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FIERCE FIGHTING NEAR GIVENCHY

Seven German Battalions Attacked Allied Trenches and Succeeded in Entering at Some Points but were Driven off. Germans Suffered Heavily.

(Special to the Guardian.)
PARIS, Feb. 22.—A French official statement this afternoon deals with German advances in the Forest of Givenchy. The Germans there succeeded in penetrating into the first line of trenches along a front of 800 metres. At some places they also got into our communication trenches. A

vigorous counter-attack at once commenced and as a result the Germans now hold only a few positions in the communicating trenches. The German attacking force consisted of seven battalions. They suffered heavy losses. They also gained a foothold in the French advanced trenches at Brabant sur Meuse.

NEW ERA OPENS IN FOX INDUSTRY IN PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

GREAT MEETING OF FOXMEN LAST NIGHT Sales Board of P. E. I. Foxbreeders Association Present Elaborate and Optimistic Report of their Investigation of Pelt Market in United States and Made a Number of Important Recommendations for Future Guidance of Industry. Report Enthusiastically Received and Board Heartily Thanked for their Labours.

An important and largely attended meeting of fox breeders and others interested in the fox industry of Prince Edward Island was held in the Board of Trade Rooms, Charlottetown, last evening, to receive and discuss the report of the Sales Board of the Silver Fox Breeders Association on its recent activities in New York. The first annual meeting of the Association was held in the afternoon, there being a large attendance, and the president, Mr. E. R. Brown, in the chair. The president's report and that of the Sales Board were fully discussed, and the directors for the ensuing terms of office were elected as follows: Two-year period: Prince County, B. I. Raynor; Queen's County, R. E. Spillet, W. K. Rogers; King's County, W. H. Prowse; Dr. McIntyre. One-year period: Prince County, Dr. Johnston; Queen's County, J. Webster; King's County, J. A. McDonald, R. W. Stewart. Three-year period: Prince, F. L. Rogers, J. W. Calbeck; Queen's County, E. R. Brown, C. McLure; King's County, W. L. Poole.

The meeting in the evening was highly successful and the greatest spirit of optimism prevailed throughout. The report of the Sales Board, a synopsis of which is here given, was received with enthusiastic applause and provided matter for considerable discussion. Mr. Horace Hassard presided. The Premier, Hon. J. A. Matheson, was in attendance and addressed the meeting, pointing out the great importance of co-operation. Before calling on Mr. F. L. Rogers to read the report, the chairman requested Mr. J. E. B. McCready, Publicity Agent, to say a few words in regard to the fox industry. As they were aware, said Mr. McCready, over a year ago the foxmen of P. E. Island met and elected five gentlemen from each county to form a conference to give shape and organization as far as possible to the industry of fox breeding. After deliberation they reported a bill which eventually became legislation incorporating the Fox Breeders Association with certain provisional directors to hold office until yesterday, 22nd February. Yesterday a new board of directors was elected to take the place of the provisional directors who had held office until that time. He stated that during the year after the incorporation of the Association books were opened for the registration of silver foxes in this province. It was a slow process to secure registration. Many foxmen failed to realize the importance of having their animals registered. Mr. McCready then went on to describe the gradual growth of interest which was being taken in the Association, and remarked on the splendid work of the Sales Board. Speaking with regard to the value of foxes and fox pelts, he gave as an authority an estimate of Mr. Dearborn, expert in furs in the U. S. Department of Agriculture, that the value of a good producing fox would be about 10 times that of the pelt. The effect of the Fur Sales Board's efforts, said Mr. McCready, had been to re-establish the confidence of those engaged in the business. They had come to realize that they had reached solid ground in the fox industry. The fox industry had withstood the depression consequent on the war a great deal better than any other industry and had proved its stability. He did not hesitate to say that it was a record almost unparalleled in the history of the business world, and he thought they had great reason to face the future with a large measure of confidence. Mr. F. L. Rogers then read the Report of the Fur Sales Board. After describing the experiences of the deputation before and after they reached New York, the report proceeded as follows:

The highest sale recorded for silvers at the St. Louis auction was \$2,350. (?) for one pair of skins. We have positive knowledge that this pair was bid in by the owner, and that they were P. E. Island pelts for which he expected later to obtain a still higher price. From the accounts of the St. Louis sale, we learned that there were placed upon it 350 silver fox pelts; that the highest price obtained was \$1,175; and that the whole lot averaged \$2.50 each. How many of these sales were gen-

erally in by their owners we have no means of knowing. But probably a goodly proportion, contributed by trappers in the distance, actually changed hands. For purposes of comparison we give the following figures regarding the New York auctions. The lot contributed was small in comparison to the number offered at St. Louis, and certainly the average quality was very low indeed. Prices ranged all the way from \$410 down to practically nothing. The whole collection averaged \$148 each in London. In both sales there appeared to be no hesitation in bidding for all the silver fox skins that were listed and this is evidence at least that the dealers realise the scarcity of this article and the advantage of stocking up against a demand that is felt to be sure.

THE PELTS WE SOLD.

In a previous paragraph we mentioned that we had an offer for our whole lot of pelts from a large dealer. Before leaving his office we formed the idea that this sum offer was really of no use to us as the pelts were not owned by us, and it would be impossible for us to distribute the money among the owners in satisfactory proportion. Rather reluctantly he then agreed to give us an offer for each skin separately, and shortly after he furnished us with a complete list of our numbers, and the price he was willing to pay. After again conferring with Mr. Dalton, it was decided to once more approach the dealer with whom we were negotiating to see whether he would be willing to purchase any part of the lot that we might decide to sell instead of the whole collection. Our customer consented to this. He was very much impressed with the quality of our best stock and quite awake to the possibility of a large and increasing business. He was willing to purchase any transaction could be worked out in such a way as would be agreeable to their representatives. For quite a number of the pelts in the collection we felt that his offer was really satisfactory. We finally decided that these should go. The others were left in his hands temporarily, it being decided to consult the owners as to whether the offer made by him should be accepted. For such as were, we agreed to immediately close the sales and we have asked the owners who are not satisfied to leave the others in our hands for later sale. Below is a list of those we sold:

No. 19	\$ 800.00
No. 20	1000.00
No. 21	1000.00
No. 22	1000.00
No. 109	800.00
No. 126	1000.00
No. 127	1000.00
No. 124	1000.00
No. 201	1000.00
An average for these ten pelts of \$945.00 each. This average would have been much higher had we been in a position to have sufficient skins to make matched pairs.	
We also sold the following:	
No. 9	\$750.00
No. 10	500.00
No. 112	400.00
No. 123	500.00
No. 207	500.00
No. 24	550.00
No. 25	350.00
No. 26	325.00
No. 27	450.00
These 20 skins sold, producing an average of \$726.25 each.	

WHAT WE LEARNED.

Perhaps the fact that was most forcibly brought home to us in our conference with the fur dealers was the injury to our business by indiscriminate hawking and offering to the wholesale and retail trade, of our choice P. E. Island skins. It is a matter of great regret, from the standpoint of the welfare of our industry, that so many of our ranchers

were in New York, each working independently of the rest. Today one rancher offers a retailer a number of skins, to-morrow, another comes along with a grip full, the next day still another, each one endeavoring to impress upon the dealers the necessity of immediate purchase. One reason for the high price of Silver Fox compared with other furs is the fact that it is known to be rare. As no statistics of our 1915 fur crop have, so far as we know, reached the New York trade, there is liable to be created an impression, by individual marketing, that many hundreds of silver fox pelts may be in our hands, whereas the quantity is, and for some years will continue to be limited. Such false impressions cannot fail to affect adversely the confidence of those who are carrying stocks of this fur, and to stimulate their activity in disposing of it. Dealers whom we consulted very readily admitted that they could get for pairs of skins perfectly matched, an advance of from 15 per cent. to 30 per cent. over what these would bring if shown singly. Unfortunately our collection was not large enough, nor so selected, as to enable us to take advantage of this, which would accrue, instead, to a dealer who might, among several lots purchased, find many skins that would match.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

In placing this report before you we feel that certain recommendations are timely and important. They are as follows: The organization of P. E. Island ranchers now proceeding satisfactorily in many respects, should for the common good, go a step further. Individual effort in marketing the skins is not satisfactory and should be discontinued. The marketing should be done all from one source. These furs should be collected in P. E. Island, the services of one or more experts engaged, and, so long as the present fashion continues for sets of two skins, the matching should be done here at home. High class dealers are willing to pay a premium for skins that

THE WEATHER, TEMPERATURE, TIDE, MOON, ETC.

(Special to the Guardian.)
TORONTO, Feb. 23.—Maritime: North and east winds; light snow at night.
THE WEATHER.—Yesterday was cool with occasional snowfall. The highest temperature recorded yesterday was 26 degrees above zero; at nine o'clock yesterday morning it registered 8 above; at nine last night 20 above. The coldest the previous night was 2 below.
The tide will be high this afternoon at 1:23 and tomorrow at 1:47; it will be high tomorrow morning at 2:08 and Friday at 2:56.
The sun sets this afternoon at 5:38 and tomorrow at 5:40; it rises tomorrow at 6:46 and Friday at 6:45.
The moon rises tonight at 11:21. There was a full moon on Friday Feb. 18th, at 10:23 p. m.
The last quarter of the moon will be on Saturday, Feb. 26th, at 5:24 a. m.
The length of today will be ten hours and fifty minutes.

JAPANESE WARSHIPS AND AN AIR FLEET

Arrive at Suez Presumably to Protect Japanese Shipping, two Japanese Liners having been Sunk some time ago. Announcement of Departure of Squadron made in Tokio.

(Special to the Guardian.)
COPENHAGEN, Feb. 22.—German newspapers print despatches from Italy stating that a Japanese fleet has arrived safely in the Mediterranean Sea, together with a great number of aircraft. Two Japanese steamers had been sunk in the Mediterranean, the

liner Yasuki Maru and the freighter Kenkoku Maru. On January 3 an announcement was made at Tokio by the Japanese Navy that a squadron of Japanese warships was to be despatched to the Suez Canal, presumably for the purpose of protecting Japanese shipping.

FRANCE IMPOSES TAX ON WAR PROFITS

(Special to the Guardian.)
PARIS, Feb. 22.—The Chamber of Deputies today passed a Bill taxing war profits. The measure will remain effective for a year after cessation of hostilities and applies to all who have profited by war, regular furnishers of war supplies not being exempted.

ENJOYABLE CONCERT IN BAPTIST SCHOOLROOM

The entertainment last night in the Baptist Church was one of the most successful and enjoyable events of the season. The best musical talent in the city had a part in the programme, the arrangement of which was excellent, and so planned as to provide varied and always enjoyable entertainment throughout. The attendance was large, every seat in the large auditorium being occupied. Every number on the programme was a gem and was rendered faultlessly. Solos were given by Miss Hughes, Miss Boyers, Mrs. H. S. Henderson, Miss Jacqueline McDonald, Prof. Barlow, Mr. Arthur Bruce, Mr. Roy Quigley and Master Thomas Coleman, and a quartette by the St. James Church Quartette. Readings were given by Miss Eleanor Lowe, Miss Edna Gordon, Miss Edith Jenkins and Mr. D. Edgar Shaughnessy. Instrumental music: piano duo, Professor Earle and Miss Lillian Earle; violin solo, Rev. Mr. Littlejohns; piano solo, Prof. Watkiss.

SINGLE MINISTER WILL CONTROL BLOCKADE

(Special to the Guardian.)
LONDON, Feb. 22.—The British Government proposes to place under control of a single Minister of Cabinet rank the administration of blockade measures against the nations at war with Britain.

Minard's Liniment Cures Diphtheria.

COMFORTS FOR OUR SOLDIER BOYS Tenders Called For

As a Result of Careful Consideration by the Soldiers' Comforts Fund Committee Yesterday it was Decided to Call for Tenders for the Supply of Rubber Boots, although so far only 130 Pairs have been Guaranteed by Subscribers. Send Subscriptions at once to Mr. A. W. Hyndman, Royal Bank, Charlottetown.

At a meeting of the Committee of the Soldiers' Comforts Fund yesterday, it was decided to call for tenders for the supply of about 1100 pairs military rubber boots. The Committee felt justified in taking this action as already nearly \$5000 has been subscribed by the public and the boys at the Armories have offered to make good any deficit in the public subscriptions. This splendid example of those who are going to fight our battles should encourage those who have been hesitating for a lead to come forward at once. It should not be necessary for those who are going to fight our battles to put their hands in their pockets for any comforts they may require. This fund is a public testimonial of appreciation of the gallantry of the island boys in coming forward to form the first island regiment for overseas service. The least those who stay at home can do is to present each member of the 105th with a pair of rubber boots to keep their feet dry while in training and in the trenches. Yesterday the fund reached \$488 and it will be seen the response must be much more generous before the order for the boots can be actually placed.

- Mrs. Edith Peak, \$4.
- Miss Haviland, 1.
- A. J. Dougan, 1.
- H. W. Longworth, 10.
- Mrs. H. W. Longworth, 10.
- Chas. H. Chantler, 8.
- Joseph Francis, 1.
- Geo. E. Hughes, 4.
- Mrs. G. E. Hughes, 10.
- Mrs. Benj. Heartz, 10.
- J. R. Dinns, 10.
- Henderson & Cudmore, 10.
- G. H. Taylor, 10.
- A. Friend, 4.
- A. Soldier's Wife, 2.
- Mrs. G. E. Auld, 2.
- Mrs. Marlow Auld, 2.
- Master Geo. Auld, 2.
- Mrs. A. E. Sabine, 2.
- Mrs. M. A. Coles, 4.
- Mrs. Jas. McLean, 4.
- Dr. W. B. Brown, \$4.
- Dr. J. J. McMillan, 5.
- A. Friend, 2.
- E. T. Higgs, 3.
- M. F. Macklin, 3.
- J. Gordon McKay, 1.
- J. Louis McKay, 1.
- Allan L. McKay, 5.
- A. E. Lyon, 5.
- Adolphus McEwen, St. Peters, 4.
- G. H. Holman & Co. Ltd., 5.
- Angus McPhee, 1.
- Mrs. Henry J. Hooper, \$6.
- Mrs. W. May, 4.
- J. H. Judson, Alexandra, 4.
- Matilda Clark, 2.
- N. Gay, Pownal, 2.
- Harold A. Messervey, 4.
- Grace Messervey, 4.
- Robert B. Messervey, 4.
- Ethel Messervey, 4.
- Miss Ruby Stewart, 2.
- Miss Leota Stewart, 2.
- William Agnew, 5.

- The following subscriptions have been received:
- Capt. J. W. Dorsey, \$4.00
- John Agnew, 10.00
- W. K. Rogers, 8.00
- A. Friend, 2.00
- Artemas Lord, 4.00
- Mrs. W. H. Aitken, 4.00
- McKinnon Drug Co., 2.00
- Two Macs, 2.00
- J. W. Bruce, 1.00
- Andrew Mooney, 1.00
- Sewell Robertson, 1.00

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CHEESE AND BUTTER MAKERS IN SESSION

The conference of the Cheese and Buttermakers and factory men of the province was held in the Prince of Wales College yesterday afternoon and evening. The attendance at both sessions averaged 85, and the discussions were most educative and practical and fully enjoyed by everyone present.

A regrettable incident occurred at an early stage of the meeting. Mr. Lauchlin McDonald, East Lake, had been appointed chairman, and when about to take the chair he was handed a telephone message informing him of the serious illness of his wife, which necessitated his immediate departure for home. Mr. Walter Simpson, Bay View, was appointed chairman.

During the afternoon session the first speaker was Mr. Mitchell, who gave a very valuable talk on existing conditions in the cheese industry. This was followed by a discussion from the standpoint of a patron and factory director, led by Mr. John E. Sinclair, Emerald, and Mr. Ernest Ellis, of Tyne Valley. The cheese-makers' standpoint was discussed by Mr. Stephen Keefe, Stanley Bridge, and Mr. Charles Stevenson, New Glasgow.

Mr. S. T. Morrow gave a talk on factory inspection, which was followed by a discussion on buying cheese from the buyers' standpoint, by Mr. R. E. Spillet. Mr. Mitchell then gave a talk on the butter situation and was followed by Mr. William Gibson, Marshfield, and Mr. D. J. Thompson, Tryon. The buttermakers' standpoint was discussed by Mr. Frank Lane, Tryon. Following this Mr. William A. McKay, Dairy Superintendent for Nova Scotia, gave a valuable talk on the work as it is carried on in that province.

Short speeches were given by Rev. Father Gauthier, Rev. P. P. Arsenault, Prof. S. B. McCready, Prof. Reek and Hon. Murdoch McKinnon, Commissioner of Agriculture. Following the speeches a number of resolutions were placed before the audience by the chairman of the committee, Mr. D. J. Thompson. The resolutions were as follows:

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depending on the assessment made on the factories for his salary, and we would urge upon the incoming directors of the Dairy Association the importance of taking this matter up with the Departments of Agriculture with a view of having these suggestions carried into effect along the same line followed in the other provinces of the Dominion.

Resolved, That in view of the facts presented at the conference and realizing the importance of having all our factories and equipment, etc., kept up to a satisfactory standard, we believe it would be in the best interests of the industry that legislation be asked for along the lines followed in the other provinces to govern the work of the Factory Inspector and we would suggest that the incoming directors of the Dairy Association should that this is done at the coming session of the Provincial Legislature.

Resolved, That it would be in the best interest of the dairy industry of Prince Edward Island if provision could be made for our makers to get a dairy school training along the same lines as the makers in Quebec, Ontario and the Western Provinces and we believe this could be brought about to the best advantage of all concerned by the three Maritime Provinces co-operating and establishing a dairy school course for cheese and butter makers in connection with the Agricultural College at Truro, N.S.

The meetings to-day will open at 9.30, when the cheesemakers will discuss the judging of cheese from the makers' standpoint. At 11.30 the first regular meeting of the day will open and will be continued at 2 and 7 p.m.

COMING EVENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, MEETINGS, ETC.

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