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#### BIRTHS

CLOW—At Pleasant Grove on Sept. 18th, to George and Mrs. Clow, a son.

#### DEATHS

MCRAE—At Flat River, Thursday, Sept. 18th, 1913, Christie McKenzie, wife of the late Capt. Rodk. McRae, of North Pinnetta, in her 82nd year. (Patriot Please Copy).

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#### TRULY MIXED.

—It would be difficult surely to equal in a "mixed marriage" the record of nationalities present at a recent wedding in London at which a Portofino gentleman was "best man." The ceremony was performed in a tiny Catholic chapel in Marylebone. Only six people were present. The bridegroom was a Belgian, the bride a Parisian, the bridesmaid a Dane, the best man a Scotchman, the priest an Irishman, and the Registrar an unmistakable Cockney. The crowning touch came with the wedding luncheon served by a Swiss and an Italian in an English club.

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#### DIARY OF EVENTS.

TO-DAY.

City Magistrate's Court, 9 a. m.  
Auction sale of land at Brothers Road, Court House, City, (Carter), noon.

P. E. I. Provincial Exhibition opens, Charlottetown, 2 p. m.  
Colonial Stock Company, performance, "A Fool and His Money," Opera House, 8.30 p. m.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1913

#### A HELPING HAND.

Recently a meeting was held in London of the English shareholders of the Union Life Assurance Co. of Canada when a resolution was passed appealing to the Government of Canada to hold an inquiry into the management and causes of the failure of the concern.

From the remarks of the chairman of the meeting it appears the representations made to the subscribers of the company's capital were of a character that should have warned them against giving their money to the promoters. Looseness in management and administration was evident all along the line. The directors failed to show capacity in safeguarding the shareholders' interests, and collapse came. In this the Government had no concern. If the law were broken in any respect the shareholders had their own remedy—and it is here the English shareholders are at sea. They do not know to what extent, if any, the directors and promoters are liable. In passing the resolution they were under a misapprehension regarding the operation of the Federal law here. The Government under law has considerable power over the operations of insurance companies, as of banks; but it is for the protection of the public. While a company shows that it is able to meet its liabilities as they become due, the Government has no reason to interfere. When the policyholders' interests are threatened action becomes imperative. It was taken in the case of the Union Assurance Company.

The company had no fewer than 150,000 policy holders in Canada, and these had their interests safeguarded by the action of the Minister of Finance in the spring, when he made an arrangement with the Metropolitan Life of New York to allow all policy holders to re-insure with that company so that not a dollar was lost.

Mr. White has now, though it was not incumbent upon him, acted upon the resolution of shareholders and appointed Mr. G. T. Clark liquidator to make a thorough inquiry into the affairs of the company with a view to finding out how the assets of the company were dissipated. Such an action is not necessarily within the functions of the Minister of Finance, and his readiness to comply with the wishes of the unfortunate shareholders will make a good impression upon the British financial world.

#### FOX REGISTRATION.

In a letter in The Guardian yesterday, Mr. B. I. Raynor, one of the Island's original fox kings, gives some illuminating advice with reference to imported foxes which, at this stage of the fox industry, it would be well to make a note of.

We commend his letter to all foxmen, present and prospective.

The Prince Edward Island Silver Fox Breeders Association, realizing the danger to the fox industry on account of mixed and indiscriminate importation, is at present grappling with the problem of registration in order to eliminate this danger and set the business on a firm and permanent basis. The undertaking is a worthy one. If successful and prudently and honestly carried out it will mean the permanent establishment of one of the greatest industries in the world; if it fails, if the business is permitted to go on as at present it will mean that those who have invested or shall invest in the fox business are taking a gamblers chance, which may mean either a fortune or ruin. It will mean also that the confidence of foreign investors will be forfeited and that the fox business can never develop into anything of permanent value to the province.

The Association has, at several meetings, discussed the question and laid down several formulas to serve as a basis of registration but each has its objectionable features.

Possibly at this stage the Association is attempting too much. The difficulty met with is to find a starting point, and the industry is too young to admit of this. It is quite true that foxes have been bred in

captivity for many years; true, also, that in many cases, though not all, the pedigree of these animals is known to their owners. Of these some have sprung from animals whose fur value has been proved; others have sprung from animals whose fecundity has been established through several generations, without any reference to or any assurance of fur value. To establish from these families a pedigree which would give the purchaser an absolute assurance that his purchase would produce valuable fur bearing silver foxes would be manifestly difficult, if not impossible. It would appear also from the discussions that have taken place, that any basis of registration so far proposed would exclude foxes that have proved their fecundity and their purity as silvers while also giving every indication of fur value. It is quite possible, therefore, that any system of definite registration or classification that might be devised would be objectionable in that it would be incomplete and inconclusive.

The object of registration is to enable the purchaser of foxes to know definitely what he is purchasing. This is absolutely necessary to guard against fraud and imposition. Such a safeguard could be provided by simply giving the history, as far as known, of the fox which it would be desirable to register. With this history available in a herd book the purchaser would know definitely the kind of animal he was purchasing; the history would be the course of a few years constitute a basis for definite classification and the herdbook of two or three years hence would be as complete and conclusive as that of any of the other Breeders Associations which are regarded as infallible.

To aim at such an infallible guide at this, the initial stage of registration, is regarded by many who are well qualified to judge as a most difficult and complicated proposition and the result would in all probability be far from infallible. A properly authenticated history of the animal would distinguish sharply between imported and Island bred foxes and would also indicate the crosses between these. With this information available the purchaser would be in a position to make fairly definite choice.

It will be remembered that already three or four meetings have discussed this question of registration and the matter is still unsettled. It is hoped, therefore, that all who have money at stake in the business and who wish to see it permanently established will be present at this meeting and that the question will be threshed out to a definite and satisfactory conclusion. It should not be a difficult matter to arrive at a basis of registration which would serve at least as a beginning by eliminating every opportunity for gambling and imposture.

#### PROVINCIAL HYMN WRITERS.

In the course of a long and interesting article in the Halifax Herald on prominent hymn writers, the Rev. R. Osgood Morse Summerside, says: The late Rev. Silas T. Rand, D. D., D. C. L., L. L. D., the well known missionary to the Micmac Indians, a generation ago, was the author of many hymns both in Micmac and in English. One of his hymns, found in The Canadian Baptist hymnal, and in other collections, is very similar to the great hymn, "Nearer My God to Thee." The first stanza of this hymn reads thus:—

"Jesus, my Lord, my God,  
Redeemer blest;  
Who saved me by Thy blood,  
And gave me rest,  
I lift my heart to Thee,  
That I may nearer be,  
Lord Jesus, nearer Thee,  
Still nearer Thee."

Dr. Rand will also be remembered as the translator into Latin of Top-lady's great hymn, "Rock of Ages," giving a rendering which the Right Hon. William E. Gladstone was quick to declare the best translation extant of that great hymn into the Latin language.

It may not be worth while to give specimens of Dr. Rand's Micmac hymns, as probably few of our readers could appreciate them.

We now reach the name of a living writer of hymns, William Edgar Enman, a native of Charlottetown. He has written about one hundred hymns, the most of them for "red letter and black letter saints' days." Three of these hymns have found their way into the "Book of Common Prayer" (Anglican). The one beginning:—

"Lamb of God to Thee we raise  
Hymns of holy love and praise,  
For the saint and prophet born  
To be herald of the morn."  
seems to reach the highest point of excellence among these hymns. Mr. Enman's hymns have a decidedly churchly aspect.

Rev. R. Osgood Morse commands more space in the Halifax Herald than any other writer not on its regular staff. His frequent contributions, usually of a literary and educational charac-

ter, are not only of value in themselves but incidentally help to advertise the Island.

#### NOTES.

Exhibition today and tomorrow.

In his latest article on hymns and hymn writers in the Maritime Provinces, Mr. Morse gives a deserved "leg up" to Mr. W. E. Enman.

King George has just sent portraits of himself and Queen Mary to be hung in the House of Commons at Ottawa. Portraits have been sent to each of the other self-governing dominions, and it is understood the cost for both portraits was \$5,000.

Of the young ladies of this side of Canada, Yorkshire Post has this charming compliment to pay: She has so many distinguished characteristics that, separating them, you become bewildered; you see her in many lights, many moods, but all combining to make her what she is—clever, capable and kind.

Many people are still very sore over the loss to the municipality of the business of Charlottetown Light and Power Co. The opponents of municipalization are now busy trying to convince citizens that they were not actually opposed, but wanted everything to be carried through on strictly business and legal lines.

Someone has been "pulling the leg" of the Busy East. In an eulogistic account of the Chas. Dalton Silver Black Fox Co., Ltd., it gives among the officers, "spiritual adviser, Hon. B. C. Prowse." The Senator says his duties must be to attend the ranch when the Veterinary Surgeon has a serious operation to perform.

Secretary Bryan has refused to consider the offer of the New York World of \$8,000 per annum with the sole provision that he will devote his entire time to the duties of his office and refrain during his tenure of office from lectures or other addresses at which admission fees are charged. It was not likely the principal Secretary of State would accept a newspaper subsidy to eke out an existence, which he says costs him \$20,000 per annum. Why doesn't the Legislature pay its officers a living wage? We can readily believe \$12,000 is too little for the Prime Minister of a hundred million people.

#### OYSTERS FARMING

By Our Special Commissioner.

(5) IN CONCLUSION.

In conversation with those who through their experience, would ordinarily be expected to know most about fish and the fishing industry, one is amazed to find how little is really known.

The farmer has, at least, an elementary knowledge of the scientific principles which govern the growing, the rotation, the selection, the sowing and reaping of the crops; the merchant has means at hand to gauge the movements governing prices; the professions are all schooled in the arts in which they are interested. But the fisherman knows practically nothing that is fundamental in connection with his business. He knows that in certain seasons some varieties of fish are abundant or the reverse, that, occasionally, out of the mysterious ocean a school of mackerel or cod or herring comes suddenly within range of his nets or his trawls and that they suddenly disappear. He knows vaguely that their movements are governed by the quest of food, by the pursuit of enemies or by the need of a different temperature. As to what food they seek, when or why a different temperature is desired, what constitutes their food, how the food supply might be governed or his fishing operations helped or hindered, he knows absolutely nothing.

In Richmond Bay, the Island's richest fish field and a place of phenomenal richness, questions arise continually which present knowledge is unable to answer and which if answered would undoubtedly revolutionize the fisheries in that field and around the province.

In connection with the oyster industry, search was made during the visit which gave rise to these articles, for evidence of the settling of "spat." It is known that oysters spawn during July or August and that some weeks later this spawn, fertilized and formed into "spat," attaches itself to such substances—shells, rocks, sticks &c.—as it may chance to encounter. Oyster culturists look anxiously for this spat settling. It is the promise of the next harvest. At the time of the visit referred to there were few positive indications of this settling in the open bay, but in the rivers on the west side of the bay indications were numerous. Practically every shell planted to act as a cultch was freckled over with the newly deposited spat.

Does this mean that the warmer and less disturbed waters of the rivers constitute a better nursery for

oysters than the deeper, colder, more turbulent waters of the open bay? It would be of immense importance and value to know this. We are now importing thousands of dollars worth of seed oysters from the United States, of which many are lost in transit, many fail to become acclimated and all receive a set-back in adapting themselves to the new surroundings. A reliable oyster nursery in Prince Edward Island would be a gold mine. It is true that oysters grow in the open bay and that seed oysters can generally be procured there but, at present not in sufficient quantity to be of commercial value. It might be possible, in one of the suitable tributaries of the bay to establish a nursery which would supply seed, the seed of the best oysters in the world, to the rest of the province. It would be worth much to know.

In a former article reference was made to the advisability of prohibiting lobster fishing in Richmond Bay. The outcome of such prohibition is of course, problematical but it would be worth much to know. The oyster industry is being carried on under conditions which spell extermination within the next few years. Is it possible to conserve this resource? To know how, to know even whether such conservation is possible, would be worth much.

The deep sea fisheries around the coast are carried on largely in a haphazard way. Fish of different kinds are harvested when and where they choose to come. Can this movement be guided or anticipated? Are they being exterminated?

Many questions of this kind arise and there is no positive answer. Can they be answered or is the fishing business to depend forever on the uncertainty of chance visitation and be liable to be cut off by unprofitable methods?

Much could be found out by a systematic and intelligent study. Much has been found out by scientists. For several years Dr. Stafford, M.A., Ph. D. Lecturer in Zoology in McGill University conducted a biological enquiry in Richmond Bay, under the direction of the Dominion Government. He found out much that was of value and he has given most valuable information on the subject of oyster culture. His studies have not been completed. On many important points when giving evidence before the Commission of Conservation, his replies were "We have no data on that subject." It would be of immense value to have these researches continued by a man of the qualification of Dr. Stafford and the government, federal or provincial—or both—should make an effort to follow to a conclusion what Dr. Stafford has begun.

There is no doubt that in Richmond Bay alone there are resources of incalculable value which practically nothing is known. Developed intelligently these resources would yield enormous revenues yearly and would afford a living to many who are now obliged to seek it in other provinces and other countries. True conservation implies an intelligent knowledge of conditions and this, is wanting as far as the fisheries are concerned. The government would be justified in making a most generous appropriation with the object of conserving this mine of illimitable wealth, now unexplored and threatened with extinction.

#### REGISTRATION OF SILVER FOXES.

Sir:—Four meetings of representative foxmen have been held and the question of registration of foxes is not much nearer solution than at the beginning.

While it is true that the pioneers in the industry have kept a record of their experience in private notebooks and that this might be taken as a basis of registration, so far as pure breeds are concerned, yet the great expansion of the industry, the heavy importation of foxes, good, bad and indifferent, and the large investment of money in these imported foxes, or in crosses between them and our own native Island stock, would make the establishment of a general registration from the pioneer stock an injustice to many investors, whose stock would be excluded from registration. I doubt, moreover, whether the legislature would give us an act of incorporation that would so seriously interfere with vested interests.

The rigid lines of registration should not be adopted at the beginning. I do not think we should insist on pure breeds at the start. We should simply be satisfied with a registry of silver foxes irrespective of quality.

The more I think of it, the more I am satisfied that, say, till the first of May next, we should be satisfied with the facts, affirmed by oath, concerning all silver foxes on Prince Edward Island. These facts would include place of origin, name of owner, and where known, date of births, sire and dam, price of peltries of ancestors, recurrency of females and of female ancestors.

This registration would embrace none but silver foxes. The animals could then be naturally classified as: 1. Island Silver Stock (ranch bred or wild.) 2. Crosses between Island stock and imported foxes. 3. Imported silver foxes and place of origin. 4. Silver foxes (Island or imported) from cross bred foxes.

In view of the fact that pure silver

### FASCINATING AUTUMN STYLES IN MILLINERY AT PATONS STORE

Paton's yesterday held an early display of fall hats which proved most inviting to the ladies of Charlottetown so inviting in fact that all day long the store was crowded with eager buyers.

All the sunniest of the bright early fall seems to be shining out of the new hats and materials and simply charming was the display with the quaint, odd little shapes and varied modes that New York suggests for the new season. Fashion offers bewitching styles in hats all black, others aglow with bright, warm colors—styles drawn from hats of centuries ago and millinery purely of present origin. In short, everything that is delightful, charmingly individual; whatever is appealing to exclusive taste in history or art is the vogue at Patons as their milliner Miss Beers has just returned from a trip to New York and has been busy for the last ten or twelve days getting ready for this preliminary opening.

Paton's grand winter opening does not take place for some weeks yet of the season being too early for the

selection of a winter hat. The present showing affords a selection never before equalled and the prices for hats of such beauty and distinctiveness are moderate as the customers know.

There are dozens upon dozens of smart hats including various, plush, velvets, and all the modish materials and felts, each with its smart bow feather, wing or mount fetchingly placed in a becoming manner. The millinery is displayed on the second floor in the handsomely appointed carpet room which has been thoroughly renovated and repaired after the recent fire.

Visitors to the Exhibition are asked to visit this department and see the millinery there displayed.

#### PERRIN'S GLOVES.

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may come from impure parentage a separate record might be kept of cross or patched foxes, or even of reds. This would be a start and would obtain till, say, May next and after that the off-spring only of these already registered would be recorded. Provision could be made to enable all those who had purchased Island stock to register with us. By such a system anyone who had a silver fox would be entitled to register him on his merits. The registration of animals would thus be on all fours and the difficult matter of registration of values, where our

competence might be called into question and which after all would only be superficial, would be avoided. However the question may be settled, it is quite clear that those whose money is at stake in the industry should take a greater interest in this question, so vital to it, and I hereby earnestly request everyone who is interested to attend the meeting at the Board of Trade Rooms, Charlottetown, on Wednesday next, when the registration of silver foxes must be settled one way or the other. I am Sir, etc., ALEXANDER ROSS.

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