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Ranching in Alaska**

A picturesque and profitable industry which is being developed in Alaska is the farming of blue foxes. A number of islands have been leased for this purpose to private concerns, the animals being allowed to run wild, but supplied with food in winter time. The stock required is obtained from the Pribylof Islands, where blue foxes have been numerous for many years.

The so-called blue fox is in color a dark blue gray. It is variant, or "sport," of the common white Arctic fox. For some reason unknown most of the foxes on the Pribylofs are blue, and, to keep the strain as pure as possible, all white ones are destroyed.

The foxes on the Pribylofs make their dens in holes among the rocks. Males weigh as much as fourteen pounds. They are fed in winter on refuse seal meat, which is preserved by salting. About 1,000 are trapped annually, the skins fetching \$100 apiece at auction.

Native to the Arctic Circle in Alaska is a curious breed of dwarf cattle, known as the musk ox. It has an undercoat of hair as fine and soft as silk, which is woven into ceremonial garments for the Eskimo chiefs and mystery men. The natives regard the animal as sacred. A half-formed project has in view the domestication of the species, which, if herds were developed, might become a valuable source of food supply.

The wealth near the Arctic in timber is enormous and virtually untouched. It shall not be recklessly wasted or misused, but shall be conserved as an undiminished resource for future generations. This is an affair which has been taken in hand under the scientific direction of the Forest Service and one measure already adopted has been the setting aside of vast tracts as reserves—not to be withheld from public use, but to be managed with a view to intelligent utilization and conservation. These reserves are estimated to contain 77,000,000,000 board-feet available for lumber and pulp.

Alaska today has a white population of about 36,000 to which must be added 25,000 native Eskimos and Indians. What it needs most for its development is railroads. At Seward the southern terminus of the new Government-owned railroad, a harbor

has been dredged and a coaling station established for the navy. One may now travel by rail all the way from Seward to Fairbanks, though the bridge that is to span the Tanana is not yet built. It will be a fine structure, costing \$2,500,000. The building of the railroad has employed 55,000 men for several years the winters being devoted to rock excavation for cuts and tunnels. Not counting the bridge its total cost will be about \$52,000,000. It will be finished in two years.

The Tanana is a tributary of the Yukon, which is one of the world's greatest rivers and the principal artery of the commerce of the interior of Alaska. It will easily be seen what important advantages may be expected to accrue from a rail connection between the Yukon Valley and the South Alaska coast. The Government, however, has already in mind an extension of the road to Cape Prince of Wales on the American side of Bering Strait, and the route it is to follow has been provisionally surveyed and mapped.

From Fairbanks the railroad will turn slightly west of north, reaching the south bank of the Yukon (distance 127 miles) at a point called the Rapids, where the river narrows, with high rocky bluffs on either side and a rocky islet in midstream which exposed at low water, offers an inviting place of support for a bridge. The Yukon, according to the provisional plans, will be crossed by a bridge with a span 1,250 feet long, at a height of 150 feet above the stream.

Thence the railroad will run westward along the north bank of the Yukon 225 miles to the Koyukuk river which it will cross at a point not far from where it enters the Yukon. From there it will proceed due west to Council, which is the centre of a gold-mining district. The distance from Council to Cape Prince of Wales is only 150 miles as the crow flies, but the route followed will be more devious, up the valley of the Nukluk, thence across a low divide to the Fruzemapa river, along the banks of the latter stream to where it empties into an arm of Bering Sea (Imuruk Basin), to the seaport village of Port Clarence, and up the coast to the Cape.

Greater developments are coming.

**SON OF MINE
SONG CAME TRUE**

London, Oct. 4—While Peter Grahame famous baritone was singing "Son o' Mine" before an audience of 2,000 a telegram boy interrupted him by coming on the stage with a telegram which he handed Grahame. Grahame read the message and then held up his hand:

"The song's come true," he said "I've got one."

The telegram was a message announcing that his wife had presented him with a son.

Though reading and conversation may furnish us with many ideas of men and things yet it is our own meditation must form our judgement. The reputation of a man is like his shadow. It sometimes follows and sometimes precedes him; it is sometimes longer and sometimes shorter than his natural size.

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**A DOMINION
LOAN MAY YET
BE ISSUED**

(Financial Post)

Estimate of the amount of bonds converted under the Dominion refunding scheme must be considered merely as estimates for no degree of accuracy can be attained in such a guess.

Assuming though that two thirds of the 1922 bonds are converted this would care for about \$125,000,000 of the financing that was on the books for this fall. On this basis there is still every indication that further borrowing by the Dominion will be necessary this fall.

The needs of the Minister of Finance centered around \$154,000,000 of maturing bonds and \$155,000,000. Of the total \$100,000,000 were borrowed this summer in New York. Approximately \$125,000,000 of the maturities will be refunded. Figuring on the basis there is still \$124,000,000 required.

New York, had an unsatisfactory experience with the last Canadian loan and afterwards admitted that the shrewd Mr. Fielding had made them pay more than his bonds were worth. But despite this fact New York would take the loan if it could get it. But until Mr. Fielding returns from Genoa the decision between New York and Canada remains in abeyance.

At the moment the odds are for a Canadian loan. It is conceded that 5 1/4 per cent money could be had in Canada on a large domestic loan.

NASHWAAK BRIDGE.

Oct. 2—A number of people from this place attended the Stanley Fair. All report having had a good time.

Miss Lina Urquhart has gone to Portland to enter the hospital as a student nurse.

Miss Mabel McDonald of Devon was visiting Miss Gertrude McGivney during fair week.

Services was held in the Methodist Church Sunday evening. An able sermon was delivered by Rev. Mr. Westmorland which was thoroughly enjoyed by a large congregation.

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