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FOXES AND OYSTERS.

Elsewhere in this issue we publish a list of forty-seven incorporated Island silver black fox companies, representing a total capital of \$4,352,200. The list does not include all the fox concerns, there being, in addition, no fewer than one hundred partnerships with, at a conservative estimate, an approximate capital of \$2,000,000, making an aggregate of over \$6,000,000. The local capital may be estimated roughly at \$4,500,000, and from outside \$1,500,000. Apart from gold and diamond booms which from time to time catch the popular fancy—but usually over a wider area—there has been nothing in recent financial records to compare with this mushroom-like development of so important a money-making proposition. It is but the other day the first company was floated, and already six million dollars have been eagerly subscribed, while almost daily new flotations are being placed on the market. At present, in consequence, the Island is enjoying unwonted attention from the financial world, and the thirst for knowledge and a good investment is proving a magnificent advertisement for us, creating a wide interest in the Island and its potentialities which we are pleased to see is being fully appreciated and followed up by the commercial community, as evidenced by Thursday night's meeting of the Board of Trade. At that meeting it was enthusiastically declared we are now at the turn of the tide in the Island's commercial history, and it is for us, as a community as well as individually, to take good care we do not miss the flood, lest our future be bound "in shallows and in miseries." There is little probability of our proving apathetic; indications are all the other way judging by the buoyancy and optimism prevailing in every section of the community.

While at present silver black fox investments may be admitted to be largely speculative this does not detract much from their commercial importance, since we are within measurable distance of having an extensive settled industry yielding substantial returns for investors. The Island is peculiarly fortunate in its situation for the production of the peltry fetching the highest prices and mostly in the London market. To catch the eye of the expert, peltry must have an abundance of long hairs, regularly arranged, and with a sheen of exquisite brilliancy, the under fur being of secondary consideration, though it must be of a quality to correspond with the hair. Here we are ideally located climatically to produce skins of this description. A little farther north and the fur predominates at the expense of the hair; a little farther south the reverse holds good, the fox being endowed with a coat disproportionately hairy, to its mercantile detriment. These fine distinctions may be mere fads on the expert's part, but fads and sentiments

largely rule the world of fashion, and no buyer in the open market can afford to disregard them. The demand for peltry of the right quality is steadily on the increase so that even when the rush for foxes for breeding purposes slackens off—(there will always be a demand for thoroughbreds in this as in other similar enterprises)—a profitable undertaking remains which we are in the most enviable position to develop.

Mr. Wesley Frost, the American Consul, in his exhaustive review, dated September last year, estimates the number of ranches at not more than 50, the number of silver black foxes at about 400, and of other varieties at about 2,000 computing the total value at \$4,000,000. With the additional knowledge now at our disposal these figures may be revised to the extent of 150 ranches, 700 silver black foxes, and probably not more than 1,000 of other varieties.

According to the last census returns, the value of live stock owned by our farmers amounts to \$8,000,000; adding to this the \$6,000,000 in foxes, we have the respectable total of \$14,000,000 in live stock, equal to \$700 per family in the Island. Whether or not the new industry maintains its popularity with the investing public—and there is every reason to believe for some years to come it will—the solid fact remains we have this live stock here now, or its equivalent in guarantees. Judged by this alone, it may be claimed without exaggeration we have the most flourishing agricultural community to be found anywhere—east or west—and the sooner all the world knows it the better! This is something to feel proud of and to boast about—every family in the Island on an average worth \$700 in live stock alone—and it is our business to make the most of it as a means of attracting other industries to our shores.

In the oyster industry, though not so prominently before the investing public, we have another string to our bow, which, in the course of time, and if properly nurtured, will add very considerably to the Island's prosperity. It may not have the lure of attraction for the investor characterizing fox propositions, but for solid worth and material advantage to the Island it is of primary importance. The prosecution of the industry will provide more employment and circulate more money in wages than its popular rival. Foxes will bring money to the Island which may, or may not, be advantageously invested in other industries here; but oyster companies will of themselves extensively circulate money and provide means of livelihood to a large section of our people. From the list of oyster companies we print in another column it will be seen \$280,000 has recently been invested in the industry, and judging by the discussions at the meeting of the Board of Trade the development prospects are of the brightest possible description.

LOSS

"That loss is common would not make My own less bitter, rather more: Too common! Never morning wore To evening, but some heart did break."

Next to the loss of near and dear ones the loss of home is perhaps the sorest that can fall to human lot. Around the home are sacred memories, memories of joy and sorrow, pleasure and pain—mutually shared. On Saturday morning, as our readers have already learned, the largest home in the province, the religious home of some thousands of Charlottetown's citizens, was razed to the ground by the devouring flames. It was more than a building of wood and stone, of magnificent architecture, of splendid appointments. It was the home, where the family gathered around one common altar, where solemn marriage vows were exchanged, where the children were baptized, whence the beloved dead were removed to their last resting place.

In such circumstances the sympathy of the neighbors goes out to the sorrowing ones, and not only sympathy expressed in kindly words and with unfeigned sorrow, but that sympathy which comes with a helping hand, with tangible encouragement, with offers to share the loss and so

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will wish the genial Irish baronet luck in his attempt. He deserves it. Consternation prevails in Germany as the result of the announcement of the intention of the Government to spend an additional \$250,000,000 to increase her army. The official explanation is that the downfall of Turkey and the rise of the Balkan States have created not so much a new situation as a new prospect, and that the German people are called upon to face it. There has been a shifting of the balance of strength in favor of Slav element, and although fear of conflict is remote, Germany intends to prepare for eventualities. To raise this money the Government have resolved to impose a tax on private fortunes which it is expected will approximate \$25.50 on every \$500. The financial and commercial papers are unanimous in their opposition to the levy, the weightiest of them remarking that the proposals "are a product of a veritable state of armaments' drunkenness, and that the Government has been stampeded by progressive suggestion into underwriting heedlessly all the demands of the military men without giving a second thought to either ways or means." Austria has immediately followed suit with a budget proposal for an increase of \$100,000,000 in re-

venue for military purposes to be met from a similar source. Evidently the "sick man" of Europe is no longer the Turk but the Teuton. CARTER'S SEED CATALOGUE FOR 1913 This is the thirty-fourth year that this reliable firm have been supplying to the farmers and gardeners of this province seeds and seed grain of the highest grades procurable. Carter's Tested Seed Catalogue tells how and where to get them. Carter's Tested Seeds are sold by upwards of two hundred of the best merchants in P. E. Island. (see pages 38 and 39 for list). An edition of 10,000 copies is issued every year and mailed all over this province and hundreds are mailed abroad as well. Choice Seed: Oats, Wheat, Clovers, Timothy and Barley are among the specialties this year. The best seed growing districts of Canada have been searched for Clovers, Wheat, Seed Oats, Barley, Corn, Buckwheat, etc. Island grown and American grown Timothy Seed are handled. Mangel, Beet, Carrot, Turnip and other field Seeds are purchased in England. Carter's celebrated Prize Fava's Improved Turnip Seed, Sweet Peas specialties During the White Sale they go at half price. Moore & McLeod, 3-8M31.

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NOTES
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