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Editorial

J. Lally

When the King and Queen visited Victoria, Their Majesties received a copy of the Gazette on behalf of the children of Fairbridge. Two weeks later a letter arrived from the King's Private Secretary, Captain Lascelles. A copy of the letter is published in this issue.

With most of the Editorial Board at Fintry we are now left with but three reporters. However, we are fortunate in having one or two members of our Staff kindly consenting to give a helping hand.

Our paper is now being printed in Duncan by Miss Sybil Vickers, who publishes a paper of her own called "The Shoppers' Guide".

It is a pleasure to announce that John Dee wrote the winning essay in the competition held by the Gazette for the best essay on "What I Saw of the King's Visit". The prize awarded to John is a year's subscription to the Gazette. The competition was held with the intention of looking for new reporters to carry on when our present reporters have gone out to employment.

It will be noticed that our Fintry News Reporter has changed. Tom Turner's first report is very interesting and we sincerely hope his others will be as interesting.

What I Saw of the King's Visit

John Dee

The City of Victoria was very well decorated; there were great banners and flags across the streets, the shops,

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The Royal Train
Canada

June 5th 1939

Dear James Lally,

The Queen asks me to thank you and the other children of the Prince of Wales Fairbridge Farm School for so kindly sending a copy of the Fairbridge Gazette, which Her Majesty has read with interest.

The Queen also thanks you for your good wishes, and wishes you all the best of luck.

Yours truly,

(Sd.) A. Lascelles

Acting Private Secretary to the King.

Fintry News

T. Turner

With the arrival of the 14 boys and their Supervisor, Mr. Garnett, thinning, the second part of the fruit season, is under way. Thinning in one way is the most important work in fruit farming, as it can then be said what sort of crop there is going to be.

The working hours of the newly arrived boys are expected to be 3½ hours in the morning and 2½ in the afternoon, leaving enough time for cleaning and washing. On Sunday mornings, Church is held in the Trophy Room at Fintry House, while in the afternoon a long hike is arranged by Mr. Garnett and Mr. Gray. The announcement was made earlier in

June, of the marriage of Mr. Arthur Harrop to Miss Marie Hamilton, Vernon. Mr. Harrop has been on the Farm Staff here for a number of years. The marriage took place in Vernon on June 28.

June 12th saw the boxing ring, put up by the kind courtesy of Mr. Gray, being used for the first time by the boys and some of the men. The boxers numbered about 26 and our special visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Gray and Capt. Dun-Waters.

Pat Hood arrived at Fintry on June 10th and will remain here in the meantime. The youngest of the two bulls, Fintry Morven, was dehorned 3 weeks ago, and is recovering slowly but surely. He was brought from Quebec 18 months ago when he was about 3 months old.

Owing to bad weather haying is being held up for some time all over the district. Mr. Peter Scott, who in days gone by was the Ayrshire Field Man, is now working in the orchard with the boys.

Extract from the Life of Kingsley Fairbridge

During his period at Oxford, Kingsley Fairbridge got results from his idea of child emigration. In October 1909 a meeting was held in Oxford under the auspices of the Colonial Club to consider this scheme. Fifty members representing every part of the Empire were present and unanimously agreed to form a society for promoting child emigration within the Empire and especially on the farm school system. The society for the Furtherance of Child Emigration was thus founded.

At the first annual meeting at Oxford on November 21, 1910, a statement of accounts was laid before the meeting and a report of the Society was read by the Acting Honorary Secretary, Mr. Kingsley Fairbridge, showing both a satisfactory balance at the bank and a very largely increased list of members. It was then thought advisable to change the name to the less cumbersome one of the Child Emigration Society.

Mr. Fairbridge in the Press and elsewhere received numerous expressions of approval of the aims and proposals of the Society. The first Farm School was established at Pinjarra in Western Australia in 1912.

Farm News
J. Stewart

Cows

The highest producing cows for May were Betty with 1544 lbs of milk and Lily with 1324 lbs. Mr. Egerton tested the cows on R.O.P. on June 23. The highest two were Dairymaid 5.6% and Iris 5.2%. The average test was 4.26%.

Jeanette gave us a heifer calf on June 12th which has been named Dahlia. Jeanette was the first calf born after the children arrived at Fairbridge in 1935 and she has now had her second calf. The trainee girls are now taking part in the regular milking routine and are coming along splendidly.

Outside Work

A considerable amount of work was done in the mangel field, so that we have finished it all except one section which still has to be hoed. 2000 head of kale was planted in the lower fields, the plants which were big enough being planted by the boys.

Mr. Whitaker and one of the trainee boys have done a great deal of work on the gardens and lawns around the School.

The Sporting Outlook

Our first game of cricket this year was played on May 27th against Glenlyon Preparatory School. A good game was played and at the end Glenlyon won by a score of 92-46.

The following week our team went over to play Brentwood College. Although our team was stronger than in the previous game Brentwood scored 92 runs and Fairbridge 83. We have not played any more games as yet but are hoping to play more soon. An occasional game of softball is still played in the evening but cricket is gradually pushing it into the background.

The summer has been cold and wet so far with the result that swimming has been delayed later than usual.

Twenty-one boys and girls competed in the Second Annual Cowichan Schools Track Meet held in Duncan on June 10th.

In the afternoons the girls are playing softball and other field games.

Trainee Club

Since the last issue of the Gazette eleven new members have joined the Club, Peggy Auton and John Hunter have also attended meetings as Senior members.

Mr. and Mrs. Logan invited the Club to meet at their house on May 25 when John Hunter spoke on the work and general life at Fintry. Owing to the fact that Mr. Garnett was going to be away Mr. Morton was elected Honorary Member and asked to act in Mr. Garnett's place until he returns.

On June 1st Mr. Archie Sherman, Fishery Guardian from Cowichan Bay, addressed the Club on fish conservation and showed some interesting specimens illustrating the growth of the salmon from the egg-stage. On June 11th Sidney Park, Norman Alsop, Dan Brayfield and Dick Speed made a trip up Kelvin Creek with Mr. Sherman liberating fry from landlocked pools.

Katie Taylor has been elected Vice-President in place of Florrie Cowans who has gone to employment. Peter Forrest was appointed to act as Secretary as well as Treasurer until Annie Usher returns from Fintry. Jim Lally took over these duties at the last meeting as Peter was working at Prospect Lake.

Jock Stewart was the speaker at the last meeting and gave a detailed account of the trip which he and Dick Speed, accompanied by Mr. Brown, Mr. Morton and Mr. Adam Gordon of Hillbank, made to the Ayrshire Field Day at Cloverdale, B.C. Dick is to be congratulated on getting 3rd in the Junior Cow-Judging Competition. Jock was also well placed in the event which attracted over 20 contestants.

Arrangements were made by Sidney Park for a softball game against the Staff on June 21st. A very good game resulted in a win for the Staff, the score being 20-19. Joe Duffy acted as Umpire.

The thanks of the members are also due to Mr. Lincoln for showing us pictures on several occasions, and to Mr. George Burns for his most helpful co-operation.

The last new duplex cottage is nearing completion. The walls are being shingled and the windows have been placed in position.

Day School Closing

On Wednesday, June 28th, the Fairbridge Day School Closing Exercises were held.

Mr. R. W. Mayhew gave a short address and presented the prizes and athletic awards won by pupils during the year.

The following children received prizes: B. Strawbridge, L. McCarty, C. Shelley, J. Pritchard, J. Lally, S. Dillon, E. Wheeler, K. Davies, J. Newbold, J. Dee, F. Roberts, R. Sroed, G. White, E. Taylor, K. Taylor, M. White, J. McNally; Division I of the Day School for Inter Division Singing Cup.

Eric Wheeler and Florrie Cowans came from their employment to receive the Fairbridge Badge for Trainee Proficiency for boys and girls respectively.

The winners of the athletic awards were: J. Lally, N. Alsop, H. Skelton, D. Brayfield, J. Morrison, A. Anderson, Junior Girls' Basketball team, Maroon House three trophies, and Owl House.

Visitors

Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Ashley Cooper visited the Farm School on June 8th. Mr. Ashley Cooper is Governor of the Hudson's Bay Company in London.

A party of Officers and men from H. M. S. "Orion" spent the afternoon of June 15th at Fairbridge. They were shown over the Farm School by the boys and served tea in the Dining Hall.

Over a hundred members of the Canadian Seed Growers Assn. visited the Farm School on June 16th.

The members of the Cowichan Agricultural Society had lunch at the Farm School on June 24th.

A Canadian Pacific Railway Tour Party paid a visit to the Farm School on June 24th.

During June 186 visitors signed the visitors' book. They came from Great Britain 51, Switzerland 3, Germany 1, New Zealand 1, United States 10, Eastern Canada 5, Vancouver 24, British Columbia Mainland generally 8, Victoria 39, Duncan 20, other parts of Vancouver Island 24.

houses and stands were also gaily decorated.

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What I Saw of the King's Visit (Continued from Page 1)

After arriving at Beacon Hill Park we saw a great stretch of grass surrounded by fencing and on one side was a grand stand which had on it two chairs in which Their Majesties were to sit. The fence was divided into parts for the different schools, also there were places fenced for the Guides, Scouts and Cubs.

We then had our lunch and waited for the arrival of the King and Queen which was scheduled to take place at 2.30, but owing to circumstances the Royal Party was delayed for half an hour. At three o'clock four red-coated motorcyclists came in the square closely followed by the Royal car. There was a great rushing and scrambling to get a clear view of Their Majesties, not forgetting the deafening cheers. The air was filled with periscopes and craning necks which made it very unfortunate for the smaller people. The King and Queen stepped from the car and proceeded up to the stand, there again they were greeted by many cheers. The band then played "God Save the King" and everybody joined in heartily.

The King was dressed in Naval uniform; the Queen was in a long mauve dress with a wide brimmed hat to match.

The King walked down the steps and presented the colours to the Canadian Navy and amid loud cheers he proceeded back to the stand. The King then inspected the sailors while the Queen, with her umbrella up and a large bouquet in her hand, looked on.

Their Majesties then got into their car and rode away with the rousing cheers of many good Britishers ringing in their ears.

The boys and girls at Fintry have had several hikes since they have been there. It is reported that they were instructed to cross all the bridges on the way one at a time. On their first hike they did this at the first bridge but at the second one two boys and one girl got on at once. The weight was too much! They all landed in the creek below and had to return to Fintry House to get dry clothing!

Boys' Council R. Speed

During the absence of the regular Council a Substitute Council has been elected as follows: Maroons K. Bennett, Blues T. Kemp, Greens R. Anderson, Blacks W. Stoker.

News in Brief

Peggy Auton spent two weeks at the Farm School while on holidays. She seems to be enjoying Vancouver and her work very much.

Henry Brayfield spent several days at the Farm School recovering from a cut hand. It is to be hoped that he will use the axe on the wood next time!

Peter Forrest took Henry's place at Prospect Jersey Farm while he was recuperating.

Florrie Cowans went to her first employment on June 1st in the home of Dr. J. U. Coleman, Farm School Medical Officer, in Duncan. Florrie has visited the Farm School several times during the month.

Eric Wheeler was a welcome visitor at the Farm School on School Closing Day. Congratulations to Eric and Florrie Cowans on winning the Fairbridge Trainee Badges for Proficiency.

Sally Dillon left the Farm School on July 1st to go to employment in the home of Commander Windeyer, Duncan.

It is rumoured that Tom Speed is busy training his horse in the art of ploughing and that he has also taught his pet dog a number of tricks.

After a very successful time at the Vernon Militia Camp, Private Ed. Walton arrived back at Fairbridge with numerous accounts of the very realistic war-time manoeuvres.

We should like to hear from all Old Fairbridgians as to how they are enjoying their work and new surroundings. We hope to have news items from as many Old Fairbridgians as possible in the next edition of the Gazette.

Editor.