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one championship and reserve grand championship. Gordon McMillan one first with one reserve championship and Ross Allen one first.

Walter R. Shaw, Secretary of the Silver Fox Breeders' and Exhibitors' Association, has sent out the prize list for the 16th live fox show which will be held at Charlottetown November 18th to 22nd, just one week from next Monday.

In the fox sections the top honors in silvers went to Walter Lusk, who won the grand championship and champion male. Regrettably, Mr. Lusk lost these through attacks of acute indigestion a day after they had won the awards.

Monday, November 18th, will be receiving and classification day and judging will start Tuesday morning at nine o'clock. There are classes for medium silvers, light silvers, extra light silvers and extra light, standard platinum and extra light, standard platinum and extra light, medium light and extra light, light and in class silvers. Modern and light. Classes are subdivided into sections for adult males and adult females. Of course there are the usual championship trophies will be awarded for Standard Silver classes and also for new type classes. George A. Callbeck will be the judge.

The elections in the United States should interest Canadians probably more than they do for the reason that the Democratic party when in power has usually been more cooperative in the matter of tariffs than the Republicans. We Canadian fur farmers have been the victims of Republican high tariff policies that have brought disastrous results to us on several occasions, notably in 1922 when after the Republican states of Wisconsin and Michigan figured they had enough silver foxes for their own breeding purposes they worked on their representatives in Congress and in the Senate to put through a tariff of 50 per cent on Canadian silver fox pelts. That tariff remained in force until an appeal was made by the Hon. Mr. Dunning to the Democratic party in Washington to have it reduced to 35 per cent. Now the fox breeders and mink breeders of the United States have proposed a bill in which they will ask Congress to cut down the quota of silver fox pelts and mutations allowed into that country to 15 per cent of the United States production. On the basis of last year that would be about 30,000 pelts for all the rest of the world. This year we will export approximately 55,000, so if the proponents of the bill will be successful Canadian pelts will be practically shut out of American markets.

The fact of the matter is we are in a precarious state as regards marketing in the United States and we must endeavor to find other markets elsewhere and also to improve the market in Canada. If we were free of the incubus of the Dominion tax which we tried our best to get Hon. Mr. Hiley to do away with, we could interest enough Canadians to take up at least two-thirds of our production which is only 150,000 pelts of all grades. Then with an advertising fund we could bring to the attention of fur conscious ladies the attractiveness of silver fox and develop a healthy market in Canada. Yesterday we noticed a very charming young lady wearing a platinum cape on a black cloth coat and carrying a platinum muff. We are sure it was a much more attractive ensemble than a flat new type mink cape and muff would be. Yes, there is no doubt about it, silver fox or its mutations of good color are among the most attractive furs a woman can wear but we must get busy and fasten them and we must get States

NEWSY NOTES

Other Two Grebes

Besides the Horned Grebe, other two Grebes had been found in the Province; this is attested by the list issued as a bulletin by the P. W. College in 1916. The Hobbob Grebe is much the largest of the three and its size and rich coloring have made it too conspicuous for its own good. The silky red breast of the Hobbob was formerly in great request for ladies' millinery and the resulting slaughter has made these birds comparatively scarce. I have yet to see a single specimen.

The Pied-billed Grebe is about the same size as the Horned Grebe but its dusky, black and white, and its eye, all hereafter described, will prevent any confusion between the species.

Hobbob Grebe, A.O.U. 2. Summer plumage: crown and nape, all down back of neck, blackish; cheeks and throat white; front and sides of neck rich chestnut-red; shading on the breast to silvery white. Back and wings grayish, the latter with a white patch. Winter plumage: blackish above, underparts white, front and sides of neck pale reddish in adult birds, gray in immature specimens. Length 18 to 20 inches, wings 7 to 8 inches.

Pied-billed Grebe, A.O.U. 6. Summer resident. Summer plumage: upper parts brownish black; a black patch on the throat; upper breast, neck, and sides of body more or less brownish, faintly mottled dusky; no white wing patch; bill compressed, and with a black band encircling it. In winter the bill is white, and the bill is without the black band. Length 14 inches; wing 5 inches.

All grebes have individual webs on their toes, no tails, and their bills are not flattened as ducks'. The Pied-billed Grebe has a bill, but the other two have red eyes. All grebes are expert underwater swimmers and dive instantly at the flash of the gun, to appear again at some distance from their original position. The ability to swim in this manner is of great use in procuring the fish which is their chief food.

Island Family Names

The Leard family had become established in the Island before the census of 1788 was taken; the census-taker gives a name, spot, phonetically, I think, an equivalent of the Scottish "Leard," meaning a landowner or squire. John Lord who had a family of 10, lived in the same place, was evidently English as was William Warren. The Warren family have, distantly descended from Earl Warren, a nobleman of the Feudal Period.

It turns out that the Leard family is quite common in the Island. One lived in Lot 28; the name has come down for a century and a half. In Lot 31 Johnson Basto had four sons and six daughters. This name came down to us as "Bastard," and so on. I used to wonder how the name arose but finally it struck me that this was an attempt at "Barstow," the name of a village somewhere in England.

In Lot 21, among other residents, we find Wm. Dockendorff, his wife, and one child; he probably came from Germany, as did Conrad "Yonker" (Yunker) and Jacob "Ester" (see spell). Conrad "Yonker's" tombstone is still to be seen. I am told and his descendants are many and favorably known. In Lot 49, dwelt Wm. Hassard, John Burho, Nicols Jenkins, Wm. Wood, Jr. and son, and James L. Hayden. All these names are still with us but in more modern shape. Joseph Beers, Esq., lived in Lot 50, and from his title, must have been well-connected, or well off. His neighbors were Frederick Praught and Richard Myers. Many family names were derived from lands, towns or villages, and the name Beers was taken from the village of Beer, near the mouth of the Axe, on the south coast of England. Thomas Pendergast also settled in Lot 50 and was probably well connected, though the census-taker did not spell his name correctly. The Pendergasts were an old Norman family and the late Lord Gort's father was the Hon. John Pendergast Vereker, before he attained the title. This name seems to recur in the capture of the "Brit" or "gast." However, the name is now settled as Pendergast, and Thomas's descendants are with us today. Peter Musick, James Leard, John VanNiderstein and Fred Schulze were all resident in Lot 50.

There were but three families in Lot 64; thirteen persons in all. Wm. "Shenshabach" was one of the settlers whose name has come down to us in a modified form. Lot 63 had one settler, Wm. Graham; and John Griffin was the sole occupant of Lot 61. Some of the Lots are omitted from the census and the presumption is that they had no inhabitants in 1788. (To be continued.)

Odd Bits of History

When I first came to P. E. I. a story was going the round, about the early Parliament of the Island. It seems there was no "Colonial Buildings" in those days and the sessions were held in an upper chamber of a tavern in the town. A man was hired to look after the door, a kind of sergeant-at-arms, and was paid 5 shillings a day for the session. This official made some disparaging but comic remarks about the Parliament itself. When clear of the iniquitous tax which Mr. Hiley keeps on our furs, P. S. there is no duty on mink or any other furs going into the United States.

Cruciferous Weeds, (3)

Of the two remaining Brassicas, the first, B. nigra is known as "Black Mustard," on account of its dark brown seeds, which, by the way, are extremely pungent. The plant itself grows in clusters of scattered hairs, erect, and freely branching to a height of 18 inches or more. The lower leaves are lyrate, with a large terminal lobe and two to four smaller ones which are dentate all round. The flowers are bright yellow, but not as large as those of the preceding species. "It may at once be known by its long spreading branches covered with short square pods, only half an inch long which are erect and closely appressed to the stem." This was first noticed in MacSwain's list (1937) and as it occurs in grainfields it is well to be on guard against it.

I read recently that Mustard is sown as a field crop in western Canada. I presume this to be White Mustard, B. alba, the seed of which produces the mustard of commerce. The seed of B. nigra is equally potent both as a vesicant and a condiment, but the dark color of the product would operate against its use for more than fifteen months. The parcel, containing five English and two French copies of the "Wild Turnip," B. campestris. This is called in Britain the "Wild Navev," which may be a twisted form of the Latin "napus" meaning rape-seed. This resembles the "Wild Mustard" (B. arvensis) but only the root leaves are hairy, all the rest of the plant being smooth and waxy. A striking distinction occurs in grainfields: it is that the upper leaves clasp the stem by their articulate bases. The remedy for the "mustards and turnips" was spraying with bluestone solution. It was of no use on B. campestris, because the waxy leaves, shed it off. I find no mention of this plant before 1926, when Prof. Groh collected it from three localities near Charlottetown.

Another plant often wrongly called Wild Mustard, is the Wild Radish or Jointed Charlock, Raphanus Rapastrum. Like the Brassicas, it is a coarse and vigorous weed, with lyrate leaves and showy yellow flowers. Two noticeable features are: that the flowers fade to white and show conspicuous purple veins; and that the seedpods are moniliform, i.e. in the form of a row of beads. Instead, therefore, of the pod opening to emit the seeds, it is broken up in three-line into single-seeded sections.

The five crucifers now treated of have already achieved a bad eminence here, and in certain localities whole farms have been overrun by one or another of these pests. New species are being brought in every year and some of them will be described in future notes.

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DISCHARGED PERSONNEL CAN WEAR OLD UNIFORM

Former members of the Canadian Army can wear their uniforms on civvy street provided they left the Service in good standing. It is pointed out in a new ruling handed down by the Department of National Defence. In addition to permitting veterans to wear uniform for the thirty days following their discharge or retirement, the order states that uniform may be worn by an ex-serviceman or woman at any time following discharge with the written permission of the District Officer Commanding the District in which he or she is residing. They may also be granted permission to wear uniform on the occasion of special parades or functions of a public nature; or if a member of a veterans organization, at parades, banquets, reunions, etc., sponsored by the organization. However, in all cases ex-servicemen or women must wear uniform without the written approval of the District Officer Commanding the appropriate Military District.

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