a flock of thirty Plymouth Rock hens and pullets, birds that had in a way "let up" on their usual egg production. The thirty hens and pullets were producing two eggs a day when we began feeding Nicholson's Poultry Health. In thirty days the flock had increased to eighteen to twenty-two eggs a day and yesterday a yield of twenty-four eggs was reported. From two eggs to twenty-four eggs in thirty days with an extra expenditure of 70 cents is surely a profitable investment." The results obtained from feeding Nicholson's Poultry Health are unlike most remedies. It does not lessen fertility nor does it leave any "evil after-effects" that are noted after feeding many remedies. If people will buy fowls that are bred to lay and will oil up the machine with Nicholson's Poultry Health they will surely get eggs.

Price 2 lb. box 70c. Also Nicholson's Fox Health, price 3½ lb box, $1.75; Nicholson's Horse Health, price 2 lb. box 70c, all put up fresh as ordered and all delivered if you mention this paper.

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6% INTEREST will be added to all unpaid taxes as at January 1st, 1942. L-173-12-27-41.

BUY YOUR tire chains at F. R. McLaine's. L-148-12-26-21.

DECEMBER 31st is last day for payment of 4th installment Civic Taxes. L-173-12-27-41.

SELECT your pelts now for the Provincial Pelt Show at Summerside, January 5th to 8th. Fur houses and their branches are cooperating in selecting pelts for this big event. L-223-12-22-24-26.

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CITY TAX OFFICE will be open each evening from tonight until New Years Eve for the benefit of taxpayers unable to come to the office in the day time. L-173-12-27-41.

COVEHEAD — UNION ROAD UNITED CHURCH Services for Sunday, December 28th are: West Covehead 11 A. M. Union Road 3 P. M. Covehead Road 7 P. M. Rev. Thos. A. Wilson, Minister. L-167-12-27-11.

HAMPTON UNITED CHURCH.—Services on Sunday, December 28th as follows: Hampton 11 A. M. Appin Road 3 P. M. Victoria 7 P. M. L-161-12-27-11.

WINSLOE PASTORAL CHARGE.—Services Sunday 28th are as follows: Winsloe North 11 A. M. Winsloe South 2.30 P.M. Princeton Rd., 7 P. M. Rev. J. R. Skinner, Minister. L-160-12-27-11.

TRYON — BONSHAW BAPTIST CHURCH, Sunday, December 28th. Services will be held at Tryon 3.00 P. M. Bonshaw 7.15 P. M. The Christmas services postponed from last Sunday, because of adverse weather, will be held this Sunday. L-162-12-27-11.

THE BAPTIST CHURCH. — At the morning service 11 A. M. the Rev. I. Judson Levy will consider in his sermon "If Christ Had Not Come." The morning anthem will be "O Sion's Daughter," (traditional Netherlands.) The Church School with classes and groups for all ages and needs will meet at 2.30 P. M. "Lost Opportunity" will be the theme of Mr. Levy's evening sermon at 7 P. M. Smart's anthem "While Shepherds Watched their Flocks by Night" will be sung by the choir. John Inch, Mus. Bac., organist and choirmaster will be in charge of the music of the day.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH.—The services at the Kirk on Sunday will be of a fully festival nature in honour of the Advent and Nativity of Our Divine Redeemer. The Minister, The Reverend T. H. Bussell Somers, M. A., S. T. M., will conduct the Worship at both diets of Divine Service and in the morning deliver his Christmas Sermon and extend his personal greetings to his parish and people. The Kirk Auxiliary have decorated both the Chancel and the Nave with holly, spruce and fir for the Festival. The Church Organist and Director of the Choristers, Miss Lillian MacKenzie, Mus. Bac., has prepared the following Music in honour of the day: Organ Music: "Shepherds in the Field" (Malling); "Noel Languedocien" (Guilmant); "Now Thank We All Our God" (Grace); "Slumber, Beloved" (Bach); "Pastoral Symphony" (Handel); Carols and Choral Anthems: "There Were Shepherds" (Buck); "Like Silver Lamps" (Barnby); "What Is That Goodly Fragrance" (Willan); "There Was Silence In Bethlehem Fields That Night" (Stainer); Vocal Solos by Mrs. H. S. Henderson, Mrs. Raoul Reymond, Mrs. N. D. MacLean, Miss Annabelle Lawson, Mrs. Gordon Stewart and Mr. A. G. Bruce.

During the Holidays drop in and have a sundae or a quick lunch at our Soda Fountain. Sundaes, Milk Shakes, Soft Drinks, Sandwiches of all kinds, Hot Chocolate, Tea and Coffee.

Come in and look around we are always glad to see you.

SHOP WHERE IT IS A PLEASURE TO SHOP

REDDIN BROS.

- NEWSY NOTES -

By AGRICOLA

ODDS AND ENDS

Earthquake time again. Since the middle of November there have been eight quakes sufficiently violent to attract the attention of the press and the radio. From August 10th, when there were shocks in Anatolia, Turkey, to Nov. 13th, there were no severe quakes recorded, though of course there are slight snocks all the time. In fact I think these little jittery movements show a certain resiliency that means the earth is not ready to disrupt yet! Just as a good rope will stretch under strain, and contract again when relieved; but once it loses its resiliency it snaps. And a tall building sways a little as long as it is in good condition. But, I hear somebody say, will the earth disrrupt? Well, there are several ways in which the earth may come to its end; but it may be remarked that some astronomers believe that the Asteroids are the debris of an "exploded" planet, and that ours may one day share the same fate.

But that is a digression: rather let us enquire why the violent shocks generally occur in the wintry months. The Earth is in perihelion at or about Jany 4th; that is the sun is nearest to us at that time. Logically then, its gravitational "pull" should increase the nearer it is, and a tension will be set up, which the quake relieves. There seems to be another factor conerned, because (as has sometimes been pointed out in these Notes) the quakes show signs of being in series. Thus, on Nov. 13th there were shocks in California (where there were no casualties) and in the old fracture at Erzincan, Turkey, where 15 persons were killed and many injured. On Dec. 14th, just a month later, a very severe earthquake shook Peru, South America, the worst (according to the press) since May 24, 1940.

Again, the radio announced an earthquake in Japan on Nov. 18th; I didn't get the particulars, because I find it difficult to remember what I hear, though fairly retentive of what I read! Well, a month later an earthquake in Formosa, Japan, killed 190 people and injured 600. That was on Dec. 17th, and the same day there was a series of shocks in eastern Turkey. These instances seem to point to the gravitational influence of the Moon: as if it periodically got into some position where it could give an extra tug!

On Dec. 14th the barometer fell an inch and a half, which is a lot for one day. I suspect it always falls at the scene of the quake, and occasionally the fall extends to our region.

Canny Newcastle. That is the poetasters' pet name for what the local historian terms—not unjustly the Metropolis of the North. Canny, in the Scottish dialect, has the meaning of cautious or crafty, but that obviously could not apply to the city in question. Canny has in fact changed its meaning after crossing the Border; it has become the equivalent of nice, pleasing or pleasant. "Hey(canny man, hoy (throw) a ha'penny oot" was the cry of the street urchins, who flattered a stranger for the largess he bestowed. Another Scottish word that has fallen from grace is the word "Pawkie' or "pawky." Originally it meant "wily" but with good humor and gentleness. In Northumberland you might hear a mother chide her children: "Eat you dinner up and dinnet be sae pawky! That had nothing to do with wilines, but was a command against finical and fastidious eating.

And Homely. That —"ly" tacked on to a word, is simply a shortened form of "like." Home-like: the word should have been safe from desecration, but, alas, on this side of the Atlantic it has fallen on evil days, and means rude, unpolished, and even ugly. That led to an awkward mistake on the part of a Minister who had come from Scotland to hold a charge on the south shore of the Island in the old days. He set out to visit his flock and at the first house he was received with such kindness that he was quite uplifted. At the next house he told of his reception, and concluded by saying "They are kind people and so homely!" This, as may be imagined, was too good to keep and the homely people soon had it back to them. The poor Minister to his great surprise, found them very aloof on his next visit! One had to be very careful in speaking, I concluded, when I head this, which was supposed to have taken place just prior to my coming to the Island.

Broad Beans boiled. The summer of 1941 will long be remembered by gardeners as one of the worst for their profession, yet the Broad Beans did extremely well and gave an extra good crop. Some of the best and largest pods were left for seed, a practice uniformly carried out for the past eleven years. Hundreds of tons of these beans were grown in England, dried, and sent to the U. S. A. and other places as food for the slaves, in the old days. They were also greatly used as horse-feed, cracked and mixed with oats. But for human food, that's quite another thing! So I tried a dozen or so, boiled; but all the boiling I could give them still left them tough. The slaves sure had good digestions! (Boiled green these beans are delicious).

Christmas festivities. In the old days when I was a schoolboy, everybody within my observation was obliged, by a sort of custom or convention, to have "a bottle for Christmas." With the most of people whiskey was the liquor preferred, and a "glass" of this beverage was always offered to visitors on Christmas day, and as a rule was accompanied by a slice of "spice loaf," a confection which we now know as "fruit cake." I recall going into a farmhouse just before the great day and observing that the farmer's wife had opened a bottle of "whiskey and poured some of the contents into a bowl, I asked her what was doing? She put into the bowl a little linen bag full of cayenne pepper pods to fortify the liquor; "for," she said, "if the spirit doesn't taste like a gas-light going down, the folk will think I'm offering them very poor stuff!" My grandfather, who never tasted alcoholic drink of any sort, was constrained to defer to the common custom, but only to the extent of offering his guests port wine instead of whiskey. This was looked up as rather a temperance beverage which might be taken "for the stomach's sake;" but the good people who thought this had missed the many Scripture warnings against looking on the wine when it was red. Beer, at that time, was looked upon as almost an alternative to tea; and few people of any standing omitted to have a barrel on tap for the use of their guests. There has (I am told) been a great change in these matters: alcohol is dearer, and there are so many rational ways of entertainment now that there is less drinking than of yore. Which is all to the good

The Sports of Childhood. The other week I noticed a picture of an old farmer who had been cutting pit props. His two grandsons, respectively 5 and 8 years of age, were in the picture too, helping to "peel" the logs. The 8-year-old, it was said, peeled 23 trees in one day. Another farm paper repeated the story in an evident spirit of admiration, but my own reaction to it was to pity the child. What farmer would work his colt till it had come almsot to full growth? He knows that working the animal prematurely will hinder its bodily growth and "break its spirit." Yet children over all this continent are employed in such untimely work, in order to "lower the cost of production." At school we used to sing:—

"Oh, the sports of childhood,
Roaming through the wildwood,
Running o'er the meadows, happy and free!"

And we didn't just sing it; we did it. After school was "out," the long twilight permitted us to play a variety of games that gave us exercise to offset the hours spent on the rough deal seats. "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy," is a good old proverb which ought not to be lost sight of.

Potatoes low last year. Looking over the diary for 1940, I found that I sold some potatoes (Mountains) on Nov. 5th and got 27 cts a bushel. I held the rest back —as is often advised —and got 25 cts a bushel in early May. As they cost somewhere in the vicinity of 50 cts to grow. I wasn't overjoyed with the season's work. "What we need," said a friend to whom I told this, is not so much a "ceiling" for our products as a "floor" to prevent prices falling into our cellars! I hear that in Britain they calculate the cost of production, add 5 per cent and call that the farmer's price. Not a great profit, but better than selling at half price. Over here farming is the Cinderella of all the industries, and no fairy godmother (or is it grandmother?) has ever come from Ottawa to change the situation." "Did you ever reflect," said I, that those old slave-owners were not half smart enough? They paid out good money for a nigger, fed him, clothed him, housed him, and because he was at least as valuable as a horse, probably doctored him as well. Of course they reaped all the fruits of his labor, but I think the modern economic slavery is more efficient in many respects. There is no particular owner, so the slave must feed, clothe and house, himself and if he can afford it, pay his own doctor. In return he is permitted to enjoy a percentage of the fruits of his labor; in my own case, as I have just mentioned it was 50 percent of the value of the potatoes produced. Some years it has been much lower than that: there were times when potatoes sold at 10, and even 6 cents, perr bushel. It's a pity that national sentiment cannot be roused to end his state of affairs, for—

If fares the State, to hastening ills a prey,
Where wealth accumulates and men decay.

NORBORO CHRISTMAS CONCERT

On Friday evening, December 19th a large crowd of parents and visitors assembled at the schoolhouse in Norboro to witness the Christmas concert put on by the pupils, under the direction of their teacher, Mrs. Leona Cameron. The school was very tastefully decorated for the occasion and a well-laden Christmas tree stood in the corner. Mr. Harry Bowness very efficiently filled the position of chairman and the following program was carried out:—Instrumental Music; Chorus "Christmas Bells" by the pupils; "Welcome" by Lowell Andrews; Recitation "Hello!" by Lloyd Lawless; Dialogue," A Hasty Cure;" Recitation "If You're Good" by Donald Glover; Duet "Two Little Girls in Blue" by Miriam Lawless and Vivian Murphy; Encore "The Blue Velvet Band"; Recitation "The Crippled Dolly" by Phyllis Gillis; Intermission; Sale of candy; Recitation "Just Fore Christmas by James Murphy; Stepdance by Joseph Gallant; Chorus "Christmas Time" by pupils; Dialogue, From Down East; Guitar Solo; Don't Be Blue, Little Pal by Ivan Bowness; Encore "Never Take No for an Answer"; Dialogue "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch"; Chorus "You Are My Sunshine" by six girls; Recitation, "To Santa by Lonnie Webster; Duet, "Silent Night" by Miriam Lawless and Vivian Murphy; Recitation, "Father Christmas by Eugene Gillis; Dialogue, "The Wedding at Wayback," Closing Recitation by Robert McGaughey; Chorus "Around The Christmas Tree" by pupils. The music for the evening was furnished by Mr. Wilbert Lawless, Violin, Mrs. Clark Harding, Organ; Ivan Bowness, Guitar.

Following the program Santa Claus arrived in his jovial manner which goes to show that the Spirit of dark war clouds hang over our fair Canada. After a few jokes with the children, he began his annual task of relieving the Christmas tree of its burden of gifts for both teacher and pupils. Each pupil received a gift and a treat of candy, apples etc from the Women's Institute which shows the close co-operation between Institute and school, even under present wartime conditions, when those ladies are called upon for much extra work to provide comforts for our Armed Forces, now fighting in our defence. A neat sum was realized for institute and school work. The entertainment was brought to a close with the singing of National Anthem.

USES OF WHEAT

Research experts say that besides its value as a food, wheat can be utilized in 20 industries.

TIMELY NOTES ON TOPICS CONNECTED WITH Silver Fox Farming

The 13th annual Michigan-Ohio live fox and mink show in Grand Rapids, Michigan, November 25th, was a great success. Approximately 450 foxes and 225 minks were shown. Interesting to note among the exhibitors was the name of George Hume, Muskegon, Michigan, formerly of Murray River, P.E.I. Islanders who were at the Royal Winter Fair fox show in 1922 will remember the quiet type of gentleman who priced several foxes and was not dismayed by the fact that as high as $750. was placed on some of them—he bought. Mr. Hume was second in the medium white-face pup male class, second in the light white-faced silver adult female class and ninth in the pup female class.

In the new type foxes we notice the name of C. K. Ekstrom, Denver, Colorado, very frequently. He is the United States agent for Ollie McNeill white-face and platinum foxes. These new type classes had extensive competition. Bert Avery, Big Bear Lake, California, was there in force with a large selection. Charles Quetchke, Toledo, Ohio, Dr. S. C. Moore, Cadillac, Michigan, Wilfred Todd of Boston, Dr. M R. Howard, Denver, Colorado, Vern Jensen, Murray, Utah, were names cropping up from time to time among the top winners.

In the standard silvers W. H. C. Ruthven, Alliston, Ontario, carried off the following honors: First light standard silver adult male, first light silver standard adult female, first light silver standard pup male, second full silver standard adult female, second full silver standard pup male and pup female, second pale silver standard adult female, fourth pale silver standard pup male, first, third and tenth pale silver standard pup female and light sweepstakes championship.

We congratulate the above breeders on their success, particularly Mr. Ruthven, who so ably held up the standard for the Canadian fox breeder. He was engaged in a battle of the giants, as a great many of the prominent advertising breeders and showmen of the United States brought the best of their wares to Grand Rapids.

Interesting to Islands is the fact that Mr. Ruthven's breeding operations were made possible largely by the purchase of some high class silvers in this province years ago. Due credit must be given to Mr. Ruthven for having mastered very thoroughly the technique of ranching, particularly feeding. He first originated a community feed system which supplies a great many ranches in the vicinity of Alliston with a very fine fox ration.

Far away Iceland holds a number of pelt shows each year. Something on the same system as Norway. In a recent issue of the Black Fox Magazine we note a very beautiful full silver with a dark cross on the neck and a fine dark stripe on the back that was a prize winner at one of the Iceland shows. No doubt they are producing a lot of good pelts and will have free entree, we believe, into the American market.

Women's Wear Daily, Monday, December 15th, in the resume of the raw fur market, states that the best activity recently has been in fur trimming articles. Then it goes on to give a description of the different types of furs used and has this to say about silver fox: "With brisk demand and a 10 per cent. increase over November reported at last week's auction sale here this article is now expected to gain an active call on the open market at prices about the same as last year.

The Prince Edward Island Pelt Show will be held the week of January 6th. Entry forms and pelts will be accepted up to January 2nd. Judging will commence at 9.00 o'clock a.m. January 6th, and continue from day to day until completed. Exhibitors may show only pelts that are from animals the property of himself for at least six months prior to January 6th 1942. It is particularly desirable that this show bring together an outstanding line of pelts as we understand Prince Edward Island pelts will be marketed at the same auctions as those of New Brunswick and Ontario—or at least Ontario. It is therefore the patriotic duty of us all to get behind the Provincial Fox Show committee with a good representation of our Island foxes. If you have not a catalogue write to W. R. Shaw, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, and he will mail you one.

It is with particular pleasure that we publish today another informative article from the pen and brain of Dr. C. K. Gunn, M.Sc., Officer in Charge of the Fox Experimental Station, Summerside. We are grateful to Dr. Gunn for supplying this article.

FOX RATIONS IN THE BREEDING SEASON

As the breeding season approaches it is found advisable for fox ranchers to make changes in the kind and proportions of the feed given to their foxes during that period of the year.

Although the basic constituents of the ration in the form of carbohydrates, fat, protein, mineral salts, vitamins and water are still present in the diet, changes are made in the kinds and quantities of the meats, cereals and vitamin rich supplements. These changes in the quantity and proportions of the fox ration bring about definite reactions in the functioning of the animals' body systems, such that mating behavious and breeding are affected.

The more fundamental breeding qualities and behaviour are dependent upon the specific heredity of the fox, but these can be modified to a large extent by environmental factors. Among the latter the various constituents of the diet play an important role, especially the "vitamins." Other factors, however, such as the amount of sunlight, temperature, the amount of exercise and general condition of the foxes are very important.

Vixens housed in sheds where they do not get the sunlight do not come in "heat" as early as those in open pens. For this reason vixens intended for breeding purposes should not be kept in pens from which the sunlight is excluded.

The actual body mechanism inherited by the animal which reacts to environmental influences is known as "the endocrine gland system." Normal breeding behaviour, ovulation and other phenomena of reproduction are directly dependent upon secretions poured into the blood stream by these glands. It may, therefore, be said that with a given hereditary constitution in a (normal) healthy fox receiving an adequate diet, general body condition is probably the most important factor in bringing about good breeding results.

TIMELY NOTES ON FOXES . . .

It is important to have the breeding stock in a state of rising condition as the mating season approaches. That is, the foxes are fed sparingly prior to the breeding season and the feed is then gradually increased as the mating time approaches. This tends to act as a stimulus to th eanimals' body reactions, causing the foxes to take more exercise and making them keener for their feed and mating activity.

A system of feeding which resulted in an average production of over five pups to the litter recommends that the quality of feed be increased during December so that the breeding stock puts on weight at that season of the year. Then the ration is reduced by one-third or to about 7-9 ounces of feed. This is done to make the foxes lean and trim so that they will take more exercise. It puts the breeders in good muscular condition and sharpens their appetite, bringing about a state whereby the foxes respond readily to an increase in their rations at the beginning of the breeding season. Toward the end of January the quantity of feed is increased gradually so that the breeders are in a rising condition at the time of mating.

The following is an outline of a late fall and breeding season ration:—

Late Fall and Breeding Ration

35 lb Horsemeat or beef or horsemeat, pork (boar) and rabbits.
25 lb Tripe, meat offal, canned chicken and fish.
8 lb. Liver or brains.
15 lb. Cereal mixture.
8 lb. Wheat germ.
2. lb. Dried brewers' yeast.
Reduce these ingredients 50 per cent if commercial cereal is used.
4 lb Minerals (green bonemeal 9, salt 1)
3 lb Finely ground vegetables, greens and sprouted grains.

100 lbs.

The amount of feed found satisfactory is from 10-12 ounces daily in one meal. These amounts however, vary with male and female foxes as well as with the amount of exercise the foxes take. Some animals which tend to put on weight readily should be given less than the above quantities, while others will require more feed to remain in good condition. It is advisable to handle (weigh the foxes whenever convenient) foxes from time to time to determine their condition, then the quantity of feed required by the different vixens can be more accuratey assessed.

Considerable latitude is given in the kinds of meat in the above ration, and a wide variety of cereals and vegetables can also be used. A study of the rations used by a number of prominent breeders shows that the winter rations may vary from 60 to 80 per cent in meat content, 20 to 35 per cent in cereal mixture and 5 to 20 per cent in supplements. Here the mixture is given for convenience in 100 lbs. of dry weight but can be mixed to the proper consistency with either water or milk, where the latter is cheapily available.

A good practice is to feed dogs, which are being used extensively in polygamous mating, a small morning meal (3-4 ounces) of raw eggs and fish, in the proportion of 2 raw eggs to 1 lb of fish.

It is also important to remember that changes in kind or quantity of fox rations should be made gradually so that the foxes do not go off their feed at this season of the year.

Now, fox farming friends, we bid you adieu until 1942 when we will carry on as usual with Timely Notes. We want to thank all who have contributed in any way to our column. Without the help of many good friends we could not carry on. In the coming year we will face many problems and it will be our endeavor to supply our readers with the best information available regarding silver fox markets and the trend of the times. May we wish you one and all a very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

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The school-room which was tastefully decorated for the occasion by the teachers and pupils, presented a most inviting appearance. In the corner stood a faultless specimen of aspiring spruce, the spacious branches of which were honoured with bringing Merry Christmas to a large number of boys and girls. The school room was filled to capacity with interested parents and visitors.

Mr. J. A. Moore capably acted as chairman, while the music was under the direction of Prof. John Inch.

The following program was successfully carried out, and reflects much credit on those in charge of it.

O Canada by pupils and audience.
Remarks by Chairman.
Carols: Good King Wencelas and Deck The Halls Gr VII.
Drill, The Manners Class.
Drill, Star Rays.
Dialogue, A Very Good Reason.
Song, Calendar Song, Diamonds' Gleam Gr. 3-6.
Rec., Edward Bertram.
Nursery Rhymes, Gr. 1 2.
Solo, Brahms Lullaby, Norene Auld (encored).
Dialogue, Interrupted Courtship.
Duet, Edward and Ena Bertram, Song, Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star, and Alphabet Song, Gr. 1 2.
Intermission and Sale of candy.
Drill, The Gloomy Gloops.
Recitation, Joyce MacCallum.
Carol, Good Christian Men Rejoice, Gr. 7 10.
Solo, Ena Bertram.
Dialogue, Mr. Hummel Gets An Idea.
Carol, Away in a Manger, Gr. 1 2.
Dialogue, Tell Us Her Name.
Pantomime, O Little Town of Bethlehem.
Carol, O Come All Ye Faithful.
Song, Skating, Gr. 3 6.
Flag Drill.
Song, Rule Britannia and There'll Always Be An England, Gr. 3 10.
Exercise Good-by.
Arrival of Santa Claus.
The National Anthem.

At the conclusion of the program Santa Claus appeared and after pleasant greetings to all proceeded, in his inimitable style to relieve the Christmas Tree of its many gifts for teachers and pupils.

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