

NEWSY NOTES

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The International Joint Commission

The term "good neighbours" is frequently used with reference to the good relations that exist between Canada and the United States. It is true that we have much in common: including language, literature and a similar form of currency but differences do arise even in the best regulated families and the outstanding factor that has helped so greatly to maintain the good relations between our nations since 1912 has been the International Joint Commission.

The idea of creating such a tribunal followed the very successful work of the International Waterways Commission that had been established in 1907 as an advisory body, whose duties were to investigate and make recommendations on all waters adjacent to the boundary from the head of the lakes to the St. Lawrence River and thence to the ocean in the matter of the maintenance of levels, diversion for power purposes and the improvement of navigation.

During more than forty years these two countries have not only amicably settled difficult problems, but by dealing in advance with matters that might cause disputes have adjusted differences before they gave rise to any serious antagonism.

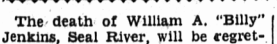
An impartial tribunal composed of three Canadian and three United States appointees, known as the International Joint Commission, was set up under article VII of the Boundary Waters Treaty, which was vested with final authority, even above that of national law, within precisely defined spheres, regarding grievances referred to it that could be quickly settled. The personnel of the Commission consists largely of engineers; three in the Canadian section are: General A. G. L. McNaughton, chairman, engineer J. Lucien Dansereau and Hon. George Spence. The United States section is headed by Hon. A. O. Stanley, a member since 1930; engineer R. B. McWorter and engineer E. W. Weber.

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TIMELY NOTES ON TOPICS CONNECTED WITH Silver Fox and Mink Farming



The death of William A. "Billy" Jenkins, Seal River, will be regretted by a great number of friends, and particularly by those who knew him in the early years of fox farming here. Back in 1911 he was a hard-working young farmer, a keen sportsman with rod and gun and one who always wore a pleasant smile and had a warm greeting for those he met. Recognizing his good qualities, Messrs. George A. B. MacDonald, George Auld, C. P. Fletcher and Benjamin Rogers went to see him and asked him if he would take care of a pair or two of foxes if they bought them. He was delighted with the proposition and pens were prepared by him to receive the animals.

They then went to Charles Dalton, Tignish, and after some conversation told him they wanted to buy a pair of pups. Mr. Dalton said he did not have a pair of pups for sale, he had only one pair left - the female a May pup - and he had never had any success from breeding May pups. However, they wanted them and Mr. Dalton said that as he did not expect them to get good results he would only charge them \$6,000. His regular price that fall was \$10,000. It is a long time since the Spring of 1912 but the writer can remember the sensation created in Charlottetown when the news got around that the Seal River female had a litter of seven and they were all doing well. Billy proved the right man in the right place and the seven pups grew up to maturity as splendid specimens. Trades were made with other ranchers so that in the fall of 1912 the company had five pairs of foxes and was capitalized accordingly.

The male of the original pair was named Seal River Rogers and the female Seal River Fannie. In 1913 they made a trade with the Royalty Silver Black Fox Company and secured Seal River William and Seal River Annie and these became the foundation of a numerous progeny. That same fall the Seal River Company was recapitalized and the original shareholders were magnificently rewarded for their investment by two years of unusual breeding success. In 1914 they had a big turnout and had sold many options but the war coming on cancelled a great many of these sales and for a while prospects looked dim for the industry. However, the careful and conscientious management given the company's foxes by Mr. Jenkins enabled them to come through this period quite nicely and when in 1915, through the efforts of W. Chester S. McLeure, the American became conscious of silver fox and its beauty, Seal River pelts brought excellent prices because of their good color and good qualities.

The highlight of sales perhaps, was the disposal of a pelt at the December, 1918, auction of C. M. Lampon & Co. in London for \$250, equal to over \$1,700. That sale was only a little over a month after the Armistice had been signed after World War I ended. Returning from the war the writer and Colonel W. B. Prowse decided to start a fox farm a few miles out of Charlottetown. We called it the Vimy Ranch and the first place we visited to procure foxes was the Seal River Ranch. I can still remember the very splendid greeting given us by Billy and Mrs. Jenkins. He took the greatest pains to show us everything in the ranch he thought was good quality and to help us, and the foxes we bought that day gave us an excellent start in our new venture.

Mr. Jenkins continued fox farming until the business hit a decline that made it impossible for a company to earn dividends on its large capital and the Seal River Company, like so many others, disappeared and only the individual fox farmers as a rule survived. Since then we have only occasionally had the pleasure of meeting Billy, who we are sorry to say, met with a very serious accident some years ago which caused the loss of an arm, but whenever we did have a chance we esteemed it a pleasure indeed to have a few minutes conversation with him. To his beloved wife and relatives we extend on behalf of our fellow fox ranchers our deepest sympathy in their great loss. Joseph Francis, Executive Secretary of the National Board of fur farm organizations and well known

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SCATTERED FARMS

When travelling for any considerable distance, it is noticeable that the types of birds change as the type of land changes. English Sparrows, Starlings, and Pigeons abound in cities and towns, but are gradually left behind as the outskirts are reached. Song Sparrows, Goldfinches, and Bobolinks take their place. These are no longer seen by the time we reach tall forest trees, but Chickadees, Nuthatches, and Woodpeckers put in an appearance.

It seems strange that the Ruffed Grouse, commonly called Partridge, should not thrive in an extensive area of dense woodland; nevertheless, the fact is that once farms spring up here and there in a formerly unbroken forest, these birds multiply.

The reason is that, unlike the majority of birds that breed in Canada, Grouse which are born here remain throughout the year, and therefore their requirements are more varied and numerous. They build their nests of fallen leaves, drum on a rock or (preferably) a fallen log, hide in bushes, and need cleared land where their offspring can catch insect food and they can all take dust baths. Before autumn arrives, they begin eating berries, seeds, and leaves.

Then buds of trees, fall fruits, and nuts are added to the diet, and must do them until spring vegetation and fruits are ready. Evergreens are necessary for winter roosting. Altogether, a family needs about 25 acres to provide for all these wants.

Young Ruffed Grouse are able to leave the nest as soon as they hatch out. This is just as well for their parents, because it would be hard work to carry enough food to a dozen or so babies, and Grouse families are often as large as that. The mother keeps them pretty much together until mid-September, by which time they are fairly well grown, and supposed to be able to look after themselves. Then it is that the young birds wander in all directions, and sometimes come to grief by fly-

DAILY CROSSWORD
ACROSS
1. Tear
4. Perform
7. A creed
9. Clamor
12. Theater
13. Apportion
14. Misuses
16. Man's name
17. Silver coin (Peru)
18. Scorch
20. Thoron (abbr.)
21. Pierce with a dagger
23. Famous mission (poss.)
25. Expression
27. Girl's name
28. Native of Crete
31. At one time
34. Behold!
35. Not hot
37. Skill
38. Oriental nurse
40. Larva of an insect
42. Whiter
44. River (Yugo.)
45. Breathe noisily in sleep
46. Driving reins
47. Large worm
48. Ovum
DOWN
1. Adjust
2. March date
3. Attitudinizes
4. Miscellaneous
5. Western state
6. Slant
7. Kind
8. Mechanical
10. Voce; in 30. Name (Fr.)
11. English woman
12. Ugly old
13. Girl's name (poss.)
14. Cup-like
15. Body of salt water
19. A wing
22. Slaughters
24. Directing
26. Assure
28. Measure
29. Applauds
30. Native of Rome
32. Ugly old
33. Girl's name (poss.)
36. Cup-like spoon
39. Genus of lily
41. Cricket (Dial.)
43. Property (L.)

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KINGSTON UNITED W. M. S.
The Kingston United W. M. S. held its September meeting at the home of Mrs. Roland Buchanan. The president was in the chair, and the worship leader was Mrs. Earl Willis. The theme was "The Means of Grace". Hymn 502, and responsive reading Psalm 31 and scripture were read by several members. The Christian Stewardship was presented by Mrs. Edgar Newson, and "Give a thought to Africa" by Mrs. Lloyd McKinnon. A reading, "Life at Tokyo, Japan", was given by several members. Roll call was answered by 13 members with a verse of scripture. It was decided to send fruit to sick friend, Collection was \$1.55 and the friendship fund 40c. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Lyman Newson, when the leader will be Mrs. Edgar Newson and the lunch committee Mrs. Roland Buchanan, Mrs. Ralph Younker and Mrs. Owen Younker. The meeting closed with benediction, and lunch was served by the hostess and committee in charge.

At the approach of winter, comblike growths appear on the toes of Ruffed Grouse, giving them the ability to walk on top of the snow as though wearing snowshoes. When the temperature drops very low and cold winds blow, or in particularly stormy weather, they leave their usual roosts in coniferous trees and bury themselves in snowbanks, to remain there until conditions improve. Are tails useful? LONDON—(CP)—As an economy measure members of the Civil Defence Corps in future will not be given uniforms until they have satisfactorily completed the basic training course.

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