

### Canada's Vast Mineral Fields Of Great Importance

TORONTO, March 7 — (CP)—Canada's vast and still unfolding mineral resources have never been so important to safety and her future in the world, Mines Minister Prudham said tonight.

Canadians could not remain strong and free in the face of today's perils without the products of mineral industries. Everything possible was being done to develop these stores of strength.

He cited the great new oil finds in Alberta and new iron-ore deposits in Eastern Canada which held ever greater promises for Canadian mining, now a \$1,000,000,000 annual industry.

In a speech prepared for delivery to the Prospectors and Developers Association, he described some of the things Canadian mining was doing in the scientific field with the aid of the department.

Canada was developing a rapid method of removing sulphur in steel-making processes and this was now being adopted by industry.

"If Canada is ever attacked in the far north," he said, "this new process in refining steel will improve our country's ability to wage cold climate warfare. Even small amounts of sulphur in the metal will cause breakages at very low temperatures."

The new method could result in an increase from 10 to 25 per cent in Canada's steel-making capacity without additional furnace facilities. It may result in a saving of \$3,000,000 a year to the steel industry.

Canada is also working on development of an airborne radio-active detector for use in locating radioactive deposits from the air. She was studying rock pressures in western coal mines to help lower extraction costs.

The McMurray, Alta., tar sands remained as the greatest potential oil reserves in the world and Canada was working on methods to separate the oil from the sands.

"In this connection we have worked out a cold-water process," he said. "A flow sheet indicates a 95-per-cent recovery of bitumen content. A hot-water process has been developed by the Alberta Government and the National Research Council at Ottawa has been busy on a third."

**WHOLE FLOCKS**  
ANCASTER, Ont. — (CP) — Those persons who eagerly report the first robin of spring were put in the shade by two residents of this Hamilton suburb. They counted 83 robins in a flock that alighted on the outskirts of town.

### TIMELY NOTES ON TOPICS CONNECTED WITH Silver Fox and Mink Farming

Hudson's Bay Company's sale of furs in Montreal last week was a great success. Ranch mink soared to a high of \$40 for extra dark males and a very high percentage of the over 8,000 skins offered changed hands with New York and Canadian dealers both buying substantially.

The quality of the ranch mink was excellent. The sales room estimated an advance of 10 to 15 per cent. The ranch mink offering was preceded by a wild mink catalogue of 9,800 skins, mostly of average quality with a few outstanding lots which brought up to \$65. Buying came from New York, Canada and Europe. 3,029 mutation mink was also subjected to keen American competition.

Ranch mink started cautiously but soon picked up speed and mink dark and extra males brought between \$27 and \$32, females between \$18.25 and \$29; mixed extra dark, part dark males \$24 to \$28 and dark and dark brown \$23 to \$26. Extra darks scored the year's peak at \$40 for males.

Prices on mutation mink ranged as follows:—Silverblue males \$23 to \$35; females \$21 to \$25; mixed \$17.75 to \$40.50; silverblue Bresth of Spring mixed, \$36 to \$49; females, \$23 to \$31; pastels, males \$25 to \$30; females, \$17 to \$28.50; mixed \$24 to \$38.50; Aleutians mixed, \$28 to \$30; Blue Frost males \$17.75, females \$13.25; Kohinur, males \$17.50, females, \$13.25. Muskrats found Canadian dealers actively competing against each other for the nearly 20,000 skins offered, most of which were sold. The catalogue was mainly winter, part fall, so that in most cases they were well under \$30.00. Exceptions were Nova Scotia strings at \$34.00. A single lot of black muskrat brought \$3.35.

Canadian Fur Auction Sales Company (Quebec) Ltd., will hold their sale in Montreal on March 12th. The entire offering is described as an original collection of fresh wild and ranch goods. In addition to the beaver, otter, fisher, ermine, squirrel, wolf, raccoon, red fox, skunk, timber wolf and miscellaneous other furs they will on Tuesday, March 13th, offer for sale 8,000 wild mink, 20,000 ranch mink, 7,000 mutation mink, 500 white fox, 1,000 blue fox. On Thursday they will offer 14,000 silver fox including platinum, pearl platinum, white marked and standard. On Friday, March 16, the balance of the silver fox offering.

The offering of 10,000 mink at the Stockholm, Sweden, sale last week was 96% sold with an average price for first and seconds of 134 kroner. The top price was 240 kroner.

Imports of raw furs into the United Kingdom from the United States during January total \$1,200,000. This is over two and a half times the total brought in from the United States during January, 1950, and is almost five times greater than December shipments.

However, the United States trailed both Russia and South West Africa as principal suppliers of raw furs to the United Kingdom. Russia sold during the same month \$1,900,000 worth and South West Africa \$1,350,000.

The audience at Revillon Freres, Paris, France, was intrigued by a shoulder caplet of sapphire blue mink said to be sold in Europe and priced at about the equivalent of \$55.00. There is much diversity here in furs, with mink and fox leading. Minks include both brown and mutation tones. Pearl fox is high-lighted. Persian lamb and broadtail make redingotes which are fairly full-skirted, with narrow leather belts. Muskrat dyed in grays or browns is important in less costly garments. Some very dark dyes are used, as in Persian lamb so brown it is almost black. Combinations of furs are numerous, as a broadtail cape bordered with silver fox or a beaver jacket collared and cuffed with ocelot.

Skins are elaborately worked, particularly in a big group of stoles, one fox in figure eights, one mink in diamonds, while sleeves suggest spiral cuts. Sleeves are the focus for novelty, leaving collars small and inconspicuous. There are a couple of collarless coats accompanied by matching stoles. Little boleros have big balloon sleeves to the elbow. Many sleeves are mounted below the shoulder. Hip-length wraps are flared at the sides by diverse cape-sleeve treatments. These short garments, a cross between the jacket and the cape, are young and smart. Contrastingly slender are other hip-length garments of broad vertical fox bands often sleeveless, with broad shoulder pieces. Long coats, averaging 14 inches from the ground, seem to be slender and striking with big pockets placed low. The Paris Revillon collection is scheduled to be shown with the American collection in New York on March 15.

Milwaukee, March 1—Advertising and promotional possibilities of fox were discussed at the second organizational meeting of the new American Fox Breeders Association, meeting here this week at the Hotel Schroeder. About 25 fox breeders attended the discussion, presided over by Edward Langens, field, of New Holstein, Wis., chairman of the steering committee, and were addressed by Helen Reid and Waldo Hawhurst, of Harpers Bazaar, and by Albert Woodley, New York advertising man; Sydney H. Murley, president of Lampson, Fraser & Huth, Inc., and Jack E. Veasey, Lampson official.

The breeders were told that the silver fox outlook is firm in view of high fashion acceptance at the consumer level in European centers and a spreading of this acceptance to the United States. Final organization of the group is to take place in Denver at a meeting in June, when permanent officers will be elected. Also at the Denver meeting, advertising, promotion, and marketing programs discussed at previous meetings will be adopted and a permanent trade name of the group selected.

### First Spring Garden Crop Is Appetizing Radish

Radishes are sown in almost every garden at least once. That once is enough to discourage many gardeners, because so often when the crop matures they have to throw away most of it.

The reason is the radish is one of the earlier vegetables, because it grows so fast. From seed to harvest is 20 days for the small globe type. Having rushed to maturity, it just keeps on rushing, and within a week the root turns pithy and the plants begin to think of going to seed. That's when the discouraged gardener digs most of the long row he planted and throws the roots away.

Keep in mind that the faster a variety grows, the shorter the time it remains in edible condition. The trick is to sow only as much as you can use during that short period, and make another sowing to mature just when the first one bows out.

In the case of the early globe type sow a week's supply at a time, which should be about six or seven feet in the row. Remember

this type does not like hot weather, so stop in time to avoid that, and change to a midseason variety, which will be usable for two weeks, so two weeks' supply of them can be sown.

If you want a supply all summer, sow a late, summer variety for hot weather. But frequent sowings in small lots is a good rule for all except winter radishes which take two months to mature and remain good for six weeks. They grow very large, some weighing several pounds.

One way to grow early radishes is to mix them with the seeds of parsley, parsnips, carrots and beets, all of which are slow to germinate. Not more than a tenth as many radishes as the other seeds should be used. The radishes germinate quickly, "marking the row" where the other seeds lie, which will assist you in cultivating. Be sure to pull and eat the radishes as they mature before they can crowd the slower crops.

### ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meetings of the Prince Edward Island Sheep and Swine Breeders' Associations will be held in

THE VOCATIONAL SCHOOL  
on  
FRIDAY, MARCH 16th

The Sheep Breeders will convene at 10:00 a.m. and the Swine Breeders at 7:30 p.m.  
A large attendance is requested.

### HOLSTEIN BREEDERS

Meeting of the Shareholders of the P. E. I. Superior Holstein Bull Club, will be held on Thursday, March 15 at 1:30 p.m., in the office of The Prince Edward Island Exhibition Association. All interested please try and attend as important business is to be brought before this meeting.

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### Supervisor Of C.N.R. First Aid

MONCTON, N.B., March 9—The appointment of R. E. Cunningham as supervisor of first aid for the Atlantic region of the Canadian National Railways with headquarters at Moncton, N.B., succeeding Dr. W. Kyle, is announced by Dr. R. J. Brown, regional medical officer of the railways. The appointment is effective immediately.

Ronald Edward Cunningham was born at Halifax, N.S., and entered the employ of the railway as a clerk in the accounting department at Moncton in October 1921, in which capacity he served for a short time. He re-entered the service in October 1922 as a clerk in the same department at Moncton and in May 1923 transferred to the purchasing dept. In February 1943 he was made voucher clerk in the accounting department and in July 1945 senior voucher clerk, the position he has occupied up to his present appointment.

Last year Mr. Cunningham received the prior vote of thanks of the Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem, with which is associated the St. John Ambulance Association, devoted to first aid work, and just recently was presented with an award of merit of the order in recognition of meritorious service rendered by him in saving a life by the prompt application of first aid in the case of an accident.

BUCKFASTLEIGH, Devon, Eng. (CP)—The Local Council has refused a £5 (\$15) offer for a 1912 fire engine.

### - FARMERS -

There are indications of a farm labor shortage this Spring. It is known that a number of Dutch immigrants will be available. It is hoped to induce some of these to come to Prince Edward Island.

If you are thinking of obtaining a Dutch farm hand it will be necessary to complete application forms, which are forwarded to the Canadian Immigration authorities. While no guarantee can be given that all orders will be filled, it is hoped to fill most of those received. It will be appreciated that the Dutch workers who come to Canada pay their own passage and are immigrants, not homeless people without means.

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### Seed Box Good Place To Sow Flower Seeds

If seeds are sown thinly, they will reach garden size faster without transplanting.

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1. Soil well suited for germinating seeds can easily be supplied in the box.
2. Boxes can be placed near the source of water; moved to the shade when the sun is too hot; moved into the sun in cool weather.
3. All plants that develop can be set out in the garden each in the place desired, with no losses from thinning out.

These are real advantages, as those who have tried sowing seeds direct in the garden will understand. They apply especially to the larger flowers, which must be widely spaced, but not so well to flowers that grow in close planting, such as alyssum and not at all to those that dislike transplanting such as poppies, portulaca and salpiglossis.

A disadvantage is that every time a plant is lifted and moved to a new location it experiences a shock and setback. This can be overcome by starting your seed boxes early in a cold frame, hotbed, or in the house; and also by sowing the seed so far apart, that they can be moved from the box direct to places in the garden, thus experiencing transplanting shock only once.

To grow the largest plants you can in the shortest time, sowing in a seed box should be made with the seeds thinly spaced, so plants will not be crowded when they come up. It should be sufficient to sow twice as many seeds as you have room for, to allow for failures from accidents, or other causes. If all seeds grow, some plants may have to be taken out, but as many as possible should be grown without check to garden size. Garden size may mean anything from the second pair of leaves up, depending on how late you sow. The younger a plant is when moved outdoors, the quicker it will recover and

resume growth. Plants may be moved to the garden as soon as the weather permits, if they have made true leaves. They should not be started under protection so early that they outgrow their indoors quarters when it is still too cold to move outdoors, as this may seriously check their growth.

If you take as a guide the date in your locality after which the garden is usually safe from killing frosts, then you may start seed four weeks before the date in a cold frame or in the house; six weeks before in a hot-bed and eight weeks before in a hot-bed and eight weeks or more in a greenhouse, and be reasonably sure that, provided you grow your plants in containers which have plenty of soil, you can grow them without check until safe to move them to the garden.

### NICE WEATHER

AMHERST, N. S. — (CP) — The weather in February was the second mildest in the records of the experimental farm. The mean temperature of 29.91 was exceeded only in February of 1925. But there were only 72 hours of sunshine compared with a normal 100.

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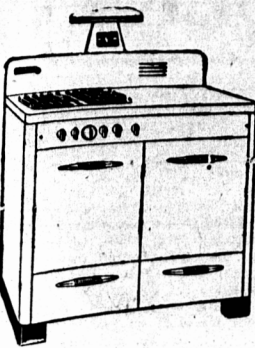
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