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THE GOAT INDUSTRY.

It will be a surprise to many Canadians to know that there is being developed in British Columbia an important goat industry. The goat show at the Exhibition of the Coast Province last Fall drew attention to this little known development and the progress made in this novel branch of animal husbandry it has peculiarly made its own. There were three hundred goats exhibited at the show which is said to have been one hundred more than any other show in the world has been able to collect. C. A. Leach noted Nebraska authority on goats was loud in his praise of the herd, stating that he had just completed a tour of eleven of the States and had seen nothing to compare with the British Columbia exhibit. The grand champion he declared to be the finest animal he had ever seen, and concluded that United States breeders could profitably import from the British Columbia herds to improve their stock.

The story of the development of the goat industry in British Columbia is a remarkable one, "Agricultural and Industrial Progress in Canada" points out. The Coast Province has been the only one to seriously engage in this phase of agriculture and in quite rapid time has made it an essential part of her livestock industry. Largely as an experiment a foundation stock of some 209 head specially selected, were imported from the United States. By 1921 the number of these animals on the Pacific Coast had increased to over 5,000 and since that time have more than doubled.

The chief source of income from goats in British Columbia is from the sale of milk, for which there is a ready and constant market. Milk-ling qualities receive the closest attention and the capacities of provincial animals are being steadily increased through the importation of animals for improvement in breeding. Official records are high, running from 2,000 to 3,000 pounds per annum while the grand champion at the recent show gave eighteen pounds per day. The provincial yield of goats milk in 1921 was 75,450 gallons worth \$45,300 while in 1924 it was 173,000 gallons worth \$103,800 and in 1925, 190,000 gallons worth \$114,000. It is yet substantially higher today.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

—This year is leap year—for those of us who, crossing the street do not forget to look and leap this year.

—The second set of triplets has arrived at the home of Michael Garrity, of Browntown Penn. The first three are all boys—the new arrivals all girls.

Ira Karachner was killed when his car ran head-on into a telegraph pole near Berwick, Penn. A phonograph record he was taking home was entitled "I Am Bound for the Promised Land."

One of the witnesses who appeared before the Fisheries Commission at St. John urged that the salmon angling season on the St. John River be made to close on September 1st instead of September 30th. If this were done it would simply mean that in a session of high freshets, such as last year there would be little or no angling in the St. John. It must not be forgotten that the St. John is the largest river in the province and that the angling season starts much later than on the Restigouche or Tobique. The fishing in the St. John never amounts to much when the water is at a high pitch. The view of American lease holders

that salmon angling should cease on August 15th is not shared to any great extent by our own people.

Mr. Allan G. McAvity president of the New Brunswick Fish and Game Protective Association in his evidence before the Fisheries Commission at St. John, complained of interference with fishery officers by politicians. He said that this was in a great degree responsible for the indifference of officers paid to protect the fisheries. What Mr. McAvity says is undoubtedly true but what is going to be done about it. The appointment of fishery guardians is about all that now remains to federal politicians in the way of patronage and it is going to be rather difficult to get them to surrender it.

Our esteemed contemporary the Moncton Transcript in commenting on the provincial government's financial statement opines that the province is heading towards direct taxation. It was certainly heading that way two years ago. Premier Baxter seems to have reversed the engine and it is now moving along very nicely in the other direction.

Conservatives may well be pleased with the initial efforts in Parliament by Hon. R. B. Bennett as leader of the opposition. The new leader spoke exceedingly well and his criticism was of a constructive nature. His speech seems to have made a very favorable impression throughout the country.

A European doctor has invented an infallible medicinal cure for seasickness instead of losing his passport.

Man lost one rib and there's the rub.

There are some men so careless that they won't even pay attention.

PERSONAL MENTION

Miss Evelyn Murphy who has been visiting at her home here for the past few months has returned to New York.

Miss Emily Hobin of Edmundston is the guest of Mrs. J. A. Morrison of Salamanca.

Miss Kathleen Carten and Anna Cain returned to New York on Monday.

Hon. Lewis Smith, M. L. A., Minister of Agriculture, has been registered at the Barker House since Monday of this week.

G. C. Murphy of Bangor is registered at the Barker House today.

W. P. Uptown of Orono, Me., is a guest of the Barker House this afternoon.

W. T. Harris of Minto, N. B., is among the guests of the Barker House today.

H. B. Watham of Saint John is registered at the Barker House today.

E. A. McKee of Saint John is at the Barker House today.

Dr. J. A. McDonald representative of the School for the Blind at Halifax, was registered at the Barker House yesterday and returned to Halifax this morning.

S. C. DeLong of Saint John is a guest of the Barker House today.

Clarence Hestis of Boies'town is registered at the Barker House today.

Morgan A. Hull of Montreal is at the Barker House today.

W. A. Palmer of Montreal is at the Barker House this afternoon

Broke Bones in Hand.

Miss Ethel Harvey, local nurse, sustained two broken bones in her wrist, when she slipped and fell on the ice in front of the Post Office one day in the latter part of last week. The injury caused considerable pain to the young lady and was immediately attended to by a doctor. Today Miss Harvey is reported to be resting comfortably.

Funeral Today.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Margaret Lehr took place this morning from the late home in Hanwell. Rev. Mr. Fairweather conducted the service and interment took place at the Rural Cemetery.

THROUGH OUR SIEVE

Spring seems to be breaking up.

Soon there will be no need of people traveling. They can broaden at home by radio.

Thus far psychiatrists seem not to have savey the lives of anybody except murderers.

Even if opportunity offered we don't believe we'd care to spend more than "the rest of the winter in Florida."

Millions in China are starving. And that is about all that is left of the war that went round and round and never got anywhere.

Thomas Hardy's cousin says he should have stuck to architecture that "he might have done well at that." Relatives are hard to please.

Opponents of capital punishment are always busy. They may be the same people who are in favor of abolishing the much needed hell.

Man finds little bother in adapting himself to circumstances. For example it may be said that he soon got accustomed to short skirts. They no longer annoy him.

There are two sides to every story what the two pants suit really calls for to be satisfactory in all respects: Two sets of keys, two penknives, two billfolds and duplicates for a few other trinkets.

Egg Laying Contest.

The Barred Rock pen of Mrs. Edward Hart again led in the New Brunswick egg laying contest last week and now leads the list in the number of points. Its production for the week was 38 eggs which scored 42.1 points and its total for the thirteen weeks of the contest is 481 eggs and 462.8 points. The pen of W. A. Sansom of Durham Bridge, York County, is in second place with 454 eggs and 444.1 points. The pen of John Moore of Scotch Lake stands third with 481 eggs and 430.2 points. The total egg production last week was 569.

A Successful Guide

Mr. Charles Cremin, of this city, who is the owner of extensive sporting camps on the head waters of the Nepisiguit will leave shortly for New York on his annual business trip. Mr. Cremin has numerous sportsmen friends in New York and vicinity from whom he is always sure of a cordial welcome. He is one of New Brunswick's most successful guides and outfitters and has developed a large and profitable business.

Unusual Conditions.

A gentleman who returned recently from a trip up-river states that the St. John river is open for many miles above Perth, a most unusual condition for mid-winter. He says that many farmers have hitherto used the ice bridge as a means of getting pulpwood, potatoes and hay to the railway stations for shipment, but have been unable to do so this season. The result has been serious loss and inconvenience.

Guests at the Windsor.

The following are registered today at the Windsor Hotel: J. Silverlight, New Glasgow; H. E. Marney, Amherst; W. J. Brady, St. George Que.; A. D. Horton, St. John; L. M. Price, Moncton; M. A. Pierce, Montreal; F. Flanagan, Montreal; G. W. Higgins, Minto; P. Flynn, St. John; R. C. Kaye, Moncton; G. H. Cairns, St. John; E. A. Givaro, W. E. O'Neill Sussex; R. Powers, F. R. McMullin, St. John; A. U. Jonah, Moncton; G. E. Davis, Debec Jct.; F. N. Currie, H. A. Chandler, Woodstock.

DIED

BURLOCK—At the home of her son, Sterling Burlock, Devon, Mrs. Evelyn Burlock, widow of Leonard Burlock, aged 75 years. Service at the late home Wednesday at 8 p. m. by Rev. D. C. Kaine. Service at United Church, Smith's Corner at 2 p. m. Thursday. Interment at Zealand.

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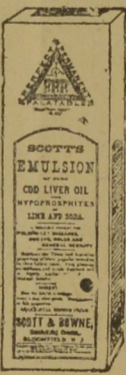
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