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# NOT THE ANCESTOR OF DOMESTIC FOWL

Wild Turkey in Ontario Extinct—  
Barnyard Fowl Came From  
Mexico Via England

Sixty or seventy years ago, in the  
Niagara Peninsula and all up along  
Lake Erie's shore, wild turkeys were  
very plentiful. What happened to  
them? Shot out—trapped out—decimated;  
taking his size and rare flavor  
into consideration—once the King of  
Canadian game birds! For those  
magnificent creatures were often  
three and a half feet long and five  
feet in wing spread, and weighing over  
twenty pounds—almost the exact  
counterpart in appearance of our  
highest valued barnyard fowls.

When the young wild turkeys were  
hatched, beside some close-hidden log  
or in the seclusion of the deepest  
thickets, ten—sometimes fifteen—  
went to the brood. The mother bird  
made them the objects of her most  
constant solicitude and care, the little  
ones following close as she crept  
stealthily about among the densest  
available growth, where the grasses,  
plants and fruits that they fed on  
most abounded. Seeds and buds, too,  
they loved, and could never resist  
such delicacies as beetles, tadpoles,  
and small lizards. The only audible  
sign of the advance would be the  
mother's low, tender piping. Any  
danger ahead, and—at her instant  
change of tone—every toddler of them  
disappeared, only to emerge at the  
cautious parent's soft cluck.

They were very rarely caught sight  
of on the ground, but a dog could  
always flush them into the lower  
branches of the nearest trees, which  
was where the guns could flame their  
deadly work. Oftener, however,  
"trapping" was resorted to, for the  
wild turkey was swift in addition to  
its wariness, and like as not ended  
its flight in the tallest tree instead.

The early settlers of Ontario, when  
they emigrated, were thoroughly well  
acquainted with the domestic turkey,  
for it was introduced into England,  
in 1541 and popularly given its present  
name from the idea that sailors  
trading back and forth with the land  
of the crescent moon had brought it  
hence, and, when the English farmer  
emigrated to Canada, naturally, he  
brought the bird—among other handy  
small live stock—with him. It is  
easy to picture his amazement when,  
roaming the woods of his section, he  
came across wild turkeys—and the  
wonderment with which he realized  
that he had been "carrying coals to  
Newcastle."

But the domestic turkey of Eng-  
land had not come from Canada.  
Away back when Cortez effected the  
Spanish conquest of Mexico—and his-  
tory records it—than the store of gold  
then found in possession of the highly  
civilized natives nothing struck the  
imagination of the Spaniards more  
than the extensive, most complete  
menageries of the Mexican emperor  
—special mention being made of the  
fact that turkeys were largely fed to  
the beasts of prey. The Mexicans, in  
fact, had domesticated the wild tur-  
key, and habitually reared it for the  
table. In 1526 it had been trans-  
ported in a domestic state to the  
West Indies and the Spanish Main,  
which furnishes the clue to its ar-  
rival in England fifteen years later—  
not from Turkey—but originally from  
the wild stock of Mexico.

The barnyard beauty of to-day—  
his every feather proves it—is the  
lineal descendant of the Mexican tur-  
key, and not of its cousin, the bird  
that was trapped, and shot to de-  
struction in earlier Ontario days—the  
magnificent creature which at a pinch  
could fly a mile-wide river. Some-  
times a well-bred specimen of the  
Mexican stock has been known to at-  
tain the weight of forty-five pounds.

**Hole in Bottom of Sea**  
It is said that a hole nearly a mile  
deep was formed in the bottom of the  
sea off the coast of Panama by Cen-  
tral America earthquakes. As a re-  
sult of these earthquakes, a sub-  
marine cable was broken, and a cable  
ship was sent out to make repairs.  
The ends of the cable were found  
to be buried under enormous masses  
of material, and, where the Govern-  
ment charts published in 1904 showed  
a depth of 1,000 feet, soundings made  
from the cable ship found a depth of  
5,000 feet. This remarkable depres-  
sion is located off Los Santos Province  
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# Had Heaviest Snow Storm In Years

Fredericton, Jan. 22.—Frederic-  
ton had one of its heaviest snow  
storms in years yesterday, ten in-  
ches of snow having fallen accord-  
ing to the official measurements  
made at the Dominion Meteorolo-  
gical Station at the University  
of New Brunswick.

The total snow fall here this  
winter to date is upwards of 26  
inches, and the report received to-  
day indicate that yesterday's storm  
was general throughout the pro-  
vince.

Lumbermen, who had been com-  
plaining of there not being enough  
snow, are now fearful that the  
snow-fall may be so heavy as to in-  
terfere with their operations.

# Safeguarding Lives Of Travellers By Sea

New York, Jan. 22.—Speaking  
of the conclusions reached by the  
International Conference on Safe-  
ty at Sea, Paul Gottheil, chairman  
of the steamship companies com-  
mittee to-day said that every  
known safeguard for life at sea,  
had been provided for. The represen-  
tatives of the United States hav-  
ing signed the articles of the con-  
vention, he expressed the hope  
that this country would act prompt-  
ly to carry the decisions of the con-  
ference into effect.

"All of us are very much re-  
lieved by the outcome of the con-  
ference," he said, "Under the in-  
ternational agreement between the  
maritime nations a common prac-  
tise will be established in the use  
of the best means known that hu-  
man thought and ingenuity have  
devised."

"We must wait, of course, to see  
the whole of the agreement in its  
final state, but the summary of  
what has been accomplished suf-  
fices to assure us that the conven-  
tion has, so far as is it humanly pos-  
sible, provided for every known  
safeguard to protect life at sea."

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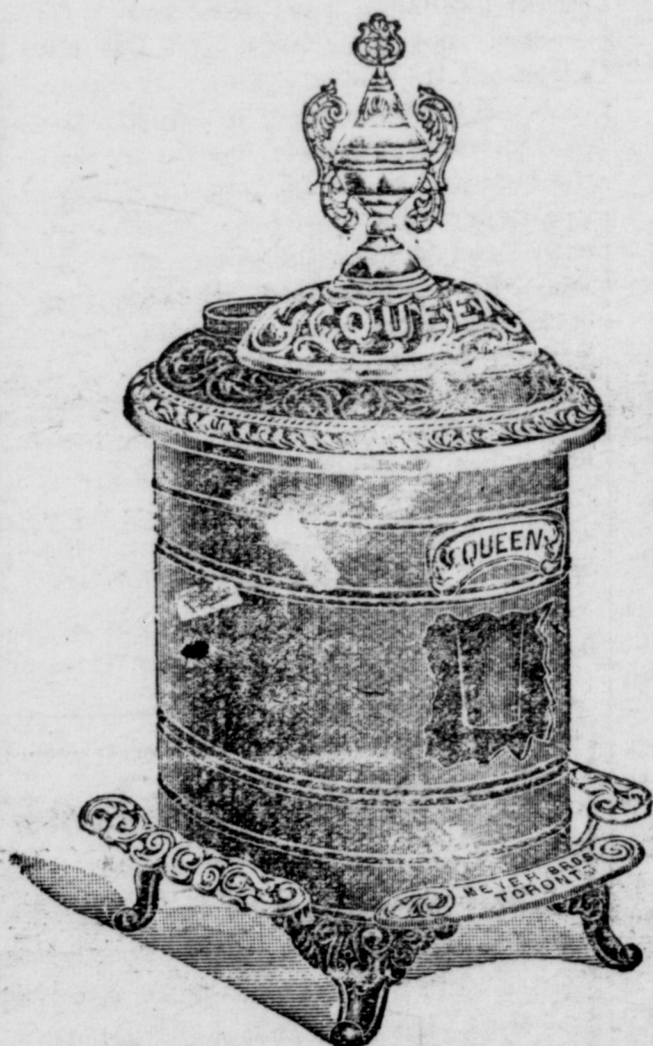
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