

PARTRIDGES REPORTED TO BE INCREASING

Favorable Reports Given Out by Scalers and Others Whose Duties Take Them Into the Woods.

That partridges are coming back and are likely to be very plentiful within a year or two is the opinion expressed by officials of the Department of Lands and Mines and others whose duties take them into the woods of the province. A good many flocks of young birds have been seen in localities where there was a scarcity last year and there is every reason to believe that the hatching season was a favorable one. Last winter was an exceptionally mild one and there is reason to believe that parent birds were able to winter well.

Partridges given a reasonable chance can multiply quite rapidly. A female bird usually hatches out from ten to a dozen chicks and in a very few days the young ones can take pretty good care of themselves. By early fall they are fully grown and if they can only escape their many enemies including the man with the gun, there would be a big increase in breeding stock the following year.

The shooting of partridges has been prohibited by law for several years and while the birds are increasing it is scarcely likely that the ban will be lifted by the government during the approaching game season.

CITY AFFAIRS

Attending Conference

R. B. Wallace, M. A., of the Education Board in this city, left this morning for Sackville to attend the Educational conference which is being held in that city on Wednesday afternoon relative to the standardization of common school leaving and matriculation. The meeting is being attended by educational heads all over this province and Nova Scotia. Dr. C. C. Jones of the University of New Brunswick also is attending the conference.

The Guards Band

The famous band of the Canadian Grenadier Guards gave a successful concert at the St. John Arena yesterday under the auspices of Lieutenant Governor Todd and Premier Baxter. A splendid program was carried out and greatly enjoyed. This splendid musical organization will be in Fredericton tomorrow and will give a concert at the Trotting Park in the evening under the auspices of the Canadian Legion. Arrangements have been made to handle a large crowd.

Rotary Picnic

The Rotary club of this city enjoyed their annual picnic yesterday at Robinson's Point, Grand Lake. A large crowd was present which included the members and their wives as well as invited guests. A rare program was provided which consisted of games and all other kinds of amusements. Boxing bouts, swimming races, beauty contests and other events were on the card and were enjoyed to the utmost. Those in charge of the picnic were, Joseph Dolphin, John Kinghorn, Harold Colwell and Alexander J. Thompson.

Visit Relatives Here

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Burnett of Fort Francis, Ont., arrived in this city by automobile yesterday and are paying a visit to Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Pickard of Devon. The two were formerly residents of this city and a host of friends are warmly welcoming them back. For the past number of years Mr. and Mrs. Burnett have made their home in Ontario, where Mr. Burnett is a prosperous farmer. The two report a fine trip down through New Brunswick and the roads in wonderful condition despite the inclement weather conditions.

TREE TRIMMING MAY BE DONE BY CITY COUNCIL

Maritime Electric Ask Aid From Council in This Work—Want an Expert—Matter Under Consideration.

The proposition of tree trimming came up at last night's City Council meeting and quite a discussion arose over the matter. A communication was received from the Maritime Electric Company saying that the overhanging branches and limbs of a great many trees in the city were interfering with the electric wires and consequently causing trouble. In the same letter a proposition was outlined by which the Maritime people agreed to share half the expenses with the City Council in engaging an expert to cut and trim such trees as are a menace to wires and also to citizens. After much discussion on the subject Alderman Currier moved that the matter be left to the Roads and Streets Committee. The motion was seconded by Alderman Ross and adopted.

Work Being Done

At the present time the Maritime Electric are doing work of this nature (Continued on Page Five)

RAINFALL SURE TO DO DAMAGE TO GROWING CROPS

Farmers are Now in Fear of Rust Blight—Haying Operations Also Stopped by Excess of Moisture.

A decidedly heavy and continuous rainfall today added to the pessimistic outlook held by the farmers with regard to their crops. Rain which has fallen throughout the province and particularly in this district for the past two weeks or more has done much to retard outdoor farm work, haying particularly has suffered. And although the majority of farmers hereabouts have completed haying operations a great number have not and the incessant rain has spoiled many a ton ready for the barn. Reports from farmers in this locality prove that bumper crops were expected and an expectation of two and a half tons to the acre is no exaggeration.

Potato Rust

Potato rust is what the farmers are now in dread of and it looks as though it may result, with the (Continued on Page Five.)

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