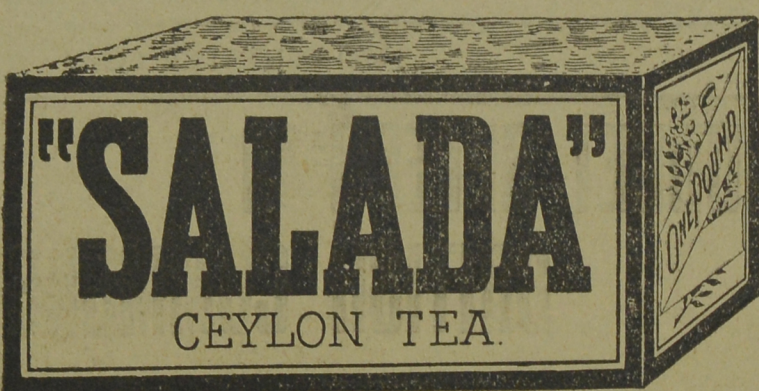


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FOX RANCH INDUSTRY IS IMPORTANT

(Toronto Globe.)

The report for 1913 of the commissioner of agriculture in Prince Edward Island contains statistics that show the importance of this industry in that province. Under the authority of a statute passed in that year, to change the mode of taxation of young foxes, an enumeration was made last August and it was found that there were two hundred and seventy-seven ranches, stocked with foxes young and old, at the aggregate value of fifteen million dollars. Some idea of the local importance of fox-ranching may be obtained from the fact that the aggregate value of all the ordinary farm live stock on the Island was, at the census of 1911, less than seven and a half millions; just half of the value of the foxes.

The report notes a falling off in the increase of young foxes in 1913, attributing it to a phenomenal heated term near the end of April. Care has since been taken to improve the ventilation of the dens and as the foxes are hardy and healthy animals and there has never been any epidemic disease among them, confidence is expressed that the industry will continue in its present favorable position. Fur-farming has been widened to include the rearing of beaver, raccoon, mink, muskrat, sable and fisher as well as the sheep that produces Persian lamb fur. The people of Prince Edward Island are assured that fur production is likely to become a great world industry, in which Prince Edward Island has been a pioneer.

The reports of fox fur sales in London, England, for March of this year contain important lessons for the fox-rancher. A very large proportion of the pelts offered were of the pure black variety and owing to a falling off in the demand for this class the prices went very low. The explanation given is that black skins may be very successfully imitated by dyes, while the silver black variety does not lend itself to imitation. The highest price paid for one pelt of this sort was over eighteen hundred dollars. Such skins are admired for their sheen, the beauty and length of their overhairs and the quality of their underwool and for the present at least this description applies to by far the greater number of Prince Edward Island foxes.

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GREAT COUNCIL OF WOMEN IN ROME

Rome, May 2—Since the first appearance of women in the field of politics and social reform there has never been such a demonstration as that which will take place in Rome next week, when hundreds of women of many different nationalities, bound together by their common interest in all movements having for their object the betterment of humanity, will assemble here to take part in the meeting of the International Council of Women.

The magnitude of the organizations which will participate in the conference is hard to realize and compared with their modest beginnings their growth is little short of miraculous. Equal suffrage organizations, temperance societies, educational unions and reform organizations of many kinds will be represented. Delegates from twenty-one countries will be in attendance and the total membership of the organizations they will represent is estimated at nearly seven millions.

Thirty years or more ago such a thing as an international council of women was unknown. In European and America there were many organizations of women existing for the purpose of promoting social and other reforms, but they were entirely distinct from one another and worked independently. Even in those days there were some who dreamed of linking all the societies together in a bond of union, to found one grand nonsectarian, nonpartisan and non-sectional organization to include all movements designed to better humanity. In 1888, largely through the efforts of the late Susan B. Anthony and other American women leaders, the dream "came true." The International Council of Women was formed and its success was assured from the start. Once every five years since the organization of the international council the brightest lights among the women of the world have come together to review women's progress and to plan new activities. The Countess of Aberdeen is the president of the council and will preside over the sessions to be held here beginning next Tuesday. Both the United States and Canada will be represented by large delegations. Other countries that will have delegates at the council are Great Britain, Germany, Sweden, Turkey, Bulgaria, Denmark, Holland, Italy, Austria, France, Norway, Belgium, Australia, Greece, China, India and Japan.

The American delegation is headed by Dr. Anna Howard Shaw of Philadelphia, president of the National American Women Suffrage Association, and Mrs. Kate Waller Bennett of Virginia, who is president of the National Council of Women of the United States. The sessions of the international council will continue one week. Foremost among the topics of general interest scheduled for consideration are international peace and arbitration, the rights of women to the ballot, the suppression of the "white slave" traffic, the improvement of the public health, the protection of emigrants, and measures of legislation concerning the general welfare of women and their legal position.

The International Association of Machinists is directing its efforts to bringing about a universal eight-hour day in the machinists' trade.

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