

Canada's Wild Life Resources

Source of 100 Million Pounds of Meat
 Since meat rationing has been introduced into Canada many people may wonder if our wild life resources are being adequately utilized in this emergency. In a country like Canada where in more than half the total area the principal commercial product is wild life, it is only reasonable to expect that game meat should take a prominent place in the diet of the people.

It is estimated that the annual consumption of game meat in Canada amounts to around 100,000,000 pounds. In the January 1943 issue of the sporting magazine, "Hunting and Fishing in Canada", it is asserted that hunters in the nine provinces of Canada take more than 48,000,000 pounds of dressed game annually. This leaves out of consideration the population of the Yukon and the Northwest Territories, many of whom depend on game for meat. It also leaves out many backwoodsmen and a few poachers of whom the same can be said.

In order to arrive at a proper figure for the meat consumption of the whole country it is necessary to add an approximation of the figures of Canada's Northland to those for the sportsmen. The Northland consumes a large amount of meat. Not all of this meat is used by humans; a great deal "goes to the dogs", but dogs are vital to the life of the country and have to be fed and well fed, so it all counts. Fish also bulks large in the northern diet.

No record is available of the amount of game killed, partly because native hunters are unlicensed. However, there are some figures that could be used. An estimate of the caribou kill, for instance, gives 30,000,000 pounds of this species alone. Figures for other species are less definite, but when the frontier or pioneer populations of the various provinces are compared with the populations of the Northwest Territories and Yukon there need be no hesitation in adding to the "Hunting and Fishing" estimate enough to bring the total for Canada to 100,000,000 pounds.

To look at it in another way, 50,000 of Canada's Indian population depend more or less on wild life. If we reckon them 10,000 families, each with a dog team, they will require 70,000,000 pounds of wild food. Much of it is fish and some of the game is included in the "Hunting and Fishing" estimate; but we have to consider Eskimos and frontier-dwelling white men in addition to Indians.

Our 100,000,000 pounds of wild meat may be compared with our production of 1,429,000,000 pounds of domestically raised meat in 1942. Our meat production from game, including all the various forms of game used for food in our hinterland, is 7 per cent of our domestic meat production.

The United States Fish and Wildlife Service estimates that 435,000,000 pounds of game and game fish are produced annually in the United States. This is given as 141 per cent of a domestic production of over 30 billion pounds of livestock, poultry and commercial fish. Fish are not included in the Canadian estimates.

Although our total weight of game meat is less than the United States, the ratio of game to domestic meat is more than four times as great in Canada. It is also used in the places where it does the most good; in remote areas where the distribution of domestic meats would be difficult or impossible.

These facts should be borne in mind when schemes to increase the production of game meat are aired. The present stocks of game in Canada have been built up in the course of years by the various provinces and territories. The best way to increase the use of game in Canada would be to use such excellent meats as muskrat, now largely wasted, and woodchuck or groundhog, sometimes killed as a farm nuisance and thrown away. Better care

C.P.R. RUSHES BACON TO BRITAIN



Many millions of pounds of Canadian bacon for embattled Britain have been handled in Canadian Pacific Railway overhead refrigerator cars, similar to the one being loaded in this picture. It is revealed by H. J. Main, general superintendent of transportation, whose department directs these precious loads needed by fighting men and civilians. Particularly suited for continuing the cure of bacon in transit there are 360 of these cars of a type pioneered on the North American continent by the Canadian Pacific seven years ago. This constitutes the largest overhead-type refrigerator fleet in Canada and the United States, with all of the overhead cars running as "bacon specials" while 3,646 refrigerator cars of other types look after the handling of the fresh meat, fish, fruits and vegetables needed for a healthy Canada.

of killed game would also prevent some loss and make the meat more appetizing.

There is also a regrettable waste of birds and animals which are fatally wounded but never recovered. Much of this is caused by poor shooting or shooting at game beyond proper range, which, with a shortage of domestic ammunition, constitutes a double waste.

Fire is one of the most devastating causes of loss of wild life. With the approach of the first of March, it is important that all who are interested in the preservation of wild life should use every possible care in the use of fire in the woods and the open spaces, and should co-operate in every way with those whose duty it is to see that losses from this source are held to the lowest possible minimum.

OPEN SCHOOL IN MALTON AREA

At a special service of dedication to mark the opening of the new Victory School at Malton, on Tuesday, Gordon Graydon, M.P., Federal Progressive Conservative House Leader, said: "Color, creed and financial position must not be a barrier to our children in getting the most of their fundamental rights—that of education."

The official dedication was conducted by Rev. T. B. Butler, of Weston, and Rev. C. A. Johnson, of Brampton. Speeches were made by representatives of Victory Aircraft Limited; members of local clergy and municipal leaders in the district. On behalf of the Minister of Education, Chief Inspector Dr. V. K. Greer declared the school open.

With an enrolment of 125 pupils, the new four-room school will open this month. The building is of fire-resisting construction and contains modern equipment throughout. William McMullen, of Toronto, has been named as principal.

ACTON

News of the surrender of Italy received yesterday called for no celebration here or cessation of work in Acton plants.

At a meeting of the School board, Trustee Geo. Mason gave a report on the possibility of operating a kindergarten class at the Y. M. C. A. and broadening the present plan.

Native of Acton and spending her entire life in this district, many friends in this community were saddened to learn of the passing on Thursday last of Mrs. John D. Brown. She was 71 years of age and passed away at the farm home lot 29, Esqueaux Township, adjoining Acton.

Mr. Griffin Sprawl has sold his house on Willow Street to Mr. Hilliard Price—Free Press.

BRAMPTON

In spite of dull skies and intermittent showers, a crowd of 10,000 people attended the Brampton Fall Fair held here last Saturday and Monday.

Alex. McKinney of Brampton R. R. No. 2, was appointed to the committee which was charged by the Provincial Government with the responsibility of conducting a survey into the farm situation in Ontario.

Out of the 99 volunteers who reported to the sixth Brampton Blood Clinic held here last Friday, only 13 were rejected for medical reasons.

Mrs. James Littleton passed away at the home of her son William at 98 Main St. North on Tuesday, September 7th.—Conservator & Gazette.

There are some 60 Canadian Rhodes scholars in the armed forces and an equal number in government and other war services. Rhodes Scholars were in khaki at Dieppe and in Sicily.

TERRA COTTA

A reception and presentation was held in honor of one of Terra Cotta's most popular young couples who were married quite recently, when a great many friends and neighbors from here and the surrounding districts gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lyons, 511 5th Lane, to honor Mr. and Mrs. Walter Howard. After the crowd had a smattering, the able chairman, Mr. A. McDonald, called order and an excellent program followed. It included a solo by Miss Irene Archdekin, and a Duet by Thompson

and Shirley McNally; reading entitled "The Unruly Cow" by Georgina Eccles; solo by Lorene Archdekin; duet by Nora Lyons and Jean Eccles. Many appropriate speeches were made, and the following spoke: Messrs. Leslie Young, J. A. McKane, George Kirkwood, Rockside, J. R. Campbell, Rockside, Fred Lyons, Clarence Lyons, Cheltenham, W. J. Rutledge, Terra Cotta, Laverne Thompson, Union, A. McDonald.

An address was read by Mrs. Clarence Anderson at the time a beautiful set of crystal was presented to the bride and groom by Mr. Clarence Lyons of Cheltenham. Following is the address:

Dear Edna:

We your friends, have assembled here tonight with mingled feelings of happiness and regret, in the many pleasant memories of your associations with us and happy to meet with you now to express to you our best wishes on the happy occasion of your marriage, but regret that you are to take up your abode in new surroundings, and amidst a new circle of friends. We have always found you to have a genial and helpful disposition, always considerate and kind to your friends. You were always ready and willing at all times, never had to be coaxed or mollified, as many of us seem to demand when a favour is asked of us. You went not only the second mile but many more just as cheerfully as you went the first. Was there sickness or sorrow, you were always ready to help. Was it an occasion when a wedding gift was to be bought, you were equally ready to add to the general happiness by taking us to the wholesale. Was it a Telephone message ever wanted sent over the other line? You were never known to refuse, although it must have taken both time and patience. We can only offer to you our sincere thanks, and to extend to you our best wishes for a long and happy journey through life, and may God's blessing attend you and may you and your enthusiastic efforts be in the Master's Service. And that you may some time think of us, we ask you to accept this set of crystal as a token of remembrance, to remind you that you have many friends in this community. Signed: Mamie Campbell, Mrs. J. Eves, Geo. H. Leslie, Chas. McNally, Thelma Hunter.

Mr. Norrie of the 5th Line on The Mountain has gone into sheep ranching quite extensively, also is conducting a "Horse Repository". We wish Mr. Norrie every success in his new enterprise here.

Mrs. McNally is visiting with her daughter, Mrs. A. Lewis of Georgetown at present.

We are also sorry to learn that Mrs. C. McNally is on the sick list at present. We sincerely hope soon to hear

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of her complete recovery. Mrs. Lovell of Alton spent a few days last week with her brother, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Hunter.

We are sorry to learn that Mr. H. Ellwood is in the Hospital in Toronto, pending a serious operation. We hope soon to hear of his complete recovery.

A number from here attended Mr. John Campbell's sale on Thursday last and report the sale a splendid success. Mr. Frank Peck of Georgetown and Mr. L. E. Franklin of Toronto very ably conducted the sale. Bidding was brisk and good prices were realized.

School days are here again and our local teachers are here once more to take part in their teaching duties in their respective schools, and we wish them continued success.

Mr. P. C. Lyons our genial thresher is busy finishing up the season's threshing and we are sorry to report that the turnout is not very encouraging in this section.

A number from here took in Dramp-ton Fair and all report a good time.

Relatives of troops Overseas were honored in a ceremony at Sherbrooke when honor penants were presented to 500 persons whose next-of-kin are in Active Service.

IMPORTANT FACTS ON PULP & PAPER WAR EFFORT

HOW THE PULP & PAPER INDUSTRY HELPS BLAST THE AXIS



IN MAKING HIGH EXPLOSIVES WOOD PULP HAS LARGELY REPLACED COTTON LINTERS. TODAY CANADA MAKES SUCH EXPLOSIVES AND EXPORTS CHEMICAL PULPS TO BRITAIN.

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