



NEWSY NOTES

By AGRICOLA

AS I LOOK BACK

How time flies—A rather trite observation, but one has had some experiences in the past thirty-one years...

I had saved some, but, as I soon discovered, it was not enough. To transport five persons across the Atlantic cost something, and then there were stock and machinery to buy...

A few days after he visited me again, and told me I was to call on the Superintendent of the school...

Now it is one thing to have a knowledge of arithmetic, and quite another thing to be able to impart it to somebody else. I had no misgivings about either my apprenticeship under the close supervision of my principal...

When all had found their places and put their satchels and schoolbags on the floor, they sang a "morning hymn," and had a short scripture lesson...

My first trustee friend on this, and many more points, since I felt sure that any innovations—by a stranger—would certainly be resisted...

This statement drew more questions and my list of bird names consisted of different religious views of sects of different religions...

dismissed, and he thought it was "all right"—which means he thought it was not controversial. The dispirited prayer I quoted was a very old one from the 16th century...

We adopted this prayer as the last act of our school day, and I believe that the children were all the better for it. The world is coming to see that the neglect of spiritual things has led to the trouble which we find ourselves...

THE BIRDS OF P. E. I. Fifty years ago, Francis Bain, the first naturalist that the Province has ever produced, got out a little book under the above title. It was my good fortune, some time ago, to be presented with a copy...

Bain was not only a keen observer of bird life, but he was able to describe what he saw in sentences which were but one remove from poetry. He takes us, in midwinter, to the shore-line, where masses of ice buried up the whole shore-line...

Of the "Wild Pigeon," Bain says that "only one is known to be seen now." (1891). He mentions a "Passenger Pigeon" for in this case he gives the Latin title, *Columba migratoria*...

There are birds mentioned in this list which do not appear in the 1916 list issued by the C. I. It is a moot point of course, whether a single appearance of a bird entitles it to a place in the list...

The Wild or Whistling Swan (180). One columbian comes under this category. "A specimen was taken at Wheatley River, by Mr. William Stead, October 7th, 1885, and is now in a private collection at Charlottetown."

The Scarlet Tanager (608) is a more beautiful bird with a rich orange-red, and black wings and tail. It is listed as rare in Tuft's "Common Birds of Nova Scotia."

Weekly Livestock Market Review

OTTAWA, Canada—October 31, 1940. United States Market

SUMMARY: The influence of heavier exports to the United States was felt in the cattle market during the past week. Cattle receipts at stock yards were fairly heavy...

Prices on good to choice slaughter steers and heifers were up fifteen to twenty-five at Toronto. Cows were lower by a like amount. With other grades steady, a holdover of 1,600 head from the previous week was reduced to around 600 by the close of the current trading session...

Receipts at Winnipeg were again fairly heavy and included fairly large numbers of low grade, and medium to high grade, and inferior variety of steers and wethers. Trade was inclined to be spotty but most killing classes held fairly steady...

With a firm tone maintained there was little change in lamb prices. Toronto continued on a basis of \$11.00 to \$11.50. Good lambs were quoted at \$7.75 to \$7.85, while the high at Calgary was \$8.50. Edmonton \$8.25, Regina \$10.65, Moose Jaw \$10.80, and Vancouver \$11.85, for grade B-1.

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Here are some figures that the writer thinks are worth reading. A hen eats about 40 lbs of mash per year, thus one ton of mash will feed 25 hens for one year. One egg per month from 50 hens equals 50 extra eggs per month. 50 eggs per month for 12 months equals 600 eggs or 60 dozens eggs. Now pricing these eggs at an average of 30¢ per doz your income would be increased by \$18.00. An increase of one egg per hen is a very small estimate. With an increase of four eggs per hen per month you could pay for your ton of mash and so make egg producing a paying business.

CONSERVATION

A WEEKLY COLUMN OF PRACTICAL OPINIONS OF THE VITAL ISSUES AFFECTING THE USES AND ABUSES OF NATURAL RESOURCES BY MR. LUDLOW JENKINS MARSHFIELD.

The Co-founders of The Canadian Conservation Association. Dear Sirs: Since it has fallen to me to serve as President of the newly founded Canadian Conservation Association and since so many of the Co-founders were unable to attend the meeting of organization held in Kingston, may I take this opportunity to pass on a few of the impressions received at that time and also to offer a sort of program for the immediate future...

There was not much change in calf prices. Toronto held a level of \$10 to \$11 for choice veals, while Montreal was steady up to a top of \$11 on veals but was easier on grass-fed veals at \$4 and \$5. Winnipeg dropped 50¢ to \$8.50. Other markets were steady with Calgary paying up to \$8 for best veals, Edmonton up to \$9 for good ones, Prince Albert \$7 and Moose Jaw \$7.50, for grade B-1.

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BLATCHFORD'S Celebrated Feeds. One car load, 60,000 lbs. just arrived. Blatchford's Milk Mash, Blatchford's Growing Mash, Blatchford's X.O. All Mash, Blatchford's X.L. Scratch Feed, Blatchford's Growing Scratch Feed, Blatchford's X.L. Hen Feed, Blatchford's Turkey Starter, Blatchford's Turkey Growing Mash, and other Poultry Supplies.

TIMELY NOTES ON TOPICS CONNECTED WITH Silver Fox Farming

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18 9.00 a.m.—Receiving and classifying foxes.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19 9.00 a.m.—Judge George A. Calbeck commences judging classes and will continue throughout the day.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20 9.00 a.m.—Judge George A. Calbeck commences judging classes and will continue throughout the day.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21 9.00 a.m.—Judging continued.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22 Judging continued and Show continued.

The entry fee for each fox is \$2.00 and all foxes must be in the building on Monday. Following are the classes and colorings for registered foxes. Class 1—Dark Medium Silver—showing over 90 per cent silver and not more than 45 per cent silver.

Class 2—Medium Silver—showing over 80 per cent silver and not more than 60 per cent silver. Class 3—Light Medium Silver—showing over 60 per cent silver and not more than 75 per cent silver. Class 4—Pale Silver—showing more than 75 per cent silver and not more than 90 per cent silver.

NEW TYPE FOXES—Class 3—Marked Silvers—To be eligible for entry in this class foxes must show definite platinum color and character. Class 4—Adults: section 1—Male whelped previous to 1940; section 2—Female whelped previous to 1940. Class 4A—Pups, section 1—Male whelped in 1940; section 2—Female whelped in 1940. Class 4B—Pups Extra Light: section 1—Male whelped in 1940; section 2—Female whelped in 1940.

SURE DEATH to EXTERNAL PARASITES with DRI-KIL. COOPER'S FARM INSECT POWDER FOR ALL LIVESTOCK and POULTRY. We have learned with deep regret of the death of Charles H. French, former Chief Factor and Fur Trade Commissioner of the Hudson's Bay Company. Mr. French paid a visit to Prince Edward Island the fall of 1928, together with Governor Chas. Sale, and was very much impressed with this country.