

(Cartoon by Chambers—courtesy Halifax Chronicle and Mail Star)

Fox Hunting in Prince Edward Island



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This is not the sport of “riding to the hounds”, but rather a peculiar brand of “the chase” indulged in by the Force in the Island Province during years past.

“**H**ow the mighty have fallen” may well have been the title of this Chambers cartoon, because from a top price of \$30,000 for a pair of “silvers” of proven fecundity and a top of \$2,900 for a single pelt, the silver fox has been so relegated that the Prince Edward Island Government is now prepared to pay a bounty of \$2 for their capture, since the animal is now declared a menace to other forms of stock-raising in this agricultural province.

The publishing of this cartoon brought back nostalgic memories of the past and the pioneer days of silver fox ranching in P.E.I. and more particularly when the RCMP played a prominent part in combating the many fox thefts there. Although members of the Force were not quartered on “The Island” at the height of the “silver’s” glory many tales can be associated with the early development of this industry.

By way of introduction it might be