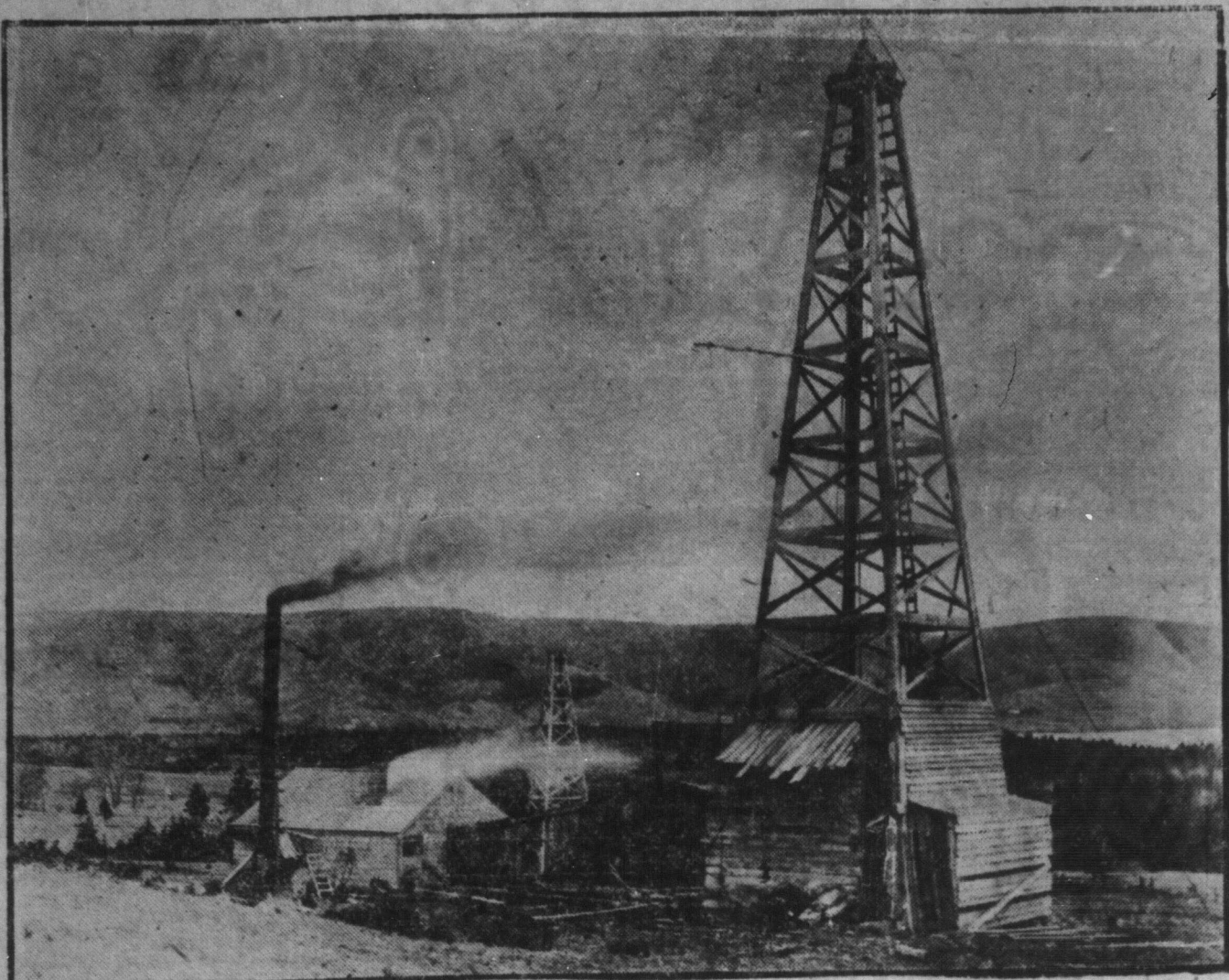


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### "PROSPECTS FOR INVESTORS."

The history of the oil business in America, from its very inception to the present date, is one continuous story of financial success. Thousands of men, formerly poor, became enormously wealthy. More money has been made out of oil than out of any industry in the world today. When oil is once struck by the Oil Company the value of the stock is increased enormously. The following is a small list of the oil companies in operation less than three years, showing the original price of their stock and the highest price it has reached:—

Company Name	Original Price	Highest Price
New York Oil Co	\$ .50	\$ 200.00
Union Oil Co	1.00	1,500.00
Eldorado Oil Co	.50	5.00
Karn River Oil Company	1.00	25.00
Peerless Oil Co	.20	8.60
Hartford Oil Co	6.00	118.00
Home Oil Co	5.00	5,000.00

### FOX RANCHING IN PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

(By Reuben McDonald)

When the Duke of Connaught made his official visit to Prince Edward Island on the twenty-ninth of July, he landed at Summerside, the capital of Prince County. One of the features of the program prepared for his reception was a visit to a fox ranch just outside that town. Prince County is the home of fox ranching in the Province. At the extreme western end about sixteen years ago a few men took up the business. After many trials they finally succeeded in making it a success. At first they guarded the secret jealously, but eventually they saw the necessity of selling the stock for breeding purposes, until now the whole Province is in a fever over this new industry. It must be remembered that the black and the silver fox are the same. Some are dark, however, and some are light; that is, some of them are silver, while others are not. There is no such thing on the London market as the black fox skin. The jet black fox is always listed as silver. Both vary in price from one hundred to one thousand dollars.

### A HIGH PRICED FOX.

The Prince Edward Island black or silver fox is the best in the world, and always commands the highest prices, the sum of \$2,300 having been paid to an Island breeder for one medium-sized flawless skin of exceptional beauty and lustre. The industry on the island, however, is now confined to the selling of foxes for breeding purposes. One of the leading ranchers, Frank Tuplin of New Annan, states that it will be at least five years before any fox is sold for the sake of its skin. Some breeders give the industry a longer life than that. The increase in the price of foxes sold for breeding has been so startlingly rapid that the number of farmers who started in a few years ago with very little capital are now worth thousands. One man is reputed to have made a million dollars within five years. It is estimated that there are about forty ranches where the genuine, high-grade, high-priced royal silver foxes of the reds; patches (that is about four hundred of these animals, whilst there are about fifteen hundred foxes of the reds; patches (that is crosses) or imported stock. The value of the industry is placed at three million dollars. The people are simply wild over the business, and every

day foxes of various colors are imported from the mainland.

### RUINED BY IMPORTATIONS.

The breeders who keep only the distinctive Island stock declare that if this importation is allowed to continue the industry will be ruined. Breeders are now calling out for a system of registration whereby the pedigree of every fox will be recorded, the same as domestic animals. At the last session of the Provincial Legislature about a score of bills were passed incorporating black fox companies. Within the two years that the pioneers of the business began to sell their stock the purchasers have been mainly Island men, many farmers having mortgaged their farms to secure the necessary price of a pair of breeders. This year the best stock costs \$10,000 a pair, the average price being about \$3,500. Next year it is expected that this price will be increased at least fifty per cent. In one year there has been an increase of over one hundred per cent. Outside capital is now beginning to become interested, and several moneyed men of the United States have come on to inspect the ranches. To give an idea of the profits in the industry we may quote from a prospectus issued by a com-

pany with headquarters at Alberton, where the industry originated, and where there are now twenty ranches. One statement shows that, where a man started the first year with one pair of breeders costing \$6,000, at the end of the year he cleared \$2,650. It is estimated at the end of three years, with an original investment of only \$6,000, that the increase in the rancher's wealth would be \$39,250. Another estimate shows that, with an investment of \$9,000 for one male and two females, at the end of three years the increase in the rancher's wealth would be \$95,450. Among the largest and most successful dealers on the island are the Hon. Charles Dalton, R. F. Culoon, Hudson Gordon of Tignish, Frank Tuplin of New Annan, Benjamin Rayner of Alberton, Harry Lewis of Alberton. There are, of course, quite a number of companies whose capital ranges from \$10,000 up to \$150,000. The ranch visited by the Governor-General is owned by McNeil & Saunders of Summerside.

### HIGH-PRICED BREEDERS.

Although the average price of breeders is about \$7,000 a pair, in rare cases as high as \$20,000 per pair has been paid. Foxes are sold usually under the following conditions: First, without any guarantee, the purchaser taking all risk; second, the seller to guarantee that if one of the animals dies he will loan another, the condition that the purchaser will take the risk until a litter is produced; third, if this pair fail to produce in two years, they are exchanged for another pair, so that with this guarantee a man cannot fail to be started in business. The young usually arrive from the middle of March to the middle of April. The average number of foxes to a litter is three, but in some rare cases as many as eight have been produced. The Prince Edward Island native fox is the best in the world, because the climate is marked by the happy medium between the extreme cold of the north and the intense heat of the south. The cold and sleet in the late autumn and early winter count due to the forming of fur. Foxes from warm climates are too lightly furred to be of much value. The fur of the northern fox is too coarse in quality. Nowhere in the world is there such lustre and beauty of fur as is met with in Prince Edward Island.

### CARING FOR THE FOXES.

Another factor of success in the industry is the comparatively easy manner in which the fox can be raised in captivity. The cost of erecting a ranch to contain one dozen foxes will not exceed \$500. The pens are made of wire slightly heavier than fence wire, with an overhang of two feet. It is sunk into the ground about two feet to prevent the animals from burrowing. The pens are surrounded with an outer fence about ten feet high. Some breeders use small separate houses for each pen, others use one house and four pens. The feed consists usually of ground fowl and rabbits, and to the mother fox when in young, eggs and milk are often freely given. As the Island is just one large collection of farms, almost any farmer can conduct a ranch to advantage, having the necessary piece of woodland to form an ideal site. The soil of the Island, being free from alkali, is specially adapted for the production of the finest fur in the world.

When it is considered that the average weight of the silver fox is ten pounds and that the average price is nearly \$4,000, it is in order to use the expression, "worth its weight in black fox." Disease, so far, has been practically rare among these animals. The cold has no effect on them; in fact they seem rather to enjoy it. They flourish in captivity, especially if there are several together in the ranch. The success, however, depends a good deal upon the management, and whatever losses have occurred have generally been in carelessness in handling or ignorance in feeding. The most critical time, of course, is about thirty days before and thirty days after the young arrive. During that period no one should see the mother fox, who, if she is disturbed, is liable to carry away her young and bury them in the snow, where they naturally perish. Last year all the young expected to be born were sold ahead, and even at the present time practically all the expected young stock of next year is contracted for. That is, of course, the real "blue blood," genuine Island silver fox."

Many stories can be related of phenomenal fortunes made in a short time. Cases can be mentioned where men with a few hundred dollars have secured tens of thousands. The ultimate effect on the Island's welfare is hard to determine, but if foreign capital is brought in and if the foxes are allowed to remain on the Island, the prospects of the industry will considerably improve. Although the boom has originated in Prince county it is rapidly spreading to the other counties, and already several large ranches have been erected within the vicinity of Charlottetown.

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### Joker's Corner

PRACTICAL ECONOMY

Frank A. Munsey, since steel and journalism made him a multimillionaire, has gone in rather heavily for charity.  
"But I don't believe in promiscuous charity, which pauperizes," said Mr. Munsey to a New York correspondent. "That sort of charity always makes me think of Aunt Sallie Higgins of my native Mercer."  
"Aunt Sallie came to Mercer's Lady Bountiful one day and asked for the loan of a dollar."  
"What do you want a dollar for, Aunt Sallie?" the Lady Bountiful inquired.  
"Please, ma'am," said Aunt Sallie, "I'm goin' to git married."  
"But if your man hasn't even a dollar to pay for the marriage license, how will the pair of you get along?"  
"Well, ma'am," said Aunt Sallie, "tomorrow's your birthday, and we're both comin' to your picnic in the birchwoods. You always give us somethin' to take home from your birthday picnic, and the day after there's your usual free basket distribution for the unemployed. That'll keep us a week easy, and by that time Joe and me'll be on our feet, mebber."

### IN THE WHITE NORTH.

Admiral Peary, at a dinner in Washington, told some stories of the Arctic.  
"In midsummer weather," said he, "it is a pleasure to think of the snows of the White North."  
"A bootmaker on my return from one of my expeditions, said to me: 'Commander, how did you like those boots I made for you?'"  
"Best I ever tasted," I replied.  
Admiral Peary chuckled and resumed:  
"I was once explaining an unsuccessful expedition to a young lady."  
"Yes," I said, with a sad shake of the head, "we'd have got two degrees farther north if our dogs hadn't given out."  
"And those Eskimo dogs," said the young lady, "are supposed to be so indefatigable, aren't they?"  
"I was speaking," I explained, "from the culinary point of view."

### SMART MEDIUMS.

"These mediums is clever ladies," asserted Heinie Mueller.  
"Do you fall for those fakes?" we laughed.  
"Don't call dem fine femaleless fakes!" demanded Mueller.  
"Why— were you stung?"  
"Andt don't say stung! I went to one. I saw her. She telled me."  
"What did she tell you?"  
"She said, 'Vot's yer name?' and I said 'Mueller,' and den she went in a transt. Before she come to, she says, 'You vos born in Choinmany!' And I almost felled dead! How could she tell? Py golly, she was right."

### A DELICATE JOB.

Senator Root, apropos of the dispute with Great Britain over the Panama Canal tolls, said the other day:  
"It will take a diplomat, a real diplomat, to settle this question. A real diplomat, you know, is a man who can stretch hands across the sea without putting his foot in it."  
Boreleigh—"I hope my call has not tired."  
Miss Keen—"Oh, no, I inherit a wonderfully strong constitution."  
"What are you crying about, Willie?"  
"One of the boys called me 'teacher's pet,' and I went and told her and she licked me to prove I wasn't."  
Lady Visitor—"I am coming to your mamma's company tomorrow."  
Tommy—"Well, you won't get a good supper."  
Tommy's papa—"Tommy, what do you mean, talking like that?"  
Tommy—"Well, you know, Pa, you told ma you'd have to get some chicken feed for her old hen party tomorrow."  
Mrs. Miggins—"I hear your husband is speculating in stocks. Is he a bull or a bear?"  
Mrs. Buggins—"Judging from results I should think he was a jackass."