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MUSKRAT FARMING.

The rising prices for muskrat fur have aroused considerable interest as to the feasibility of breeding this animal in captivity. Though prices may have reached the peak, it is altogether likely that this fur will command an attractive figure for many years to come. The farming of muskrat ought, therefore, to be a profitable business.

Present experience goes to show that the muskrat is not a difficult animal to raise. It is necessary to own or lease a stretch of suitable marsh alike of quiet stream, which one could fence, if necessary. If there are already muskrats in the area, all they need is protection; if not, breeding stock must be bought from trappers. The rate of increase is fast; observers state that the muskrat brings forth three litters in a season, and from six to nine in a litter.

Clear water is preferable and it must be deep enough never to freeze to the bottom. The food consists mostly of the roots and stalks of aquatic plants, such as wild rice, flags, water-lilies, reeds and cat-tails. Muskrats will sometimes partake of clams, fish and insects. If the food supply is not sufficient they can be fed garden vegetables.

The muskrat appears to be somewhat like the cat in sticking closely to its home, and, so long as there is an adequate amount of food, is unlikely to migrate. Its principal natural enemies are the owl, hawk and mink.

In Maryland, which is a great centre for raising muskrats, the marshes often yield a better income per acre than adjoining cultivated land. One raiser is said to take 2,500 muskrats each year from a 50-acre marsh and yet leave enough for re-stocking.

Even as long ago as 1909, when skins were very cheap, the leasing of marshes was profitable, and the value of muskrat marshes was estimated by an American expert at \$40 an acre. As this fur has quintupled in price it is a fair assumption that these lands are worth at least \$200 per acre today.

THE CHECK STAMP

The Dominion Government has decided to continue the stamp tax on checks for another year. Considerable revenue was raised by this tax last year, and it is looked upon as a fair method of taxation. They have a similar law in the United States, and in commenting on it in a recent issue the New York Herald said:

"There are many millions of dollars a year to be raised by a stamp tax on checks. There is no tax which is simpler, fairer and more effective. It is a tax which has no cost of administration beyond the printing press costs of turning out the stamps. It is a tax which keeps its own books."

"It is a tax, furthermore, which while imposing no hardship on ninety-nine payers out of a hundred, yet is an incessant reminder to the men, women and children slapping the stamps on the checks that they are paying such taxes all the months of the year and the days of the week. And it is a good thing for the people of a self-governing and self-taxing nation to keep constantly in mind that they are being taxed and taxed and then taxed some more, so that they will take a very serious and active interest in the way their public servants are spending their taxes."

The banks of Canada will not cash a check unless it contains a two-cent stamp. The check may be for a million dollars, or it may be only for one dollar but it must be reinforced by a so-called war tax stamp. Oftentimes the stamp is not provided by the party who issues the check. If he is issuing the check in payment of a grocery or dry goods account the merchant is usually given the opportunity to provide the stamp, and is pleased to do so. If the drawer of the check happens to be a government official or is working for some large mercantile house, it is dollars to doughnuts that the price of the stamp does not always come out of his own pocket. All the same the stamp finds its way on to the check, and it represents a payment of two cents into the public exchequer.

Our old friend Mr. Pinder, M. P. P. when the bill to provide a salary of \$2100 for the Minister of Health was before the House, wanted to know where the money was to come from and suggested that it might be necessary to raise it by a bond issue.

Mr. Pinder was not the least bit inquisitive when the bill to increase the indemnity of members came up for consideration. He did not know where the money was to come from nor did he care so long as a portion of it was destined for the side pocket of his own pants.

The bill relating to the registration and qualification of dentists, which might be described as an act for the relief of Dr. Gerrard, was skillfully handled in the House by Dr. Crockett of this city. Although it did not get beyond the Committee stage Dr. Gerrard certainly achieved a moral victory. The leading lights of the Dental Society might do well to take the hint and see if some amicable settlement of the dispute cannot be arrived at.

** THROUGH OUR SIEVE **

There is a kick in every pair of \$15 shoes.

Spring weather is as hard to understand as a woman.

Our April showers have a tendency shrug their shoulders and turn to snow.

Potato prices go up in big jumps. Soon it will be economical to eat strawberries as a cheap substitute.

A missionary says that natives of Africa don't use the ouija board. What's he trying to do, boost Africa?

Every time a girl masters a new method of combing her hair she acts just as a man does right after he gets a raise in salary.

Young people plunge into trouble because they don't recognize it; older ones because they know they have to.

A look into the future reveals a tottering man with one foot in the grave. Another look reveals his identity. It is old Hi Cost.

"The Lord helps those who help themselves," quoted Chester Knutt. "And believe me," said Hazel, "that's the only help available these days!"

Perhaps those overall clubs are being formed so a salaried man can disguise himself like a wage earner and not be looked down upon.

Inspector McLean Resigns

St. John Globe: W. M. McLean, Inspector of Schools, has, it is understood, tendered his resignation. For upwards of fifty-two years Mr. McLean has been identified with the teaching profession, forty of them as a teacher in active service and the past eleven as inspector of the St. John and Charlotte district. No member of the profession is better known, none held in more kindly remembrance, than Mr. McLean. Teachers and scholars all over his district, and teachers all over the province will regret his early retirement from the work with which he has been so closely identified for more than half a century. It is understood that Mr. McLean will go west during the summer to visit relatives living in Alberta. (Mr. McLean is a graduate of the University of New Brunswick of the year 1898.)

EX-GOVERNOR OF N. S. DEAD

Halifax, N. S., April 26.—Sir Malachi B. Daly, K. C., M. G., former Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia, died at his residence in this city tonight after an illness extending over several weeks. He was born at Marchmont, Que., February 6, 1836, a son of Sir Dominick and Caroline Daly. He practiced law in Halifax for several years and in 1878 was elected a member of the House of Commons and continued to retain his seat there until 1886. He was for two years President of the Charitable Irish Society. In 1890 he was appointed Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia and continued in office for ten years.

TENDERS FOR RESIDENCE

TENDERS will be received at the office of McLellan & Hughes, Fredericton, up to and including May 10th, for the large and valuable property of the late Timothy Lynch, situated on Regent street, Fredericton, in the central part of the city.

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LOCAL NEWS

Baby Boy Arrives

Mr. and Mrs. William McNulty are being congratulated by their friends on account of the birth of a baby boy, Sunday.

Preliminary Hearing Next Week
Hon. J. P. Byrne, Attorney General is in Fredericton on Departmental duties. He stated today that he expected to be in consultation with W. P. Jones, K. C., of Woodstock in regard to the Clark murder case at Grand Falls. He expects that the preliminary examination of Clark will begin next week.

Enjoyable Dance

The Misses Myrtle and Irma Scott entertained about seventy five of their friends at a very enjoyable dance last evening at "The Palms." Excellent music for eighteen dances was supplied by Messrs. Tennant, Prescott and Mayes. After the tenth dance dainty refreshments were served. The chaperones were Mesdames James M. Scott and William Minto.

Auction Bridge

The Countess of Ashburnham entertained Monday night at her residence Brunswick Street, in honor of Mrs. W. J. MacLean who is to remove shortly to Brockton, Mass. There were three tables of auction bridge. The first prize-winner was Mrs. Charles H. Weddall and the second Mrs. D. Lee Babbitt. The prizes were a handsome cut-glass dish and vase. Refreshments were served.

Death of a Child

The sympathy of the community is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Man- derson of this city in the death of their infant son James, which occurred yesterday morning at their home in Charlotte Street. The deceased was only seven months of age and is survived by his parents and two sisters. The funeral service was conducted this morning by the Rev. Mr. Bate and interment was made at the Rural Cemetery.

GAS-ENGINE COURSES GIVEN ON GD. MANAN

A. H. Whitman, B. Sc., Instructor for Provincial Vocational Education—Attended With Success.

A. H. Whitman, B. Sc., of the New Brunswick Vocational Department has just returned from Grand Manan where he spent some time conducting free courses in gas-engines. He held four schools and instructed about 125 people, owners or operators of gas-engines or cars. S. D. Guphill, M. P. P., applied for the courses in that section of the province on account of the large number of gas-engines used by the fishermen and because the time could be spared in the spring before the fishing season began.

No Longer Experimental.

These courses have been experimental in nature but have met with such success that the experimental stage is passed. Mr. Whitman will go to Port Elgin, Westmorland County, this week, a large fishing population in that section being anxious to have the courses.

The intention is to have this Itinerant School serve the smaller centres of the province. The larger centres are expected to furnish their own schools. The farming communities also are to be served. The courses are officially known as The Itinerant Motor Mechanics Schools.

Mr. Whitman is a graduate of Nova Scotia Technical College and recently was in Newfoundland conducting courses for returned soldiers.

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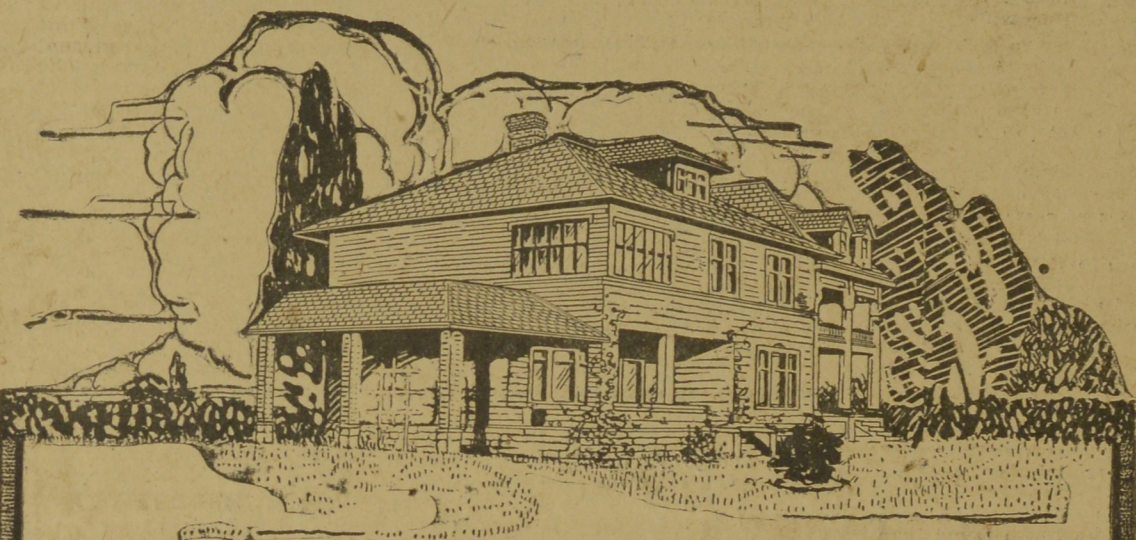
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