

Ducks Not So Plentiful; Eel Grass Returns

Good and bad news for Island gunners was learned simultaneously last night. The black duck population in the province this year was down slightly over that of last season, it was learned. The reduction amounted to probably 15 per cent. Special Constable Spurgeon Jenkins of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police said. He is special game warden for the province. There were "still lots of birds," however, he explained.

The smaller population was probably due to several causes. Skunks and crows destroyed many duck eggs and cold weather in the spring interfered with the hatch. The season began with a rather higher than usual number of breeding stock, it was reported.

There is a flight of ducks from the north which arrives here usually about the middle of October. They are the northern Red Legs, a species of black ducks.

The good news sportsmen heard concerned the return of eel grass, one-time source of food for great flocks of Canada geese. The grass was making a definite comeback in areas around the shore of this province. Constable Jenkins reported. It died almost completely in the early 1930's, killed by a mysterious blight which struck all along the Atlantic Coast.

The trouble now however, was that the geese had forgotten they ever used it for food and apparently were ignoring it while they fed on other foods they turned to when the grass vanished.

Constable Jenkins believed the birds would return to their former habits gradually.

A few geese have already arrived from the north much earlier than the usual date since the disappearance of the eel grass. The full flight was not expected until late in October or early in November.

The open season on black ducks and geese in this province begins an hour before sunrise on Friday morning. It continues until Dec. 5.

International At A Glance

(Canadian Press)

LONDON—German bombers as capital for 12th straight night of R.A.F. fighter attacks against raiders during day. Parliament meets secretly to debate effects of raids.

LONDON—R. A. F. bombs Nazi invasion bases at Boulogne, Calais, Antwerp, Ostend.

BERLIN—Nazi Foreign Minister Wever for Rome to confer with Mussolini expected to discuss Italian offensive in Egypt and Spain's role in Axis aims.

MACDONALD — At Charlottetown, Sept. 18, 1940, to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Macdonald, a son.

MARRIAGES

GAMBLE-FRENCH—At the Manse, Hampton, July 25th, 1940, by Rev. D. J. Morrison, Garfield Percy Gamble of Crapaud and Amy Madeline French of Westmoreland.

HENNINGHAM-McLEOD—On Monday evening, Sept. 16th, 1940, at St. David's Manse, Georgetown by the Rev. John Stirling Warren, B. Hampill and Edna M. MacLeod, both of Charlottetown, P. E. I.

SHERRY-McKENNA—In St. Peter's Church, Seven Mile Bay, Sept. 16, 1940, by Rev. Father Monahan, Mary Emma Sherry, daughter of Mr. William Sherry and the late Mrs. Sherry of Fernwood to Louis Francis McKenna, son of Mr. and Mrs. John McKenna of Bedouque.

HUGHES-MACMILLAN—On Wednesday, September 18, 1940, at 155 Kent Street, Charlottetown, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Shaw and uncle of the bride, by Rev. Thomas A. Wilson, B. Sc. of West Covehead, Chesley Shaw Hughes of Brackley Point and Emma Louise Macmillan of West Covehead, P. E. I.

DEATHS

CASS — At Edmonton, Alberta, on Sept. 14, 1940, Mrs. Edwina Cass, aged 67. Mrs. Cass was the oldest daughter of the late John C. and Hannah Durant of Margate, P.E.I.

MCWEEN — At Charlottetown, Sept. 18, 1940, Alfred McEwen, age 57 years. Funeral from the residence of his sister, Mrs. J. E. McEwen, Malpeque Road, Friday morning, Sept. 20th, at 8:45 a. m. to St. Anne's Church, Hope River. Interment will take place at the Church Cemetery.

HUGHES — At Montreal, Sept. 18th, 1940, Rev. Francis Hughes. Remains will arrive in Charlottetown on the train tonight and will be taken to the A. A. Hennessey Funeral Home where they will rest until Friday at 3 p. m. and then be transferred to St. Bonaventure Church, Tracadie, on Saturday morning at 10 a. m. Burial at High Mass of Requiem will be celebrated and interment will take place at Tracadie.

In Memoriam

In loving memory of Mrs. Albert Hiscott who died September 18, 1938.

Fond is the memory that lingers. Dear is the one that is gone. We oft times wish we could see you Day by day as the years roll along. Inserted by her Husband and Daughter Lois.

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