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Editorial

As this is the only occasion on which a reigning monarch has visited one of his Dominions, we would like to take this unique opportunity of expressing the deep loyalty of Fairbridgians here and elsewhere to the Crown. We feel greatly honoured in having Their Majesties so close and wish we could have them still closer.

All friends of Fairbridge know the deep interest of the Royal Family not only in this wonderful organization founded by Kingsley Fairbridge in 1911 but in all work for children.

As Duke and Duchess of York, Their Majesties visited the Farm School at Pinjarra in Australia. His Royal Highness the Duke of Windsor played an important part in connection with the foundation of our Farm School here. It was he who spoke at a meeting in the Grocers' Hall in London in company with Mr. Baldwin, the Prime Minister, in 1934 when its foundation was being considered. His Royal Highness headed the subscription list with a very substantial sum.

Our most sincere thanks are also due to His Royal Highness the Duke of Gloucester who graciously consented to be President of the Society in London.

Everyone at Fairbridge hopes that Their Majesties will enjoy the whole of Their Canadian Tour and particu-

arly that part of it which takes them through British Columbia. We feel sure that their visit to the United States will be equally successful and we wish them a safe return home to England.

GOD SAVE THE KING AND QUEEN

Fintry News

J. Hunter

Once again the fruit season is under way. The middle of April saw the spraying machines in operation. The spraying does not as a rule start till the blossoms fall from the trees but a few days of high wind in April blew them off earlier than usual.

As most of you know, Fintry operates its own saw mill and the logs have all been sawn up. After an experienced sawyer was hired they started right in and in a month were finished. Mr. McFarlane arrived on April 21st and assumed the position of Herdsman at once. Some of you will possibly be interested to note he is one of the few men who has been able to milk Fintry Honeysuckle (Canadian Champion) without having to tie her up.

Mr. R. Johnston has been appointed Fintry Gardener and is at present preparing the Fintry Lawn and garden so that they will be ready for the arrival of the children.

I understand that a party of 28 boys and two or three girls will
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Extract from the Life
of Kingsley Fairbridge

A. Usher

(In our first two issues Joan Buchan described Kingsley Fairbridge's early life in Rhodesia and his arrival at Oxford as a Rhodes Scholar. Here his great idea began to take shape. Joan Buchan has now gone to employment and Annie Usher will continue the story.

Editor.)

During the two following months he was very busy trying to make contact with public and private individuals who from their writings or speeches seemed in any way likely to be interested in his project. He also got into touch with the Chartered Company of Rhodesia in connection with land grants and the general facilities available there. In April 1909 Kingsley Fairbridge started to write a book on Education, which he hoped would be of use to the schools which he wished to set up. He believed strongly in the necessity of raising the whole standard of education by employing highly qualified gentlemen at good salaries as teachers of the young. He also was insistent that for at least three years of his life every boy should have the whole of his afternoon's schooling devoted to acquiring a handicraft—whether it be carpentry or smithing or even wood-chopping.

Farm News

J. Stewart

(As Eric Wheeler has gone to employment at Gordon Head, "Jock" Stewart will continue as reporter of Farm News.

Editor.)

Cows

Since the last issue five calves have been added to the herd, 4 bulls and 1 heifer.

Mr. McIntyre, the milk tester, came and tested the 18 cows on R.O.P. The highest 4 in the test were: Jennie 4.8%; Dairymaid 4.7%; May 4.6%; and Nancy 4.6%. The average test was 4%.

Mr. Dickinson of Nanaimo pur-

chased two of our cows and their two bull-calves.

Experiments

With the co-operation of the Federal and Provincial Departments of Agriculture, a number of crop experiments are under way. With a view to laying down a large area on the upper farm to permanent pasture, we are testing 4 varieties of alfalfa, 5 kinds of grasses and sainfoin. On the playing field area we have a test plot containing 12 varieties of oats and on the bottom land a large scale test of different fertilizers for potatoes. We have also laid down a measured acre of a special pasture mixture for moist land.

Poultry

400 day-old sexed chicks were purchased from Mr. H.K.A. Arnould of Sardis, B.C. These are coming along very nicely.

Several boys have been looking after sittings of a cross between a game cock and Rhode Island Red hens. It is hoped that these will provide some splendid birds for the table.

Pigs

Mr. Marr, with the help of the trainee boys, has built a new addition to the piggery. When finished it will house about 40 to 50 pigs.

Horses

The Clydesdale Stallion Fairbridge Dunure Lens was purchased from Mr. John Morrison.

It was shown as a yearling and won both at Vancouver and Victoria Exhibitions.

Home Site

Considerable work has been done around the School; the road has been widened and a number of new beds have been planted with shrubs and plants. In addition two new playing fields have been graded and seeded.

Mr. Williams of Williams, Trerise & Williams, has started work on the last of the duplex cottages and the framework is already underway.

School News

L. Snaith

Under the supervision of Miss Taylor and Mrs. Randlesome, the School entered a choir for the Musical Festival. 28 children took part and made a very creditable showing. They took second place in their class and the adjudicator made several complimentary remarks about their performance.

The Divisions are practising songs for an inter-divisional competition to take place in the near future.

Visitors

L. Snaith

Mr. Gordon Green, from London Headquarters, arrived at the Farm School on April 30th and has been a welcome visitor during the first 3 weeks of May.

Messrs. Sam Guthrie and E. E. Winch, Members Legislative Assembly, C.C.F., visited the Farm School on May 9th.

During April and the first part of May 152 visitors signed the visitors' book. There were 9 from England, 1 from Australia, 2 from Montreal, 2 from Toronto, 2 from Winnipeg, 2 from Regina, 4 from Alberta, 22 from Vancouver, 45 from Victoria, 11 from Duncan, 42 from other parts of Vancouver Island and 10 from British Columbia generally.

Fairbridge Flower Show

The Annual Flower Show will be held on August 26th, in the south wing of the Day School. Admission for children free, adults 5¢.

Enter in the following competitions:

1. Best Bouquet from Fairbridge garden
2. Best Collection of Vegetables, also prizes for individual classes of vegetables.
3. Flower arranging for Table Decoration.
4. Largest Maple Leaf.
5. Painting or Drawing of Flower, Fruit or Vegetable - 2 classes in both mediums - under 10, 10 and over.
6. Best Fairbridge Snapshot - 2 classes, Staff and children.
7. Best Scrap Book - any subject.

8. Best Collection of Wild Flowers. Pressed, mounted and named.

Start your collections of Wild Flowers and Paintings now.

Refreshments will be served and a fun fair will be erected outside.

The Sporting Outlook

F. Todd

Boys

On April 19-20 a boxing tournament was held at Duncan in which Fairbridge took part. The boys won four bouts and were runners-up in six classes. The classes ranged from 60 up to 140 lbs; Fairbridge had one third of the total entries.

In the interval between football and cricket we have been having an exciting softball league. As we go to press the Greens and Blues are tied for first place with 4 games to their credit with the Maroons close behind them.

The Maroons won the Cross Country Relay Race which was held on May 11th. At the start the runners were Skelton for Maroons, Drape for Blacks, McNally for Blues, and Beechey for Greens. The Houses finished in the following order: Maroons (Lally); Greens (Park); Blues (Brayfield); Blacks (Forrest).

Girls

The girls played in a grass hockey match against a team from Queen Margaret's School, Duncan, on April 22nd. This was their first match; they were defeated 5-0.

The hockey season is now over and the girls are having softball, gym and country dancing in the evenings.

A Scouts' Own was held in the Dining Hall on May 21st. The service was conducted by Col. Dopping Hepenstall and all the local Scout Troops were represented as well as a number of Brownies and Guides. Mr. H. Savage gave a short address on the significance of the King's Visit to Canada.

Trainee Club

The Trainee Club was organized in October 1938. The purpose of the Club was twofold: (a) to give the Trainees as a group a chance to discuss mutual problems between themselves and with a member of the Staff (b) to assist them to find useful and enjoyable ways of filling in their spare time.

Meetings have been held in the Guest House every Thursday and are conducted in an orderly manner. The Executive consists of a President, a Vice President (who must be a girl), a Treasurer and a Secretary (who must be a girl). A monthly subscription of 10¢ is paid to help defray incidental expenses for refreshments, entertainment of guests, etc. Accounts are kept by the Treasurer.

Since the first meeting the Club has had talks from Mr. Brown on "The Farm Programme for 1939", Mr. Morton on "The History of Dairy Cattle", Mr. Thornbury on "Milk Testing". Two or three films supplied by the Department of Agriculture have been shown and a visit has been paid to a local dairy farm to see milking machines in operation. In addition to these talks there was during the winter a monthly guest night when each member of the Club was at liberty to invite one guest from among the younger children. On each occasion one member of the Club was responsible for the entertainment during the evening. Advantage of the snow was taken one evening to go tobogganing by moonlight.

In addition to the regular Thursday meeting the Trainees have been at liberty to play badminton on two nights of the week and have taken full advantage of this opportunity. The result has been a great improvement in their play and a very fair showing against the Staff in the Spring Tournament.

The first President was Tom Turner followed by Eric Wheeler and Norman Alsop. Florrie Cowans has been Vice President, Joan Buchan and Annie Usher Secretaries and E. Wheeler followed by P. Forrest Treasurers.

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be going up to Fintry in June. It is expected that one party will go early in the month and the other party at the end of the month. They will be in charge of Mr. Garnett and one or two cottage mothers.

Mr. Gordon Green, Mr. Logan, Mr. Hendry and Mr. Grogan paid us a visit a short while ago. We were sorry Mr. Green could not stay very long but we were delighted to see him.

George White arrived at Fintry on Thursday, May 18th, to take my place. This is the last time I write as Fintry correspondent and Tom Turner will in future take over my column. With the rest of the Editorial Board I wish him good luck and success.

The monthly subscription rates for the Fairbridge Gazette are as follows:

- 1¢ to children under twelve.
- 2¢ to children over twelve.
- 5¢ to staff and outside subscribers.
- Annual subscription to staff and outside subscribers 50¢ (Postage extra)

Help Wanted, Male: (or Female as the case may be) Enthusiastic Gardener for Farm School Hospital. Will have full charge of grounds and is expected to acquire all plants, seedlings, shrubs, etc., that are needed to beautify same at his own expense, and by fair means or foul. No questions asked. Remuneration low. - "Pickings" what have you? Apply Hospital between 4 - 5 P.M.

News Flash

The Lower Island Rural Schools held a Sports Meet at Fairbridge on May 23rd. The Schools who competed were: Shawnigan Lake, Fairbridge, Koksilah, Cowichan Station, and Sylvania. The Meet was won by Shawnigan and Fairbridge was second. Horace Skelton, with 4 firsts and 1 second, won the cup for the Fairbridge boy or girl having the highest number of points.