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Editorial

The Editorial Board of the "Fairbridge Gazette" wishes to thank all their friends for their generosity shown in buying and subscribing to our paper. We sincerely hope it will be kept up. 150 copies were made which we thought would be too much but it was soon learned that more were needed. In the next edition we will endeavour, therefore, to make somewhere in the neighbourhood of 250 copies.

Attention is called to the design of the head-piece at the top of the paper. This is copied from a sketch by Mr. Lort, the Architect who has designed many of our buildings here. It is possible that the School will adopt this design for its official crest.

As our readers will see it includes a beaver and oak leaves, representing not only Canada and England but industry and sturdiness both of which qualities, we hope, will be characteristics of all Fairbridge boys and girls.

We will be loosing our Fintry correspondent soon, as he will be going to a job near Duncan but I am sure that his successor will handle the job just as successfully.

Visit of Their Excellencies

J. Lally

On the 29th of March Their Excellencies Lord and Lady Tweedsmuir visited the Farm School. They were

shown around all the different buildings on the School side, including the Day School where they were served afternoon tea in the Home Economics Department. The last place they visited was the Farm, where they were introduced to the Farm Staff and saw all the stock.

When Their Excellencies were about to leave all the children lined the road to give them a send off. After the youngest girl, Sylvia Cowans, has presented Her Excellency with a bouquet of wild flowers, the Governor-General's party drove away amid loud cheering.

Fintry News

J. Hunter

Quite settled down now to life in new surroundings, Tom Turner has given every indication that he will enjoy his future life. Captain and Mrs. Dun-Waters after three months holiday in Vancouver returned this month to live at Burnside, the former residence of Mr. G.R. Stuart.

Most of the winter pruning is now over; with the arrival of April spraying will in all probability commence. Work in the bush has ceased for another year; most, in fact all, of the logs felled for cord-wood have been split. In the yard somewhere in the neighbourhood of 500 logs are waiting for the sawmill to cut them into lumber.

Bumblebee's bull-calf, born

on Jan. 26, was sold to Mr. H.D. Hamilton of Armstrong, who sold Springfield Jennie and Dairymaid to Fairbridge some time ago.

Most of the snow has now disappeared. High Farm, of course, still lies beneath twelve inches or so but Fintry is for the most part clear. Tom Turner informs me while out riding shortly after his arrival, on the Old Hudson Bay Trail he counted 58 deer in one bunch. When he told J. Monnington this he was of course doubted - Jackie claiming he saw 35 once, but Tom must have counted his lot twice!

Extract from the Life
of Kingsley Fairbridge
J. Buchan

At the age of 17 Kingsley Fairbridge decided to make a visit to England to see some old friends of his.

He enjoyed his visit very much but he could not forget the swarms of pale-faced, under-nourished people in the big cities. He realized he could not just send men and women because they would not be able to adapt themselves to farming life in the Colonies. Then one day the partial solution of the problem came to him. He would send children to places where there was plenty of room and train them on farms, "Schools of Agriculture" not work-houses.

He worked with a Mr. Freeman of Johannesburg for two and a half years, and then he decided that he must go to England again and try to interest some rich and well known people in his scheme. It was suggested to him that he should try to get a Rhodes Scholarship, but on his first attempt he failed, but he made a second attempt and this time he passed. This was the first step in his life work.

Boys' Council
A. Cain

As some Prefects are trainees and some will become trainees soon, the Boys' Council has selected boys to

take their places as Prefects and Seconds: Blacks - Prefect L. Snaith, Second J. Moore; Blues - Prefect J. Dobbs, Second F. Todd; Greens - Prefect F. Morris, Second J. Wheeler; Maroons - Prefect A. Cain, Second H. Skelton.

Girls' Council
J. Pritchard

The Girls' Council held their meeting on March 5th at the Staff Cottage.

The girls' behaviour was discussed and the Committee decided there was still room for improvement. Special mention was made of the number of children still crossing the lawns instead of using the paths.

The Eagles were top for March with the Owls as runners-up. We would like the Hawks to be top next month.

We have now a pennant which is put beside the winning House in the Main Dining Hall.

Farm News
E. Wheeler

Cows

The four highest producing cows on the farm in February were Tibby, Mistletoe, Crocus and Amy. Tibby is one of the original grade cows which were here when Fairbridge bought the Farm. Mistletoe and Crocus were both raised at Fintry.

The four highest testing cows were Narcissus, Dairymaid, Jennie and Nancy. They were tested by Mr. Egerton on March 13.

The only addition to the herd was Dolly, Peggy's calf, born on March 12th.

Other Stock

Twelve Yorkshire pigs were born on March 21st and fourteen earlier in the month.

Lambing started on Feb. 25 and there are now 65 lambs.

A new addition to the herd of horses is Betty's colt Jock, which makes four young colts to the herd of eight.

Outside Work

Quite a few fences have been put up; four have been completed and the fifth is underway.

A great many trees and shrubs received from the Essondale Nurseries have been planted round the Home Site grounds and have greatly improved their general appearance

Visitors

L. Snaith

Henry Brayfield came back to visit us after being at Fintry, Okanagan Lake, for six months. He spent a weekend here before going out to employment.

Tom Renwick returned to the Farm School for the weekend of March 18th. He is working on a farm at Shawnigan Lake and is reported to be in complete charge of the dairy herd.

During February 28 visitors signed the visitors book: 6 from England, 1 from Scotland, 2 from India, 1 from Ontario, 3 from Alberta, 1 from Vancouver, 2 from Nanaimo and 5 from Duncan.

In March '78 visitors signed the visitors book: the Governor-General's party 5 and from England 2, Winnipeg 3, Ottawa 1, Regina 2, Alberta 5, Vancouver 7, Victoria 19, Duncan 14, other parts of Vancouver Island 20.

Day School

A. Cain

L. Snaith

Every Friday afternoon in the Auditorium there is a concert given by one of the Grades. The best act of each concert will be selected and shown as a big concert to the Staff. The money collected will be sent to the Junior Red Cross Funds.

We have our School Library open now and well organized. The system is that all teachers take their own class for Library: Monday, Div. 5, Grades 1 and 2, taken by Miss Taylor;

Tuesday, Div. 4, by Mr. Gillatt; Wednesday, Div. 3, by Mr. Scholefield; Thursday, Div. 2, by Mr. Gower; Friday, Div. 1, by the Day School Principal, Mr. Plows.

The Sporting Outlook

F. Todd

The School Staff and Farm Staff assisted by the Trainees played a very close and fast basketball game on March 6th. Just as the whistle went the School Staff scored and won by two points.

We have played two rugby matches against the Duncan Grammar School and our team managed to win both games with scores of 18-11 and 15-0.

On March 4th we played a rugby match against Brentwood College who won 21-0.

On March 18th, a ping-pong tournament was held in the Day School Auditorium and after a great many games Denys Beechey was declared the winner and Sidney Parks was runner-up.

We played one game of football with Glenlyon Preparatory School from Oak Bay on March 11th. After a very exciting game they won with a score of 5-4. The home scorers were H. Skelton 2, and A. Anderson 2.

Girls' Sports

A. Usher

On Friday, March 31st, the Junior Girls' Basketball team went to Vancouver to play the Ryerson Girls' Team for the Provincial Championship. At the beginning of the game the girls managed to hold their own but gradually they were pressed back to a final score of 23-8.

The girls who played on the team were: F. Cowans, J. Buchan, S. Dillon, J. Pritchard, A. Usher, L. Anderson and K. Taylor. They stayed over-night and returned to the Farm School the following day.

On Saturday afternoons the girls have been playing grass hock-

cy as well as Inter House Basketball games, points being given for the winning House.

Addresses of Old Fairbridgians

We give below the addresses of all Old Fairbridgians at present in employment. We hope their friends will do their best to keep in touch with them.

Edmund Walton,
Farm School.

Peggy Auton,
1898 Robson Street,
Vancouver.

Henry Brayfield,
c/o A. R. McGregor, Esq.,
Prospect Lake,
Vancouver Island.

Tom Renwick,
"The Greenlands",
Shawnigan Lake, V.I.

Tom Speed,
c/o A. W. Marlow, Esq.,
Beaver Creek,
Near Alberni, V.I.

Eric Wheeler,
Madrona Farm,
Gordon Head,
Victoria.

"Ginger" McDonald,
c/o A. Burr, Esq.,
R. R. 1,
Saanichton, B. C.

John Hunter)
John Monnington) Fintry
Tom Turner)

News Flash

Word has just been received that John Hunter may be staying at Fintry for a further period of employment. As his two previous letters have been among the most interesting items in the "Gazette", the Editorial Board is delighted that his services as correspondent will be continued.

News Flashes

We are to have the pleasure of a visit from Mr. Gordon Green at the end of April. He is sailing from England on April 14th.

Cross Country Race.

The Annual Cross Country Race for the CoRa Hind Cup was run on Easter Monday. There were 103 entrants and 102 finished. The winner was Jim Lally who did the distance in 31.15 minutes as compared with Henry Brayfields time last year of 35.25. Ken Arnison placed 8th, in 35.25 minutes, thus winning 12 and under, with R. Duncan first in 10 and under.

The following poem was written by two members of the Day School Staff and was sung by the composers at a party given by the Staff Social Club:

The First Fairbridge Baby

Folks at Fairbridge are all in a
whirl
For the Plows family have a baby girl.
Its their first big event,
And they proudly present,
Miss Sharon Elizabeth Plows.

The Old man is swelling with pride,
To reveal what he's feeling deep
down inside,
He passed round fat cigars,
Thanking his lucky stars,
for Sharon Elizabeth Plows.

Cottage Mothers at Fairbridge agree,
To prepare for the homecoming soon
to be,
Hanging sheets on the line,
For that sweet Valentine,
Miss Sharon Elizabeth Plows.