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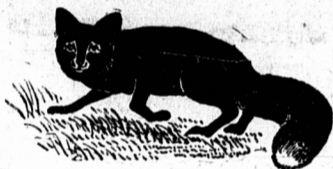
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BIRTHS

McDONALD.—At Kelly's Cross on January 16th to Mr. and Mrs. Dominick McDonald, a daughter.

WILLEY.—At 25 Herbert Avenue, Langue, Mass., U. S. A., on January 10th, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Willey, a son. Mrs. Willey was formerly Miss Weeks of Alberton.

MARRIAGES

SULLIVAN-COADY.—At Kelly's Cross on Jan. 20th, by Rev. Dr. Curran, Mr. John L. Sullivan of Freetown parish to Miss Mary Coady of Brookvale, Kelly's Cross parish.

DEATHS

KOUGHAN.—On the 22nd inst. Lizzie Koughan, beloved daughter of Francis and Barbara Koughan aged 26 years. Funeral from her late residence, Elm Avenue, on Saturday at 9.40 a.m. to Pro-Cathedral.

AN EMPIRE INSPIRATION

LONDON, Jan. 19.—Commenting on the success of Simon Abrahamson, the East-End London Jew appointed Rhodes scholar by the University of Manitoba, the Pall Mall Gazette says the new Rhodes scholar has taken a roundabout route from Whitechapel to Oxford. "It gives an inspiring aspect to Imperial citizenship," says the paper, "to realize how one part of the Empire can develop, strains to which another part has become ineluctable, for this scholar is the only representative of an enormous number of his race of whom Canada has remade the horizon of life. In an Empire like ours it should be possible for every British-born subject to find his metier somewhere or other."

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DIARY OF EVENTS

TO-DAY.

City Magistrate's Court, 9 a. m. Supreme Court, 11 a. m. Meeting Swine Breeders' Association, 1 p. m. Concert by Short Course students, League Hockey, Crystals v. Abegweit, Arena Rink, 8 p. m. Protective Union Ball, at Lyceum. Prince Edward Theatre, 7.30 to 10 p. m. Meeting of Mr. R. H. Sterns' supporters, Committee Rooms, Queen street, 7 p. m.

The Evening Guardian

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THE FUTURE OF FOXES

The article by Mr. W. C. Anderson now running in the Morning Guardian on The Future of Foxes, is, it will be admitted, carefully and thoughtfully written. Objection will possibly be taken to the mere suggestion that pelt values may ultimately fall to \$20, but the writer proves, at least to his own satisfaction, that even at this pelt value, the breeding of foxes in captivity will be a profitable business.

Mr. Anderson deals with the fox business generally, and not specifically regarding Prince Edward Island. A weakness in his ingenious theory is that he has not placed sufficient emphasis on the fact that there are as many quantities of foxes as there are of horses, cattle or other domestic animals. Fur values vary accordingly, and in the case of fur, as in everything else, the best quality will always command the highest price in the market.

It is quite possible that fox breeding may become as general as horse breeding is to-day. When it does—and profits are based on actual fur values—it will be, according to Mr. Anderson's theory, a profitable business even at \$20 per pelt. The high priced fox, however, will still be in demand for its fur, as the high-priced breeder among our domestic animals is in demand to-day.

This is the point that The Guardian has always endeavored to emphasize. Be sure of the quality of your fox; that assured the fur value is what the Prince Edward Island Fox Breeders' Association emphasized when it made provision for the registration of foxes and the filing of pedigrees for examination.

There are doubtless foxes ranches for whose pelts \$20 would be a big figure; these will not be registered and those who purchase them will do so at their own risk. There are others, and they are registered, whose pelts will bring an average of \$1,500 each, according to a disinterested party expert who recently visited the Island, and the demand for these will continue as long as wealth continues to increase, as long as fashion demands that furs shall be worn.

Those who invest in companies having stock suitable for classification in the highest grades of the Fox Breeders' Association' Pedigree Book may rest assured that under average circumstances they will take out their capital in three or four years and thereafter still have an investment which will yield them returns unequalled by any industrial proposition now or hitherto before the public.

It is good for the industry to have the future of ordinary foxes for the whole of Canada examined in such a way as Mr. Anderson has done, as it proves that the "cream", which may be obtained only in Prince Edward Island, will continue to command the highest prices when the rest of Canada and other countries will have to be satisfied with "milk" values.

A CRUSHING "LECTURE"

The address of Hon. W. T. White, Finance Minister, in the House of Commons on Tuesday, a brief summary of which was given in our Ottawa telegraphic news yesterday, was a revelation to both sides of the House and will also, doubtless "hit" the country with similar effect. Expenditures and borrowings by the present government have made the subject of many and varied ex-

travagant statements by Liberal stump orators and in the Liberal press. It is true that the expenditures were large, as Canada and Canada's growing needs are large, as her new railways and other public works are large. It is true that in the past two years she has expended her millions, but it is also true that she has something to show for her expenditures. The Liberal authorities above mentioned have rolled those millions as a sweet morsel under their tongues and called them extravagance.

Mr. White very effectively punctured the bubble by recalling the boasted days of yore when a Liberal government had control of the expenditures and of the borrowings. He proved incontrovertibly that the net debt of the Dominion is today \$18,000,000 less than when the Conservatives came into power; that the revenues of Canada were never as great as they are today and that Canada's trade had increased by \$300,000,000.

Mr. White also showed that Hon. W. S. Fielding, who in his day was the Finance Minister par excellence, had during the thirteen months from December 1907 to January 1908, a time of financial stringency, borrowed the snug little sum of \$100,000,000, and that \$80,000,000 of this had been borrowed in seven months. In the language of the turf "this was going some;" it was a pace compared with which the borrowings of the present administration are but a small's pace.

When Mr. White reminded the House that during the last years of the late government the net debt of the Dominion had increased by \$76,000,000, and that in one single year, 1909, it had increased by \$46,000,000, he only reminded them of what they had all known but, what, for the time, many of them had forgotten. In the din raised by the Liberal hornblowers above referred to, many throughout the country had also forgotten these figures but they will find them by referring to the parliamentary reports of the time.

Another matter about which the hornblowers aforesaid made considerable noise, fitting in as it did with the general cry regarding financial stringency, was about unemployment in Canada. A few idle men in the streets of a western city or two gave voice to this chorus and it was sung all over Canada, to the injury of Canada, and to the discouragement of intending immigrants.

Mr. White spoiled this tune also. He quoted extract after extract from the Labor Gazette of 1908, edited by a well known Liberal of that day and consequently indisputable by the Liberals of today, showing that there was serious unemployment in all parts of Canada. The memories of many innocent people, weeping over the "unemployment" tune of the hornblowers, thus refreshed by Mr. White, they will readily recall those dark days of 1908 compared with which the unemployment in Canada today is as midday sunshine. In that year the correspondents of the Labor Gazette at little places like Toronto, Montreal and London, reported that hundreds were "walking the streets." The Kingston correspondent reported that "there are more men unemployed in the city of Kingston at the present time than in any period in its history."

And so it will be seen that if there is extravagance today there was rank extravagance in the days of Liberalism; if there is financial stringency today it falls lightly on Canadian shoulders as compared with the borrowing days of ex-Finance Minister Fielding. It will be felt, also, by our Liberal friends that, after all, they live in glass houses and that it isn't safe for them to throw too many stones. Mr. White's "lecture" was a crushing one.

JUBILEE POSTAGE STAMPS

One of the suggestions made in connection with the Confederation jubilee celebration next summer, is that a special commemorative postage stamp be issued, in denomination of, say, one to seven cents, and bearing the dates 1864-1914.

The suggestion is a good one. Such an issue would not only fittingly commemorate this historic event but would also be a source of considerable revenue to the postal department. Besides this it would be a boost to Canada as a whole and an excellent addition to the splendid advertising campaign now in progress. The event to be commemorated is of sufficient historic importance to justify such an effort and to make a special commemorative stamp popular.

The special postage stamp is frequently used to commemorate events of national importance, and as a souvenir of the conception of the Canadian Confederation nothing could be more appropriate. The fifty years between 1864 and 1914 are years full of history of struggle, of growth and of wonderful prosperity, and an official stamp bearing these dates would be valued for many years as a souvenir of the most im-

THE FUTURE OF FOXES AN INDEPENDENT INQUIRY

BY W. C. ANDERSON.

From a study of the valuable material published by the Canadian Commission on Conservation, especially from the statements given on pages 54, 110, 140,

TABLE A. Showing the decreasing value of pelts as increasing quantities are placed on the market. Annual Sale of Pelts, Average Value, Total Value.

It is estimated that at present B, keeping it in accordance with the principle mentioned above: there exists 500 pairs of Class A foxes. In five years time, i. e., in 1918, if no foxes are slaughtered for their fur, there will be 16,000 pairs. The market, according to Table A, can absorb highest grade pelts to the number of 2,000, at an average price of \$1,200, until the ultimate number, beyond which the requirements of Principle A are met by this supposition, the first general slaughter for pelts is made in 1918. With this promise we can then construct Table B.

TABLE B. Showing the gradual yearly increase in the number of Black Foxes until the ultimate number, beyond which the requirements of Principle A are met by this supposition, the first general slaughter for pelts is made in 1918. With this promise we can then construct Table B.

Ultimate result, showing world's market absorbing nearly 2,000,000 high-class pelts annually at an average price of \$20 apiece. These tables do not pretend to be an accurate prediction of what actually will happen, but they do pretend to be sufficiently accurate to give a fair illustration of the principles involved. It must be noted in Table B that the first column gives the TOTAL NUMBER of pairs, which must be carefully distinguished from the number of BREEDING PAIRS. In 1928, for instance, there is a total of 1,948,000 pairs in the ranches, but at the beginning of that year, say from January to March, before littering time, there existed only 974,000 BREEDING PAIRS. Similarly, in 1919, there is a total of 30,000 pairs, but the beginning of that year had a total of only 15,000 pairs of breeders. The beginning of 1918 had a total of only 8,000 pairs of breeders. Since the present average price of breeders is \$15,000 per pair, and since the average price in 1918 to agree with principles given, will be \$2,400, we can now construct tables C and D.

TABLE C. Showing the decrease in value of breeders from 1913 to 1918, and the rate of increase of total value. Year, Value of breeders per pair, Increase (pairs), Total Value.

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important period in the history of the Dominion. Jubilee stamps issued in honor of the fiftieth year of the reign of the late beloved Queen Victoria, are still being collected by philatelists while many who own them treasure them among their valuables. Stamps in honor of the Confederation Jubilee would, we feel assured be equally treasured.

It is hoped that the wide-awake committee in charge of preparation of a programme for the coming jubilee, and who have already matured a number of excellent plans, will be able to secure this also. The Postmaster General has always shown himself alive to revenue producing agencies as well as to the interests of the Dominion at large and we feel sure this proposition will appeal to him as one worthy of consideration.

DISCUSSED NAVY AND HOME RULE QUESTION. LONDON, Jan. 19.—Lord Curzon, Grand Master of the Primrose League, discussed the maintenance of the navy and Home Rule questions at a mass meeting at Manchester, a few nights ago. Commenting on the recent curtailment suggestion of Lloyd George, he observed that the levity with which the Chancellor of the Exchequer dealt with grave public issues was a growing danger, and would be mischievous, inopportune and unstatesmanlike.

There was no evidence that humanitarian ideals had so altered the nature of this country that they could afford to listen to such counsels. Concentration of the naval forces in the North Sea, together with Britain's increased dependence on the strength of the fleet, rendered an increase in power rather than diminution a necessity. If the Government joined the little navy party the naval policy could no longer be treated as a non-party question.

On the Home Rule question Lord Curzon indicated possible lines of action which the Unionist party might agree, namely, radical alterations in the bill, with due provision for Ulster, gaining Ulster by force, Redmond would lose it forever. Lord Curzon uttered a warning that the country was on the verge of a civil war, and that one drop of blood shed would never be wiped out by any bill. Union of the Empire and a big, powerful navy he considered two cries that would bring victory at the next election.

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BURGULARS LEFT FLOWERS. PARIS, Jan. 20.—Paris politeness extends even to its burglars, two veritable Beau Brummels of burglary being discovered this week. The pair, who were well dressed, called on the concierge of a flat building in aristocratic quarter and asked if a tenant, Mme. Doublard, was at home. Each carried a bouquet of expensive flowers. Impressed by their appearance, the concierge said that he believed that madame was out, but they could ascend in their elevator and inquire. They descended half an hour later without the flowers, bowed politely to the concierge, and went away. Several hours later Mme. Doublard returned and discovered that her flat had been ransacked. Two hundred dollars in cash, together with valuable jewels, was missing. On a table, carefully placed in vases, were the bouquets.



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