

YUKON TAKES STEPS TO PROTECT FOXES

Probably the first law for the regulation of the fox capturing and farming industry ever to be enacted was passed by the Yukon Territorial Council during its recent session. The act prohibits the capture or killing of foxes under one year of age, during the months of April and May; the exportation of any fox from Yukon Territory except that it be bred in captivity or retained in captivity for at least two years.

The statute follows:

1. This ordinance may be cited as "The Fox Protection Ordinance."
2. In this ordinance the following expressions have the meaning assigned to them in this section unless the context otherwise requires:
- (a) The word "person" or "party" shall include any person or party persons or parties or any body, corporate or politic, partnership, company, or

society and the heirs, executors, administrators or other legal representatives of such person to whom the context is capable of applying.

- (b) The word "penalty" with reference to an offense under this ordinance includes any fine to which the offender may be liable under this ordinance and also any imprisonment which under the provisions hereof may be imposed in default of the payment or satisfaction of such fine and also to all forfeitures provided for under the provisions of this ordinance.
3. No one shall hunt, take, kill, shoot at, wound, injure or molest in any way between the first day of April and the first day of June any fox under one year of age.
4. Every person who at the date of coming into force of this ordinance is the owner of any live fox or foxes in captivity within the Yukon Territory shall not later than two months thereafter file with the Territorial Secretary at Dawson or some person at Whitehorse to be appointed by the commissioner a statement in writing

under oath, containing the name of the owner thereof and the number of foxes owned by him with a description of each of such foxes and such person shall thereupon be entitled to a permit from the commissioner or some person appointed by him for the purpose at Whitehorse authorizing such person to export and ship such foxes to any place without the Territory.

5. No person, corporation, railway company, express company or other common carrier shall at any time or in any manner export or cause to be exported or carried or have in possession for the purpose of exporting or carrying out of the limits of this Territory any live fox not born in captivity or any other live fox which has not been in captivity for a period of at least two years, but no live foxes of any kind shall be exported from the Territory except in pursuance and by virtue of a permit from the commissioner or some person at Whitehorse to be appointed by the commissioner for that purpose.
6. Before any permit for exporting any live fox is granted there shall be filed with the person issuing such permit a statutory declaration by the owner of such fox or his agent that such fox has either been born in captivity or has been in captivity for at least two years. Such declaration to specify the kind and color of each fox to be exported. The fee for each permit issued shall be \$5.
7. Every person, corporation, railway, express company, or other common carrier shall on production of such permit by the holder thereof be entitled to carry without the Territory the foxes in such permit described, such permit to be taken up by them and forwarded to the Territorial secretary.
8. Everyone is guilty of an offense and liable to the penalty hereinafter provided who at any time hereafter in any part of the Territory, without the consent of the owner or caretaker of a ranch or enclosure where foxes or other fur-bearing animals are kept in captivity for breeding purposes, shall approach or enter upon the private grounds of the owner or owners of the said animals within a distance of twenty-five yards from the outer fence or enclosure within which the pens or dens of the said animals are located and upon which said fence notice forbidding trespassing on the said premises is kept posted so as to be plainly discernable at the said distance of not less than twenty-five yards, provided a public highway does not run closer than twenty-five yards.

as here where the sun is shining brightly.

The big thaw is on, water is trickling from eaves, the sordougs are getting out their rockers, fur coats are giving away to peck-a-boo shirts, straw hats are being brushed up, and the spring poet is trying to break in to print.—Dawson News.

MINING PAPER TALKS ABOUT ALASKA ROAD

At last the way to the development of the Alaskan coal fields is opening, says the Mining and Scientific Press. The first great need is transportation. Following its enactment, a law providing for the leasing of the coal lands is on the administration program, and a bill for such an act has already been introduced in both House and Senate.

The railroad bill is a good one in most particulars. Whatever differences of opinion as to government ownership of railroads may remain, the system affords the only way out as conditions now exist, and if the government is to build railroads in Alaska or elsewhere where public opinion is unanimous to the effect that the organization and control of the work should be as much like that obtaining at Panama, as possible.

On Business Principles.

There, Col. G. W. Goethals and his associates made a success because of the recognition of the fact that, if the government is going into business it must recognize business principles. In particular, authority must go with responsibility and a definite plan must be formulated in advance. In the new bill the whole authority and responsibility for building the proposed railroad lines is lodged in the President, and adequate funds are made available from the first. Plans can be made, and contracts can be let, with full assurance that the money will be forthcoming at the time and in the amounts needed.

Recognizes Pioneers.

It is further provided that the government may buy or lease existing lines, and we are glad to see that some return, at least, is to be made to the pioneer railroad builders of Alaska who have every justification for complaint at the change in the rules of the game that was made after their work began. We believe in the active development of the Territory. We see no reason why another Scandinavia with its vigorous civilization, may not be added to the world, and we consider it a proper public enterprise to open the way to such a development. There is just one feature of the new law that appeals to us as particularly bad—that is the provision that no engineer may be appointed to a position on the work at a salary exceeding \$3,000 without approval of the Senate.

No Politics Are Wanted.

Possibly this is merely a childish attempt to "save face" on the part of power loving Senators who, having consented to a big program, are not quite able to do it wholly and generously. The limitation, however, smells strongly of hopes for political spoils.

Nothing would more surely or completely disgust the American Nation with the whole policy of government ownership than to have the taint of partisan politics over the system. That may be one way to defeat what many opponents find it inconvenient to fight openly.

Following the railroad bill is one providing a leasing system for the coal fields. We are already on record as favoring such a plan. There are many who honestly oppose it, but it is now generally conceded that such a system is inevitable, and we believe those now in opposition will ultimately find its disadvantages fewer and less important than they now fear. We are glad to note that an indeterminate period of lease is provided, as was urged by the Mining and Metallurgical Society.

Must Fulfill Conditions.

The leases are to be for the whole of the coal in the ground, and the lessee continues in possession so long as he fulfills the stipulated conditions. Certain rights of revision at intervals of twenty years are reserved to the Secretary of the Interior, and this is as reasonable as the usual right to revise rentals in the case of ground leases in cities. The amount of royalty, above a minimum of 2 cents per ton, is fixed by the lessee through competitive bidding. A small but increasing acreage tax applies during the period that the land lies idle before operations begin, and all funds arising from these taxes are to be applied to the development, improvement and betterment of Alaska, including railroad building. All this is excellent. We like less the restriction on acreage, though an allowance of 2,500 acres is more liberal than the old 640-acre limit of the general coal land law. The most important feature of the law to which we would take exception is that making stringent provision against any possible consolidation of claims.

Better to Have Open Way.

It would probably be impossible, however, to obtain any legislation at this time which did not include some such provision, and it is better to have a way open than to wait indefinitely for the best way. The system proposed is workable. It has many good points, and we hope it will be promptly put in operation. Alaska has been too long neglected.

WILSON AS A NATION'S MANAGER

The Hon. Woodrow Wilson, president of the United States, is a good example of what a city manager might mean.

Somebody once called Theodore Roosevelt the managing editor of the United States, and the suggestion was not at all inapt, for publicity, in its useful and helpful sense, was one of Mr. Roosevelt's hobbies. He believed in keeping the people in touch with what the government was doing, and the policy developed a large and wholesome sympathy and support that was of enormous value to him.

Mr. Wilson lays equal stress on the value of sane publicity, for he is keeping no unnecessary secrets from the public.

And he is doing more than that. More than any president of modern times. Mr. Wilson has developed the administrative possibilities of the high office to which the American people called him.

The attitude he has assumed toward Congress, his frequent and open conferences with the law-makers, his frank advice on legislative policies, and

his open-mindedness concerning his own intentions and purposes as the executive and administrative head of the government, have all tended to make him one of the most successful chief executives the nation has ever had.

The example is worth considering in connection with our proposal to have a city manager for Seattle.

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EVIDENCES OF SPRING APPEAR AT DAWSON

A snipe was observed flying around drumming over town early this morning. The arrival, it is said, is two or three weeks earlier than usual. Mallard ducks are generally the first immigrants seen here, arriving about the second week in April.

Live flies also are reported having gotten into action in some of the houses here where the sun is shining brightly.

ALASKA'S FUTURE (Whitehorse Star)

We made a dozen breaches just beyond the ocean's reaches We climbed and clawed and scrambled o'er an hundred free divides! With a photo to remind us of the dear ones left behind us Lot fall the growth of ages in the shro of mountain tides! Left the lore of town and city with their wealth of love and pity Left the women and the children, and the woman of our dreams Solved the getting and the giving, left forays the bond-slave's living And panned and rocked and sluiced upon a thousand virgin streams!

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ALASKA INSANE MAN DIES AT MORNINGSIDE

The Governor's office is in receipt of advices from the Sanitarium Company, Portland, Oregon, which has the contract to care for the Alaska Insane, of the death on March 31st of Herman Realman, who had been an inmate of that institution since June 16, 1906. An attack of pneumonia was the immediate cause of death.

The report of the Sanitarium Company for the quarter ended March 31, is summarized as follows:

Men-women-total			
Patients under date December 31, 1913...	157	24	181
Patients received during quarter.....	8		8
Totals	165	24	189
Discharged during quarter—1 Died during quart—1 Eloped during quarter—1....	8		8
Patients remaining under care at end of quarter	157	24	181

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WINDHAM BAY NOTES.

WINDHAM, April 7.—The quick response of the Windham bucket brigade saved a serious fire at Henry Plush's residence.

In applying stain to furniture Miss Rowe had her hands and arms badly poisoned, but is now recovering.

Mr. Nightingale, of Seattle, is expected up shortly on his annual trip here in the interests of mining.

Capt. Orr is making the trip to Kake this week. He expects to continue on to Juneau to pay old friends a visit.

D. W. Yates will be a passenger on the Fox for Juneau this trip.

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