

NEWSY NOTES

By J. A. Clark, D.Sc.

On Wednesday the Clarks were on their own; the writer attended the fourth session of the Commonwealth and Empire Baptist Congress, held in Bloomsbury Baptist Church, and heard very instructive addresses by Rev. E. H. Groves of Jamaica, and the Rev. H. I. James of South Wales, on Human Rights. There was a very lively and interesting discussion. He left before the conclusion, to attend the Rotary Club luncheon at the Connaught Hotel on Great Queen Street; and heard Dr. Lindsay speak on British hallmarks that have been used by British gold and silver smiths, and which give a true indication of each article's value, when it was made and by whom.

He was sorry to have to leave immediately at the close of the address, as he had to hustle to the Baptist Church House, 4 Southampton Row, as the Laymen's Sectional Meeting was in progress. He followed Rev. S. A. Turl and spoke on the Baptist Men's Brotherhood in Canada. The third speaker was Mr. K. W. Bennett, of the Baptist Men's Movement of Great Britain. There was a splendid discussion, that was entered into by delegates from all sections of the British Commonwealth.

That evening he attended the fifth session of the Congress, at Westminster Chapel, Buckingham Gate. Rev. D. G. Wyle was chairman. The worship service was conducted by Dr. Malcolm Guthrie. The theme was "Baptists and Missionary Enterprise". Dr. Williamson spoke for the Baptist Missionary Society; and one of the outstanding addresses of the Congress was given by Dr. J. B. MacLaurin, General Secretary Canadian Baptist Foreign Mission Board. Almost all of our Canadian group were present to hear him. Our party took the underground to St. James Park and after arriving at the Gloucester Road Station, walked to Snow's, Gloucesterhouse Hotel.

The Canadian group went in the morning to St. Paul's Cathedral, and its antiquity is stagger-

ing, and its magnificence unbelievable. They saw the tomb and statue of the Duke of Wellington, and of a number of other statesmen.

They had about an hour at St. Pauls, and then trudged two miles across bomb-shattered areas, where whole blocks of great once-lowering structures now lie in rubble on the ground. It is a tragic spectacle of war and destruction; after a while they went along the shore of the Thames River, and could see ships and a number of small boats a short distance away. They went past a fish market and saw tons of various sorts of fish, and at last reached the old human slaughter-house, the London Tower. There great heroes and delicate queens and others of royal blood have lost their heads. They went to the top-most pinnacle of the Tower, and looked out upon Greater London and were shown the prison which a few years ago held Rudolph Hess.

In the afternoon they visited Buckingham Palace, and in the evening they went to the Baptist Congress at Westminster Chapel.

EAST GRINSTEAD, Sussex, England-(CP)-A local couple changed bedrooms in their home here to avoid disturbing five young Starlings nesting in a ventilator.

SCALFORD, Leicestershire, England-(CP)-John Green, a local resident claims to have spent 71 years of his life as a pie-maker.

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FitzPatrick - Whalen Wedding

A pretty wedding was solemnized at St. Joachim's Church, Vernon River, on Monday morning, May 28th at 8 o'clock, of Reta Cecelia Whalen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Whalen of Fairville, and John D. FitzPatrick, son of Mrs. Mary and the late Joseph FitzPatrick, De Gros Marsh.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore pink point lace over satin, with accessories to match, and carried a bouquet of beautiful roses. The bridesmaid was Edna Whalen, sister of the bride. She wore pale blue nylon with accessories to match and carried a bouquet of yellow and mauve roses.

Immediately after the ceremony the bridal party, accompanied by the immediate relatives of both parties motored to Charlottetown to the Queen Hotel for the wedding breakfast.

Rev. Joseph Walsh, a former friend of the bride who is on a visit to the Island from Western Canada, was a guest. Mr. and Mrs. FitzPatrick left on a motor trip immediately after breakfast, returning on Tuesday evening to the home of the bride where a large crowd of friends and neighbours awaited them. The evening was spent in dancing until the wee small hours, when all departed wishing the bride and groom many years of happy wedded life. They received many beautiful and costly gifts.

They left on Friday morning by train for Toronto, where the groom holds a position in the Robert Simpson Co. Ltd. of Toronto.

Previous to her marriage the bride was tendered a shower by her many friends at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Fay, Newport, where she was employed in Mr. Fay's general store for eight and one half years. She received beautiful gifts. She was also given a shower by her friends in Fairville and Elliotvale, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John W. McInnis, Elliotvale, where she received a beautiful reversible wool blanket and a purse.

SIXPENNY HANDLEY, England-(CP)-Ninety-two-year-old Eric Luc of this Dorset village still jumps two hurdles a day--"Just to keep fit."

Those of us who have been in the silver fox business since 1913 will remember Alfred Fraser, who was one of the first to appreciate the beauty and quality of Prince Edward Island silvers and it was through his firm, C. M. Lamson & Co., that Charles Dalton, the Rayners, Gordons and other pioneers marketed their pelts at such high prices. There was something very solid and reliable about Mr. Fraser and his firm and in later years his brother, Robert, represented Lamson's in New York. He was very anxious that we should preserve as much historical data as possible about the industry and offered to send facsimiles of prices and other details regarding the pelts that the pioneers marketed through Lamson's. Somehow this offer was not taken advantage of, which is regrettable as there is probably no more romantic feature to the fur industry than the domestication of silver fox here and the fabulous stories of wealth connected with it. Thus one by one those who are familiar with the pioneers such as Alfred Fraser, Robert Fraser and now Sydney H. Murley have either passed on or have retired from business and a new generation with new ideas has succeeded them.

Mid-west Fur Breeders' association filed a suit in federal court of Minneapolis, Minnesota, last week against Mutation Mink Breeders' Association alleging that the

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TIMELY NOTES ON TOPICS CONNECTED WITH Silver Fox and Mink Farming

Sydney H. Murley, President of Lamson, Fraser & Huth, Inc., who has been engaged in the fur business in England and America for 51 years, will retire at the end of this year having passed the retirement age of the parent firm, Hudson's Bay Company. Mr. Murley has spent his entire career in furs. As a boy of fifteen in his native England he was employed by the firm of Blatpiel, Stamp & Heacock from 1900 to 1909. From 1909 to 1920 he was with the English auction house of A. & W. Nesbitt. Leaving them he started his own business in London and also in New York. After a few years this was dissolved and he started a new business under the name of S. H. Murley Co. Ltd. which was in existence until January 1905. That year he became Director and General Manager of C. M. Lamson Co. Ltd., parent firm of the present Lamson Fraser & Huth, Inc.

When the Hudson's Bay Company bought the controlling interest in Lamson's, Mr. Murley came to New York for H. B. C. to found the present auction firm as a combination of Alfred Fraser Company and Frederick Huth & Company, both of New York, and C. M. Lamson. After founding the auction house he returned to England until 1940 when he returned as president of Lamson, Fraser & Huth. While in New York the past eleven years Mr. Murley has been active in a number of trade campaigns and has been a very worthy citizen and popular with the trade. During the years that W. Chester S. McLure and the writer were buying furs for the Hudson's Bay Company of London, we always made it a point to pay a visit to Mr. Murley, whom we found most friendly and likeable. He is a thorough judge of furs and those who were in the silver fox business in the early years will remember the firm of A. & W. Nesbitt that he was connected with. He was considered one of the best judges of silver fox.

Michael Dederer, president of the Seattle Fur Exchange, on a recent visit to New York, stated that ranch mink in western and north-western sections of the United States have shown a substantial improvement in quality in the past season, an improvement estimated at 25 per cent. He attributed this improvement to changes in feeding habits. Where the western and north-western ranchers formerly used mainly a fish diet for their crops they are now feeding a higher content of meal and cereal and the result is bigger sizes and better quality. Production of ranch mink is now fairly steady with very few new comers in the field. Explaining this statement Mr. Dederer said that the majority of fur farmers in business today started on a shoe string.

Furthermore, he said, it costs a minimum of \$15.00 to raise a mink and in some instances as much as \$18. A rancher who gets an average price of \$25 makes less money than he would if he were employed by someone. Mr. Dederer ventured. The small rancher has a tough time making a living. Any rancher with less than 150 females finds it difficult. Those with 150 to 400 breeders start making money and the big ranchers do quite well. He said that mink is pretty well sold out as far as the Seattle Company is concerned and that the season was very active.

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Island Odds And Ends

Mr. Willard Jordan's successful attempt at rehabilitation of game fishing, as told in Friday's Guardian, makes encouraging reading. What has been done at Lot 40 can be done at many other places in Prince Edward Island where old unused mill ponds are well suited for adaptation to the new idea. Every stream in Prince Edward Island which flows to the sea, and up which sea trout swim each year is a possible site for a "new Lot 40."

It takes little imagination to understand that this successful venture, if repeated in twenty or thirty other parts of the Province would greatly enhance the Island as a tourist attraction. The fishing at Lot 40 is beyond anything expected and there are much better streams than Lot 40 on which to repeat the experiment.

American sportsmen quite frequently charter planes for fishing expeditions into Northern Ontario or Newfoundland. They spend thousands of dollars on planes, guides, food and accommodation. In some cases these expeditions are quite arduous and made at considerable discomfort. Trout fishing, of the most satisfying kind, can be had at Lot 40 or any other area similarly improved at little cost and under far pleasanter conditions. Lot 40 is a little over twenty miles from Charlottetown. Those who have fished there recently have left Charlottetown at 6:30 p.m., caught a good basket of trout and returned to Charlottetown well before ten o'clock. There are no treks through wilderness country as in Ontario, or other parts of the Dominion. Fishing is all that anyone would desire and there is no discomfort whatever.

There are many old milldams in the Province, some of which have "gone out". These can very easily and cheaply be reconstructed, and improved after the fashion of the Lot 40 property and undoubtedly will give equally good results. The money obtained from fishing licences would finance the reconstruction of these ponds at the rate of four or five a year and it would be in the interests of the authorities to go ahead with a number of these projects as quickly as possible. After a year or two, the Province could

then be advertised with confidence as one of the best trout fishing regions in Canada.

Because of its geographical formation this Province has the whole Atlantic Ocean from which to draw sea trout, and the Lot 40 experiment proves that the trout will find their way into the pond when entry has been made easy for them. Once in the pond, it has also been proved that they go after a fly with enthusiasm.

There are a few streams in the Province which at present are being polluted due to commercial activities and it happens that these are among the best in the Province. It would seem only common sense that some step should be taken to end this destruction of valuable fishing areas. In New England and other parts of the United States literally millions of dollars are being spent to reclaim game fish streams, which have been denuded of fish by careless commercial practices. It will take years to bring them back to the point, where they will again produce fish, but the United States Government thinks it worth while to spend the money.

It is claimed by experts that no stream anywhere has ever been completely fished out by ordinary fishing methods. Where fish have habitually spawned, it is believed that they will always abound in fair quantities. Where they have become extinct, the wastage from commercial factories has killed

them and made it impossible for them to reproduce. In this Province in scores of places, the fish have had a hard struggle to survive because of netting, spearing and jigging, yet in spite of the gentry who resort to this illegal work, there is hardly a stream which does not yield a good catch sometime during the summer. One of the most commendable features of the experiment at Lot 40, lies in the fact that it permits the fish to reach deep water in a pond where it is practically impossible to net them. They can be netted on the way in from the sea, but they move up-stream quite fast and the greater part of each new "run" will reach any pond constructed in the same fashion. The time during which they can be netted is therefore limited. Previously they lay in narrow streams until they were cleaned out. Even only partially exploited Mr. Jordan's experiment will mean much new tourist money in our Province each year.

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Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, 28th June, 1951.

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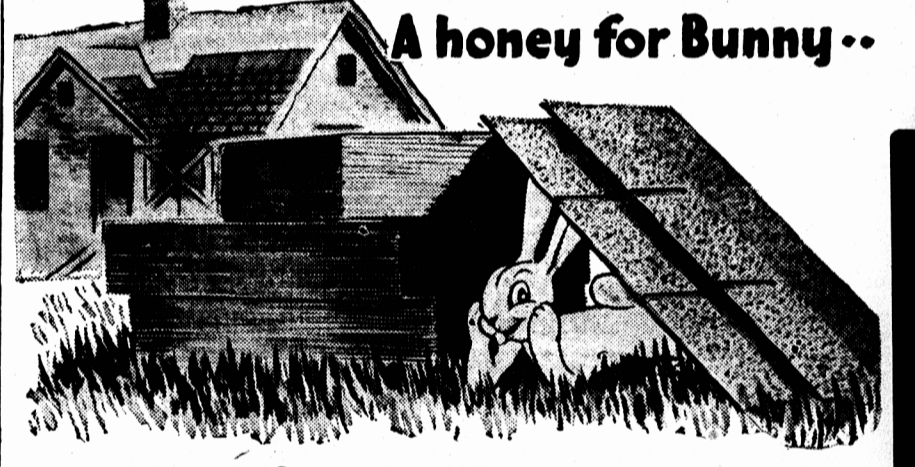
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