

CERVANTES TRICENTENARY

MIGUEL DE CERVANTES-SAAVEDRA, Spanish novelist, poet and dramatist, was born at Xalapa, Mexico, in 1547.

I should appreciate it if other observers here and throughout the country would make a note of the arrivals of birds during the month of May and send me the list at the end of the month.

Having recently had many inquiries from friends in the town and vicinity, about some of our most common birds, I am going to mention in brief the possibilities for a few by which you may distinguish them.

Several of Cervantes's lyrical poems survive, among which are some sonnets and a verified letter to the secretary of state, Vasquez, written during the poet's slavery in Algiers.

It is, however, as a novelist that Cervantes has endeavored to discover in Don Quixote a great political satire; but the truth of Cervantes' own assurance is now generally admitted, that his sole desire was to write an amusing book to give the coup de grace to the absurd books of chivalry imitating Amadis, that had done so much to pervert Spanish character.

In 1613 Cervantes issued his twelve Novelas Exemplares (Eng. trans. by MacColl, 1902, etc.), short stories written in considerable intervals. They are abundant in wit and vivacity, rivaling even Don Quixote itself, and have maintained their popularity to the present day.

Mr. J. B. Pease, Fellow and Bursar of Emmanuel College, has been appointed manager of the Printing Department of the Cambridge University Press, in succession to the late Mr. John Clay.

At Sotheby's a large paper copy of the first edition of R. L. Stevenson's "Virginibus Puerisque," 1881, the only example on large paper, done especially for the late Mr. Alfred Nutt, sold for £84 (B.W. Stevens).

BIRD-LORE

I am watching for the arrival of our summer birds I have made the following list for March and April: March 31, song sparrow; April 1, robin, Canada goose, slate-colored junco; April 3, Woodcock; April 6, fox sparrow; April 7, rusty blackbird; April 14, purple grackle, American osprey; April 20, wood thrush, ruby-crowned kinglet, bluebird; April 23, vesper sparrow; April 25, purple finch; April 27, Savannah sparrow, flicker; April 30, chipping sparrow.

I saw what I believed to be a palm warbler on April 30, but as this bird is rarely seen here, and as I was unable to make very close observation, it is not included in the above list.

There are a few of the sparrows you all know: The English sparrow, we have it with us all the year. The only other sparrow seen here in the winter is the vesper sparrow, sometimes called the native sparrow. It is smaller than the English sparrow, has white bars in its wings, underparts light gray with a brown spot in the center of the breast and a red tinge to the tail.

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St. Andrews, N. B., May 2nd, 1916.

CANADA'S DEBT

Net debt of the Canadian government at the outbreak of the war was approximately \$360,000,000. This was practically all held in England. Since then the following loans and credits have been arranged; or are pending:

ENGLISH CENTENARIANS

Mrs. Mary Sophia Bucknill, of Braintree, near Rugby, has just celebrated her 100th birthday. She was one of 12 children of Vice-Admiral Sir Francis Macon, K. C. B., and the Hon. Lady Mason, and great-granddaughter of the famous Admiral Samuel Lord Hood.

Miss Emily Bond, who reached her 100th birthday on June 23 last, has died at Exeter. She was a daughter of the late Admiral Bond. "The Times," London, March 31.

PLANTING WHEAT SEED CORN

Although seed corn has tested fairly well at the Ogilvie Laboratory, corn growers, whose seed has not been tested, would do well to take special care this season that their seed is of strong vitality. One

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ing to unfavorable ripening and harvest weather some of last year's seed corn crop may be low in both percentage and quality of germination. This seed should not be planted until the soil is warm and after a number of people have returned to their duties in St. John on Monday April 24.

BLACK'S HARBOUR, N. B.

Easter Monday has once again become a thing of the past, and the residents of the community have settled down to their summer work. During the winter we have had a most successful season of germination. This seed should not be planted until the soil is warm and after a number of people have returned to their duties in St. John on Monday April 24.

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MINIATURE ALMANAC

Table with columns for Day of Week, Sun Rises, Sun Sets, H. Water, L. Water, etc. for the month of May.

PHASES OF THE MOON

Table showing moon phases for May: New Moon, First Quarter, Full Moon, Last Quarter.

PORT OF ST. ANDREWS

Thos. R. Wren, Collector; D. C. Kollins, Prev. Officer; D. G. Hanson, Prev. Officer. Office hours, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

SHIPPING NEWS

Entered Coastwise: Motor St. Ramble, Simpson, St. Stephen; Motor Schr. Page, Barker, Beaver Harbor; Motor Grand Manan, McKinnon, St. Stephen; Motor St. Navy Isle, Carson, St. Stephen.

CHANGE OF TIME

Grand Manan S. S. Company. After October 1, 1915, and until further notice, the steamship of this line will run as follows:

ATLANTIC STANDARD TIME

On March 3 and until further notice, the S. S. Connors Bros. will run as follows: Leave St. John, N. B., Thorne Ward and Warehouse Co., on Saturday, 7:30 a.m. for St. Andrews, calling at Dipper Harbor, Black's Harbor, Black Bay or Lettis, Deer Island, Red Store, St. George's, returning leave St. Andrews Tuesday for St. John, calling at Dipper Harbor or Back Bay, Black's Harbor, Beaver Harbor or Dipper Harbor, tide permitting, arriving St. Andrews at 7:30 a.m. for St. Andrews.

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CANADIAN PACIFIC

HOMESEEKERS' EXCURSIONS FROM MARITIME PROVINCES TO WESTERN CANADA. TICKETS ON WEDNESDAY March 28th to 29th.

EASTERN STEAMSHIP LINES

ALL-THE-WAY-BY-WATER. FRONTIER LINE. STAMPER ST. ANDREWS. Leave St. John, N. B., on Saturdays at 9 a.m. for Boston, calling at New Brunswick, St. John, N. B., and Halifax, N. S., returning on Wednesdays and Fridays at 8 a.m. for Robbinston, St. Andrews and Eastport.

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BAGHDAD OF

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