

NEWSY NOTES

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NEW LONDON HARBOUR

The harbours on the north coast of Prince Edward Island have been formed where the strong outgoing tidal currents deposit their load of sand that has been gathered at the flow of water from the large inlet and bays increases its speed and carrying capacity when it rushes through the harbour's mouth with each outgoing tide. The location of these bars was not marked, except when there was an on-shore wind strong enough to produce surf that broke on reefs along the shore and when heavy enough, broke all across the bar.

Early in this century there were good breakwaters at most of these harbours, and at normal high tide, about twelve feet of water in the New London Harbour Bar. At that time there were many schooners owned and operated from these harbours, to carry farm produce to Maritime markets, and bring in coal, lumber and supplies to the merchants in these areas. The writer can recall seeing schooners filling every berth at the south side and end of the government wharf at Bay View, and at the sides and end of Mr. John Stewart's wharf, wharf with two or more schooners tied alongside of others, or anchored in the stream waiting their turn to discharge or load cargo.

At Stanley Bridge, a few miles west of Bay View, there were wharfs on either side of the channel, and in the autumn the berth space was at a premium, when, in addition to schooners owned locally, many schooners from the south shore of Nova Scotia and other Maritime ports were chartered to carry farm produce to market and bring heavy goods to these rural centres. Others centres at Clifton Bridge and French River were busy handling freight for the schooners that filled the berths at their wharves.

One of the youngest captains out of New London arrived outside the bar one day when waves were breaking on the bar. He chose what he considered a favourable lull, and headed in over the breaking water. When his schooner touched bottom, he dropped the peak of his mainsail and let his sheets go. The next wave carried him forward, to touch again as it receded, and then his ship was over the bar, but the shock of grounding had loosened seams in the hull, so that his crew had to pump continually from the harbour to Bay View, a distance of about four miles, where he ran his ship into a mud bank.

He came to the writer, asking that he get some men and pump out his ship, as his crew were exhausted, and the water in the hold had been gaining on them. He thought the mud and seaweed would stop many of the leaks temporarily. We went immediately, and found that water in the cabin had risen to about a foot over the floor. After many hours steady pumping, we freed the hull from water, and the crew, having rested, took over again. The captain was able to careen his schooner at low tide, in order to work the seams on one side, and then on the other side, cork the seams there. His ship was soon in commission again.

On another occasion a merchant came to the writer to say that a ship he had chartered to bring a cargo of molasses, salt & c., had

struck on the New London bar and had grounded on the eastern shoal. She had been there some time and the seas had forced her into shoal water, with a list of about 30 degrees to starboard. A storm was blowing, and he wished as much as possible of the cargo salvaged before the storm struck. The writer had a small, sturdy boat, and the merchant asked that he tow a lighter from New London out to the schooner and take off all the cargo that could be secured, and bring it to a safe place inside the harbour.

An experienced crew of fishermen was secured, and very early in the morning we set out from Bay View wharf in the dark. There were no visible guiding lights showing anywhere. The wind was light from the southwest, and as we passed Pickering's Point, it drew a few points more to the southward. We had never suspected that fishermen were so nervous as this trouble, and for their own safety one man held the sail half-way in his hand; he feared he could not let it go quickly enough if it was blown and a squall struck. Another held the sheet of the mainsail in his hand for the same reason.

When they noted that the change of wind had filled the sail so that we set out the sheet to take advantage of it, an argument arose as to the location of New London Harbour from our position. No two agreed, and several were sure that with the shift of wind we were not going in the direction of the harbour at all. The writer was steering, and maintained his course, without compass, so that after about an hour, when he heard the tide rip against the wind at the south entrance to Bullhau Channel, he knew that we had made that narrow entrance correctly. We followed the channel to near the sandhills, then swung west, after picking up the lighter or scow, until we rounded the breakwater and made for the ship on the eastern shoal.

She was sanded up to within a few feet of her starboard rail, where we made fast the scow. One experienced man soon had double blocks arranged at the foremast head, so that with the sail halyards we were able to hoist the puncher, and the ship's list allowed us to lower them right into the scow. In a few hours we had secured most of the cargo that was undamaged, and started salvaging salt bags, in which the salt had all melted, leaving only empty bags. Shortly before we finished, the wind veered around to the northeast, which gave us not only the wind astern as we towed the lighter into the harbour, but a fair wind to take us home to Bay View; operation successfully completed.

The threatening storm blew up from the northeast later, and the ship was rolled off the eastern shoal and disappeared. We never heard that any part of it was ever seen afterwards.

COURTESY PAYS

OXFORD, England — (CP) — Good manners encourage safe driving. Wing Cmdr. Cave-Brown-Cave told a meeting of the British Association For the Advancement of Science. He suggested drivers equip their cars with a flashing light saying "Thank you."

Timely Notes

Silver Fox And Mink Farming

Among the furs listed for the annual general fall auction at Anning and Cobb's London, we note 1,800 silver fox, 200 pearl platinum, 250 white fox and 14,000 red fox. They expect to begin selling September 22nd. . . . At the Seattle Fur Exchange sale Sept. 6, some 112,000 muskrats were 55 per cent sold. Top price was \$1.18. Average collections of Upper Yukons brought 80c to 85c; Lower Yukons, 75c to 80c. A collection of 300 white fox sold at prices unchanged compared with last month; one's and two's brought \$18 to \$20; Low two's \$12 and rubbed \$7.50. . . . The Canadian Fur Auction Sales Co. (Quebec) Ltd. two-day general sale of furs commenced last Wednesday and was to conclude on Thursday. Among the furs listed were 700 wild mink, 6,500 ranch mink, 4,200 mutation mink, 4,800 silver fox including 400 platinum. 600 pearl platinum and 700 white marked.

The American Fur Auction Co., New York, is holding sales Sept. 16 with 12,000 mink raw and dressed, in the morning and 1,800 Pearl silver fox, 2,200 platinum silvers, 6,500 silver fox and 1,500 white marked fox offered in the afternoon. A large percentage of these will be known as Norama, the world's finest fox. On Friday, Sept. 17, they will offer 4,000 blue fox.

Phillip Grossman, president of the Canadian Fur Auction Co. Ltd., left by plane recently to visit London, Paris and other European cities. The purpose of his trip is to contact firms representative in those cities and to attend the London Fur Sales.

Fouke Fur Co., St. Louis, Mo., has a full page ad in a recent Women's Wear Daily with this: "Suddenly it is a fur year; suddenly styles of fashion, fortune and fur . . . are smoothly geared. Paris and New York designers dotted the whole fashion landscape with furs. Smart women are enchanted with the new ideas in silhouettes, collars, sleeves. Fur on fur inspirations, etc., etc." Fouke Fur Company is one of the oldest in the United States and was one of the first to realize the beauty and appeal of silver fox.

A good crowd attended the Hudson's Bay Company Fur Sales in New York late last week, when an ordinary offering of EMBA and Independent mutation mink was unchanged to slightly stronger than June levels. A total of 4,152 EMBA mutations of various types was placed on the block. The auction company reported a turnover of 87 per cent, with good interest for all types. Prices were officially reported slightly stronger except for Jasmine and Breath of Spring Silver-blus, which were termed "unchanged". Comparisons were made with the June EMBA sale.

In the independent collection HBC reported as follows: 6,810 pastels, 74 per cent sold; 1,484 gunmetals, 90 per cent sold; 1,353 sapphires, 79 per cent sold; 983 whites, 61 per cent sold. Some 5,217 platins were offered and salesroom observers felt that about 75 per cent of these were sold. In independent mutations, 100 pastels, gunmetals, sapphires and platins were reported slightly stronger compared with June levels. Whites and Breath of Spring platins were said to be unchanged. The end-of-season offering consisted of what salesroom observers termed "local" merchant

disse to a large extent. With the market's inventories of mink pelts fast dwindling, strength of the sale was generally expected, particularly for female pelts now in strong demand.

Against French fur exports to the United States in July totalling the franc equivalent of \$98,341. France imported from the United States in the same month \$271,718 of furs, reports the French National Fur Federation. The above will give our readers some idea of the value of the Parisian market to old fox and mink farmers. In the old days when silver fox was king it was by far the best outlet and it still continues to be the leading outlet for mink.

A very attractive ad appears in a late issue of Women's Wear Daily, showing a very beautiful girl with a wrap-around silver fox and the following: "They're new! They're exciting! They're Norama Fox Opaline-Pearl-Platinum Fox Onyx-Silver Fox, Palladium-Platinum Fox. This is the fox the world has awaited . . . a fur as precious as it is rare, fox with a pedigree, specially bred for its shimmering tones, glistening sheen, silken depths. Internationally promoted and advertised, it was the choice of the world's foremost designers in their recent Paris and London Collections. Norama is promoting three types — each magnificent in its own special coloring — under registered trade-marks by arrangement with the Canadian National Silver Fox Breeders Association."

Just about two months until show time and our fox and mink farmers are no doubt figuring out the right methods of bringing their animals to the show table in the very best condition. With an upsurge in interest in silver fox we look to see this year's show the best for several years and with the increase in mink breeding throughout the province there certainly will be a larger display of mink tabled. This all means that competition will be stiffer this year and many of those who are just lukewarm in renewing their interest in the fur industry will come to look and learn, to meet old friends and to make new ones.

There is a lot of work and preparation put into carrying out a successful show and it has been largely due to the executive ability of Walter R. Shaw that the Prince Edward Island fox and mink exhibitions have been classed as the best in the Maritimes. Walter hasn't lost his interest although he is no longer Deputy Minister of Agriculture, and we look to see his genial countenance again in place when show time rolls around.

We notice in the Mink Rancher's Almanac, published in Denver, Colorado, a feed formula for mink recommended by Clarence W. Stacey of Stacey Fur Farm, Salem, Oregon: — Triceps and lungs 20%; liver 5%; ocean fish 60%; mink cereal 14%; Fur Ayd 1%.

Farm Income Shows Decline First Half 1954

OTTAWA (CP)—Canadian farmers' cash income dropped by \$88,700,000 in the first half of 1954. The bureau of statistics estimated Tuesday that cash income declined to \$1,093,900,000 from \$1,182,600,000 in the similar 1953 period.

It was the second consecutive decline from the peak of \$1,241,700,000 in the 1952 January-June period. Most of the drop resulted from lower returns on grain sales and thus by far the major portion of the decline was felt on the Prairies. Prince Edward Island income also decreased slightly, resulting from smaller earnings on potatoes. Other provinces showed gains. Ontario led with a \$24,000,000 increase.

The wheat situation was the biggest single factor in the decline. Smaller sales and lower prices reduced cash income from wheat by \$110,200,000 to \$132,700,000 from \$242,900,000 in the half-year period, the bureau said.

OFFSET BY LIVESTOCK

Offsetting this partially was a \$51,100,000 rise in livestock income to \$368,500,000. Larger marketings more than balanced the effect of lower prices.

Income from cattle and calves rose by seven per cent to \$185,800,000. Receipts from hogs jumped almost 27 per cent to \$190,500,000. Income from eggs increased to \$62,300,000 from \$60,300,000; and from dairy products to \$200,500,000 from \$196,500,000.

Saskatchewan, the biggest wheat-growing province, showed the biggest income decline, with receipts dropping to \$192,261,000 from \$300,343,000. Farm income for eastern provinces with figures for the similar 1953 period in brackets: Quebec \$192,205,000 (\$176,063,000); Prince Edward Island \$11,218,000 (\$11,939,000); Nova Scotia \$19,725,000 (\$18,284,000); New Brunswick \$21,824,000 (\$21,673,000).

IN THE HOME WORKSHOP



The type of garage shown here with both a gable and hip roof is probably the easiest structure for the week-end carpenter to make. When he finishes building this garage it should be only a short step by doing a small home with varied roof lines and other structural features. A pattern is useful, of course, as it provides dimensions throughout as well as cutting guides for rafters and other members. Pattern 393 illustrates exactly how the experienced builder would go about the job of erecting this garage. The design provides the usual width for a car and ample space for bench and working area. Price of pattern is 35c. Address your order to The Workshop Department, The Guardian Publishing Company.

KINGSTON W.M.S.

The September meeting of the Kingston United W.M.S., was held at the home of Mrs. Neil McKinnon. The meeting opened with hymn "Work for the Night is Coming."

Mrs. Bert Willis led the worship period with other members taking part. The Fifth Chapter of 1st John was read responsively and the Lord's Prayer in unison. Christian Stewardship was read

by Mrs. Lorne Smith. Roll call was answered by 13 members. Collection amounted to \$3.85, and Thankoffering, \$9.00.

It was decided to have a pantry sale in mid-September. Next place of meeting is the home of Mrs. Owen Younker. Mrs. James Jewel will be the worship service. Lunch committee will be: Mrs. Lyman Newson, Mrs. Alton Newman and Mrs. James Jewel.

The singing of hymn "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," and prayer by the president closed the meeting.

SLIGHT ERROR
BRISTOL, England — (CP) — A 15-year-old boy with an appetite for eggs stole two chickens and then awaited results—in vain. They were two cockerels, their owner explained in Bristol court.

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