

Silver Fox And Mink Farming

Standard mink was 52 per cent sold at prices unchanged with June levels at Hudson's Bay Company's fur sale last week in New York. Failure to sell more of the collection was ascribed by the collection company to high limits on merchandise. Various types of mink mutations sold at prices unchanged to slightly ahead in keeping with the first day of the sale.

A despatch from St. Louis, Mo., to Women's Wear Daily has the following:—In stores where mink is in first position, these have been the top items: Wild mink jackets, cape-jackets and stoles at \$1,000 to \$2,000; platinum wild and stand mink in that order in the new "Blouson" stole for the fashion-minded customer; classic stoles and 26-28-inch jackets for the majority of well-to-do mink customers at \$1,500. At one source, full-length pastel and wild mink coats were "a windfall" — completely unexpected after last year's poor reception—at about \$4,000 a garment. Vying for second position at most sources are muskrat and squirrel. Squirrel is best in clutch capes, stoles and jackets from \$138-5398; muskrat in skin-on-skin coats at \$250-5298.

This year's "sleeper" particularly in specialty stores, has been beaver, running third and fourth in many of these stores. Sources claimed that beaver's improved position has all but knocked sheared raccoon out of the picture. Low pricing of beaver is said to be a factor in outdistancing raccoon. Blonde beaver is said to be coming up fast in jackets and three-quarter coats, at \$398-5598. Dyed chiffon ermine jackets and stoles have also done well in specialty stores, selling best at \$350 and \$495. Buyers, in general, give credit for improved volume to an increase in advertising and local fashion publicity of popular-priced furs. Another factor which has helped somewhat, it was said, has been the slash in the excise tax.

From several sources we have learned that there is considerable activity in beaver and we are glad, because the trappers who have been depending upon beaver for a large part of their income have had a very lean year and this will give them courage for the coming season.

Marshall Field & Co., used a full page in a recent issue of the Chicago-Tribune to advertise its Empress chinchilla jacket retailing for \$5,000 in the 28 Shop. Against a background suggesting a castle was sketched a woman wearing the jacket. Copy read, "One of the few things in life that makes a woman feel she just inherited the world... our own natural Empress chinchilla. And why not? So very few will ever wear so fabulous a fur." This followed a smaller ad run in a previous issue, which invited readers "to come in and see our previous collection of designer furs in the 28 Shop." Furs here included small mink pieces, retailing from \$795 to \$3,000, full-length minks from \$3,000 to \$6,000, and leopards at \$3,500.

From Toledo, Ohio, Herbert Schwabe, head of A. F. Schwabe Fur Inc., reports mink in brief items, such as caplets, pocket stoles and cape jackets dominated August sales at a price range of \$495 up to \$2,250. Mr. Schwabe states he also noticed this year the trend in mink is toward sapphire. A little activity is also being shown for squirrel short pieces and a few jackets at \$395 and caplets at \$159.50 and up. Blonde shades are moving in sheared rac-

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PATTERN 317

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Apply: The Workshop Department, The Guardian, Charlottetown, P. E. I.

NEWSY NOTES

ANTS

Ants belong to the Hymenoptera order of insects, which includes bees, wasps, sawflies and others. While this order is placed third in size by entomologists, it is frequently placed first in importance by writers, much as man is placed at the head of the animal kingdom because of superior intelligence, etc. Most of these insects colonize with a division of work among their young, live in social colonies with a queen, and are very widely distributed throughout the temperate and tropical countries. They occur in three different forms: (a) The perfect females or queens, that lose their wings after mating, and that reproduce the new generations, (b) the winged males that die soon after they have mated with the queen, (c) the workers, all sterile females.

Ants are exasperating pests that invade dwellings, seeking food. They are fond of human foods, and some gather and store grains and seeds. There are ants that especially like honey-dew, which they gather from plant-lice, or aphids. Linnaeus said of them that they secure and keep aphids as "cows" protecting them from enemies, placing them where they can get their natural food and even caring for the aphid eggs and young. They consider the aphids their property and will fight to retain them.

Outlook For Winter Grain Shipment Said To Be Promising

HALIFAX (CP)—Chairman R. K. Smith of the national harbors board said today the outlook for grain shipments through Halifax this winter is promising.

In Halifax on his annual fall inspection trip, Mr. Smith said the prospects for grain shipments were good after a disappointing season last winter when shipments through the port hit their lowest point in several years.

Some well-organized campaigns have cost about \$5, per city block.

Scotland's Dance Champion To Teach At Sydney School

SYDNEY, (CP)—Scotland's highland dancing champion is coming to this New World Scottish stronghold to teach highland, Irish and Celtic folk dancing, it was announced Thursday night.

Director A. W. L. MacKenzie of the nearby Gaelic College at St. Ann's said James L. MacKenzie will instruct for five weeks at college classes beginning next July.

MacKenzie has been Scottish highland dance champion for several years and this year won the

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the P. E. I. Potato Growers Association will be held at their offices in Charlottetown on Wednesday, Sept. 29th commencing at 2 p.m.

Signed,
P. E. I. Potato Growers Association.

Britain Goes Bankrupt and Then Booms

LONDON, (Reuters)—A food ministry official said Wednesday night that Britain had gone from bankruptcy to boom in three years, with employment at a peacetime record.

Dr. Charles Hill, parliamentary secretary to the food ministry, told a political meeting here that both production and exports had increased by seven per cent compared with last year, the trade gap was narrower and gold-and-dollar reserves were bigger.

"This year," he added, "we shall be eating half as much meat again as in 1951, 25 per cent more bacon and more eggs and cheese. There is more food about now than at any time since the war."

Hill said the wages had risen considerably more than prices, and that in three budgets from the present Conservative government, annual taxation had fallen by 2550.00.

Control Measures

The best control is to locate and destroy the queens in the ant nests. These nests may be located by following the line of workers back to its source. When the queen is destroyed, the others die in a short time. Chloroform as a dust, or mixed in a 2-3 per cent solution of kerosene, is effective. Carbon bisulphide, or calcium cyanide, if placed in holes punched a foot or so deep in the nest, at the rate of one or two tablespoons to each hole, which is then plugged with mud, will destroy the ants. Carbon bisulphide must be kept away from any fire, and calcium cyanide is a dangerous poison and must be handled with care as such.

For the control of Argentine, Pharaoh and other wide spreading ant pests that overrun districts, it is necessary that an intensive eradication campaign be undertaken by the committees under the direction of entomologists familiar with the life history and habits

EARLY CHRISTIAN

Titus Flavius Alexandrinus, a Greek who died about AD 220, was a distinguished Christian writer.

stock fur. Sapphires are still popular, and Platinum has become the price line in the blue type. The European trade likes Sapphires and Platinum. Mayers stated that, with less than 1-2 per cent of pelts remaining unsold at auction houses, with European trade expanding and sound economic conditions at home, the marketing season ahead should be profitable.

Province Wide Meeting

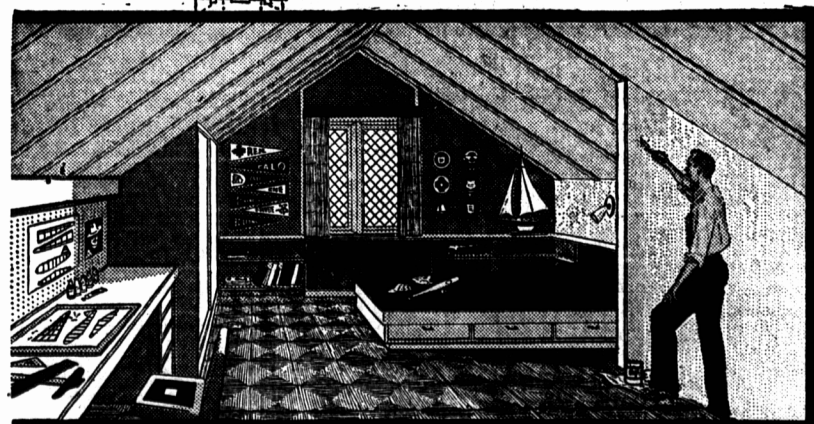
of
P. E. I. POTATO GROWERS
in
THE CHARLOTTETOWN FORUM
Wednesday, September 29—8:00 P. M.

This meeting will provide growers the opportunity of hearing from the Chairman of the Potato Market Board an EXPLANATION of the operations of the Board's proposed **MARKETING POLICY** and the **REASONS** which, in the opinion of the Potato Board, make such a policy necessary.

Time will be allotted to a spokesman of the Potato and Turnip Dealers Association and to a representative of the committee of producers formed at the Summerside meeting.

This question is of vital importance to all potato producers who are urged to attend what will likely be the largest meeting of farmers ever held in this province.

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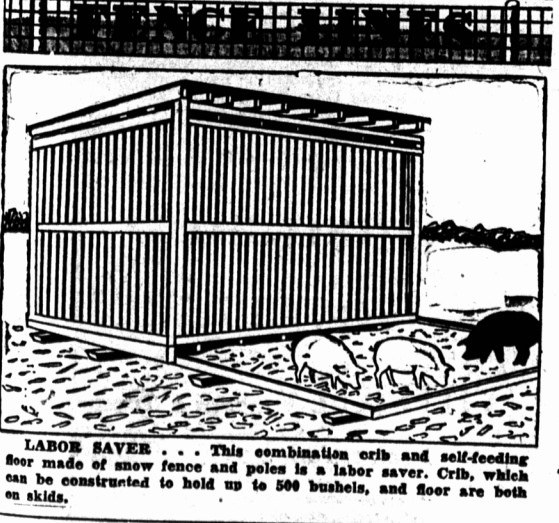
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