ISLANDER IS CROWNED POTATO KING

Crowning the Seed Potato King at Maritime Winter Fair, Amherst, N.S. Left to right: Mrs. B. C. Knight, Amherst; The Potato King, Mr. Arthur Dixon; and Mrs. Dixon of Fortune Bridge, P.E.I. Mr. Dixon brings the Maritime Potato crown to the Island for the sixth successive year. Last year he won the Reserve Grand Championship.

WIDENING EDUCATIONAL HORIZONS

A Foreward by Dr. L.W. Shaw, Deputy Minister, and Director of Education, Charlottetown, P.E.I.

I am indebted to Miss Estelle Bowness, General Secretary of the Prince Edward Island Teacher's Federation, for the honour of providing what Miss Bowness herself calls a foreward to "Widening Educational Horizons" for the current school year. Heartiest greetings are extended to all teachers and pupils, and indeed to everyone who takes time to read this column.

One morning about a month ago I found it necessary to leave the Island by air. As we sat in the M.C.A. plane at the Charlottetown Airport our view was limited to the airfield and the land immediately surrounding it. A few minutes later, when the plane had become airborne, we could see away to North Rustico on the right and as far as Victoria and beyond on the left. By rising above the ordinary ground level we had widened our horizon immensely, and indeed the view was beautiful.

The Prince Edward Island Teacher's Federation through this column in the Charlottetown Guardian, as it seems to me, endeavouring to help the individual teacher and the teaching profession as a whole, to rise above the ordinary ground level of every day activity, and thus to push back the horizon so that we all may have a broader and more comprehensive view of the great field of work which is ours. You will note that I have said "to help the teacher to rise" -- not "to raise the teacher". Only through personal effort can anyone widen his horizon as it applies to his daily life and work. "The heights by great men reached and kept
Were not attained by sudden flight,
But they, while their companions slept
Were toiling upward in the night."

Now, in this brief opening article for the current school year, I shall do no more than try to offer a few suggestions as to how teachers may push back their horizons and so make broad their view. To begin with, the teacher herself must ever be a student. A student not only in respect to her daily work, and this is tremendously important, but as well, reading and learning far beyond her present knowledge. Only thus can she come before her pupils with fresh new ideas, only thus can she have the feeling that she is seeing beyond the "limits of the air field."

The Prince Edward Island Libraries can be of invaluable assistance in providing worthwhile reading material for both yourself and your pupils.

The workshops planned by the Teachers' Federation itself, and the study groups organized by the supervisors, will give you a lift also. Attend these, and participate in their activities. We learn to do by doing.

If there is a Home and School organization in your district be sure to take an active part in its programme. If there is not, how about talking over its possibilities ith the parents and others interested, with a view to organizing.

Have you ever thought of further study through summer schools and correspondence courses. If you have not, then think it over. Many teachers are widening their horizons in this way.

Many other suggestions could of course, be offered, but space does not permit. In presenting these few thoughts, may I personally and on behalf of the Department of Education, express a sincere wish that you may have a busy, a happy and successful year.

ROLE OF THE TEACHER

Holidays are over and schools are open again. Teachers with years of experience have picked up books, chalk, and other equipment necessary to carry them through another year. Young teachers with high ideals and a sincere desire to succeed are going forth to explore the unknown road of teaching. Perhaps they look upon the experienced teacher with some envy. The experienced teacher has been over the road before and is aware of some of the pitfalls.

But does a teacher ever become so well acquainted with the way that she has no fear of pitfalls? I think not. Starting each year is an adventure and the end of the road cannot be seen. Is not that one of the things that makes teaching so attractive? Each year and indeed each day is an adventure. No one can foresee what lies before except perhaps, the fact that each day brings its group of children trudging - some, unwillingly, to school. To these children teacher is a very important person. Her success will depend to a great extent on the impression she makes on this group of children, on their parents, and indeed, on the community.

To be a success a teacher must gain the confidence and goodwill of friends, neighbors, parents and children alike, and to maintain confidence and goodwill is an even bigger job. It is much bigger than a nine to three-thirty routine in a classroom. To be a successful teacher one must work at it. There is no magic about it.

Let us take it for granted that everyone who is teaching likes to teach. It might be as well for those who are dissatisfied with the job to fold their tents and silently steal away to something else, the chances are they will not be a success anyway. The prime requisite for a teacher is to like to teach. Perhaps the truth of this is best exemplified by what one of the great teachers, William Lyon Phelps said years ago.

"I love to teach. I do not know that I could make entirely clear to an outsider the pleasure I have in teaching. I had rather earn my living by teaching than in any other way. In my mind, teaching is not merely a life work, a profession, an occupation, a struggle, it is a passion.

"I love to teach as a painter loves to paint, as a musician loves to play, as a singer loves to sing, as a strong man rejoices to run a race. Teaching is an art, an art so great and so difficult to master that a man or woman can spend a long life at it without realizing how much more than his limitations and mistakes, and his distance from the ideal. But the main aim of my happy days has been to become a good teacher, just as every architect wishes to be a good architect, and every professional poet strives toward perfection."

Do we go along with William Lyon Phelps? We must agree or we would not be teachers.

This department is conducted by the Prince Edward Island Teachers' Federation. Contributions are welcomed and should be sent to Estelle Bowness, General Secretary, 98 Prince St., Charlottetown.

Suspect Fire Bug In Saint John, N.B.

SAINT JOHN, N.B (CP)—Fire Chief H. S Knight said Thursday an investigation is underway into six fires within seven hours on a theory that at least three may have been the work of an arsonist.

Most serious of the outbreaks being investigated resulted in the evacuation of three women and a child from their home. Other blazes drove six families from a tenement and damaged a car, warehouse, carpentry shop of the New Brunswick electric power commission and a playhouse.

TIMELY NOTES ON FUR TOPICS

While an accurate estimate cannot be made till early in November it is expected that upwards of 150,000 mink will be offered in the December mink sales scheduled by Western Canadian Raw Fur Auction Sales, Ltd., Vancouver. The company will hold their sales on December 5th, 13th and 21st.

Chudik Brothers of Milwaukee celebrated their 40th anniversary as a firm on October 25th. The three Chudik brothers were born in Europe and learned their skills in the Old Country. There were nine brothers in the firm all of whom went into the fur business. Today there are stores operated by the Chudik Brothers in Paris and Valance, France, and Innisburk and Leitha, Austria. Looking back over the forty years Mr. Chudik said he finds the fur industry today in a peculiar position. He thinks there should be more unified groups and it needs strict federal trade regulations to eliminate false claims. There should be more conservative advertising and less fake advertising. A furrier should not advertise a $500 garment for $100 when this obviously is untrue. "Truth and honesty in advertising pays off. We built our business that way."

CONFUSE CUSTOMERS

Another feature writer in Women's Wear Daily condemns hand to mouth merchandising policies in Boston which employ exaggerated and misleading ads in "bargain" furs. These have confused customers, lowered dollar volume percentage and generally downgraded the fur busines as a whole. He pays tribute to the mink breeders association for doing a consistent job of disseminating proper information to consumers and there by maintaining the prestige of furs.

Mrs. Sue Sands, who has been selling furs and other types of women's ready to wear at Jordan's in Boston for the past fifteen years, states re customer relations: "Remember that every customer is an individual and no two are alike. Get to know them so well you can call them by their first name. That is the secret of my success in selling furs—small and large pieces."

$3 fur piece? Not today, pal! Cleveland, Ohio — Typographical error made on one side of town recently kept the bookkeeping department and telephone operators at the I.J. Fox Fur Co. busy on the other side of town. The Cleveland Plain Dealer was responsible for an ad which listed a beaver jacket on sale at $2.99. Personnel at I. J. Fox were kept busy sending back checks for that amount and explaing that the jacket really sold for $2.99 plux tax. Allen Lane, general manager of I. J. Fox, said the mistake, which appeared in only one edition of the newspaper, brought over 200 telephone calls from prospective customers as well as letters and checks from all over the state. The jacket did sell, but not for $2.99, and Plain Dealer ad staffers are walking around with red faces these days. They're also keeping their copy pencils sharpened.

Tron Furs of Paris will give a fashion showing before the members of the Menorah Hospital Auxiliary on Oct. 27 in the grand ballroom of the Hotel Muehlebach. About 75 garments will be seen in the show which will follow luncheon. The showing will be about 65 percent small pieces with an emphasis on Mink, Alaskan fur seal, ermine and beaver.

MINK FEEDING

Dr. C.K. Gunn, Superintendent, Dominion Experimental Fur Ranch Summerside, has very kindly sent us the results of his experiments with whale meat as a replacement for horse meat in mink rations during the breeding and reproductive seasons. Sixty female and 20 standard males of the stock of the Dominion Experimental Fur Ranch were divided at random into two groups of thirty females and ten males, and alloted to comparable pens in a mink breeding shed. The arrangement was such that the males were interspersed between the females during the period from January to the mating season in March. After the breeding season, the male animals were separated from the females and placed at one end of the breeding shed.

A diet sheet was made out with a horse meat ration in one of the diets and a whale meat ration on the other diet. The remainder of the diet in each case consisted of liver, fish, commercial cereals canned tomatoes, and cod liver oil. In addition to the above ingredients, cooked eggs (one per ten mink) were added to the mink rations. The feed was mixed and ground daily, and whole cows' milk was added in sufficient amount to bring it to a hamburg consistency.

All animals were fed once daily (average 7.5 ounces per mink) on top of the wire from January to birth of the kits, in a manner comparable to that used in commercial mink ranching proceduure. Then the female mink were fed ad libitum, according to the size of their litters. During the month of June each female mink with young was given, in addition to the above ration, a pan of milk with shredded wheat (half a biscuit softened in half a pint of whole cows' milk) as a morning supplement to the regular ration.

Chemical analyses of the rations show their similar composition in respect to protein, fat, fibre and ash. Records of the weights of the mink breeding stock were made in January and again prior to the mating season in the month of March. There was no statistically significant difference between the average weights of the two groups of mink either in January or in March.

Mating of the mink was commenced on March 12th. Sexual activity of the male and female mink was good in the groups of mink on both rations, and was comparable in both groups of male animals. At the conslusion of the experiments the Doctor's decision was that from the above data whale meat (Pothead) may be considered comparable to horse meat in mink ranches during the breeding season...We would advise our mink ranchers if they have not already received this report, to get in touch with the Doctor at the Experimental Fur Farm as we believe that these experiments will mean that ranchers can produce more cheaply with whale meat providing it can be obtained.

When their first dog dies and they come back to school for a months training with a new animal, blind persons are charged only $50. These contributions, de Betaz says, are required by the organization to help blind persons maintain their self-respect.

Some dogs are given to the school and others are purchased, but the organization maintains its own breeding farm, 13 miles from the school.

DOGS ARE COLOR BLIND

The first stage is to teach the dog obedience. The animal must learn to advance or turn right or left when the master commands.

Many people think a guide dog watches traffic lights when crossing a street. This is not true, de Betaz says, because dogs are color blind. But the master learns to judge the movement of traffic by ear and at the right time commands the dog "forward." The dog, on the other hand, does what you would do when crossing a street without traffic lights — he watches right and left to make sure it is clear.

In the second training phase the dog learns what the school calls "intelligent disobedience." The animal learns to ignore his master's order when he thinks it is dangerous to follow it and, on his own initiative find a safer solution.

POWNAL

Congratulations are extended to Miss Florence MacMillan who has recently accepted a position with the Federal Government. Miss MacMillan is a stenographer with the Income Tax Department in Charlottetown.

Miss Hilda Jones of Pownal has resumed her duties as teacher of Cornwall.

Michele Carragher recently spent some time in Pownal, guest of her aunt, Florence MacMillan.

Misss Hilda Jones, Mr. Kimball Acorn, Arthur Jones and Harry McCoubrey were recent visitors to Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. D.J.

Pearson Cancels Maritime Tour

FREDERICTON (CP) — External Affairs Minister Pearson Thursday cancelled a scheduled Maritime speaking tour because of the Middle East crisis.

Mrs. F. J. Toole, president of the Fredericton branch of the United Nations Association, said Mr. Pearson's secretary had telephoned her to announce cancellation of the tour a few minutes before the diplomat left Ottawa for New York and a special meeting of the UN General Assembly.

Mrs. Toole said the secretary indicated it would be impossible to schedule the tour because of the uncertainty of the Suez situation.

Mr. Pearson was slated to speak here Saturday night after an engagement in Halifax.

C. P. Ships Ready In Event Of War

VICTORIA CP)—In the event of war, Canadian Pacific's Atlantic fleet of liners would be immediately available to the British government, N. R. Crump, president of the Canadian Pacific Railway, said here Wednesday.

Mr. Crump said Canadian Pacific liners are registered at Liverpool and are British-owned.

3"If Britain needs our ships, they can call them up," said Mr. Crump.

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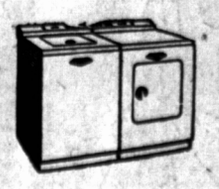

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