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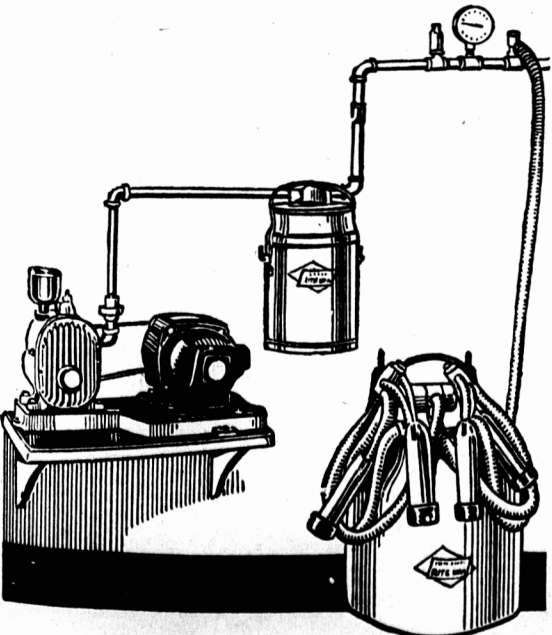
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TIMELY NOTES ON TOPICS CONNECTED WITH Silver Fox and Mink Farming

The Dominion Fur Auction at Winnipeg last week had the largest offering of muskrats placed on any sale this year and they drew higher prices than the better quality goods of the previous sales held by this company. 200,000 better quality sold for ten per cent above the April sale while the cheaper quality sections were slightly easier. Heavies sold from \$2.50 to \$4.15; semi-heavies \$3.00 to \$3.25; lights \$2.65 to \$2.80; medium and small \$1.80 to 2.10. Ranch mink, of which 4,000 was offered with 85% sold at prices of 10 to 15 per cent higher than the April sale. Ordinary males averaged from 27 to \$28.50; ordinary females \$17 to \$18.50. Only a small percentage of the 80,000 squirrels changed hands. Better quality clean Alberta's sold up to 90 cents. Manitoba's sold from 70 to 80 cents, off-grades from 50 to 62 cents. We had no idea that the western trappers bagged so many of the active little squirrels as this sale showed.

At Lampon's sale of muskrat held last week, 30% of the over \$400 for New York Spring-Winter. Black muskrat had a top of \$3.90. Muskrat, as will be seen, is in very active demand all over, bringing excellent prices. At Lampon's mink sale the following day an especially fine collection of the Great Lakes Mink Association skins brought better than \$28 over-all average, the best record of the season. Top prices were not in the best of the season but selling was marked by consistently strong prices. Only in scattered instances did males fail to bring \$30 while females under \$18 were few and far between.

Lampon's reported that of the nearly 28,000 mink, 96% was sold with a top of \$60. They reported a very select collection met with strong demand and sold very well. Lampon's also reported that the balance of the catalogue which consisted of other shippers including the United Mink Breeders Association members brought a top of \$60 which other prices were in line with the Great Lakes Mink Association skins. The \$68 bundle was from Dr. Seth Osborne's ranch and the other top bundle was from the C. O. Williams ranch, both in Minnesota.

Sales room opinion was that the Great Lakes Mink sale was possibly 7 to 10 per cent stronger in average than previous sales for comparable select merchandise. Notable was the relative strength of mink skins which in many cases outsold the females by well over 33%. The hectic competition for males was said to be due to their use in stoles and other small pieces. Many at the sale expressed amazement at the results in view of recent bearish conditions in the stock market and various commodities. Others said they were somewhat surprised by results due to the rather inactive mink manufacturing and retail market of recent weeks. Despite these factors the sale was bullish from the word go.

The United States Senate approved of an amendment to the reciprocal trade agreements act last week and effective July 1st imports of mink and silver fox and muskrat furs and skins would go under a tight new import system. The amendment was offered by Senator Joseph McCarthy of Wisconsin and was adopted by voice vote 72 to 2. The Senate also approved an amendment which would require the tariff commission to promptly investigate the cases referred to it by Congress or Senate committees where injury to domestic industries might be involved.

Senator Walter George, chairman of the finance committee, warned that he does not expect

The House to accept the McCarthy amendment which would limit mink, muskrat and silver fox imports to 25% of the year's domestic production. Senator McCarthy defended the proposed trade restriction by noting that communist dominated countries are dumping furs in the United States market to get dollar exchange. Imports of furs, he declared, have practically wiped out the domestic silver fox industry and now threaten muskrat and mink breeders. The quota would apply to both dressed and undressed furs. The amendment also provides that the quota will start on July 1st of each year and the 25% limitation would be based upon domestic production of mink, muskrat and silver fox furs and skins in the twelve months immediately preceding the start of the quota period.

The annual act is an extremely drastic one if it passes the House of Representatives and goes into effect. It would mean that if the production of mink in the United States was 2,000,000 in 1950, only 500,000 would be allowed to be imported into the United States and if the production of silver fox and mutations there was 50,000 only 12,500 would be permitted to be imported. While the shot is supposed to be aimed at Russia it would hit Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Canada because Russia does not export any quantity of mink or fox skins, while the other countries mentioned, particularly Norway, export a great many blue fox skins and a great many mink skins.

The annual meeting of the Prince Edward Island Fur Breeders Association, held in the Vocational School, last Tuesday afternoon, brought a good turnout of mink and fox ranchers and showed that there is still great interest taken in what was our most prominent industry. The men who attended are breeders for many years, or sons of breeders. Some of them have been through the very lush days and have also survived the varying fortunes leading up to the present time. Chatting with them we learned that there is a very strong nucleus of high class foxes available for breeding purposes and that once the signs of renewed interest in this type of fur appears definitely they are prepared to expand their ranches and get back into business as of yore. Many reported good prices received for special types of skins, as high as \$45 for silvers and a corresponding amount for platinum and pearl platinum.

Officers appointed for the ensuing year are: President, Lt.-Col. D. A. MacKinnon; Vice President, B. B. Jones; Secretary-Treasurer, W. R. Shaw, with an executive committee consisting of Gordon MacMillan, R. S. Humphrey, L. W. Hancock, L. K. Lockerby and D. O. Stewart. Gordon MacMillan and Ernest Mill were elected as the Association's choice for directors on the Canadian National Silver

- NEWSY NOTES -

By J. A. Clark, D.Sc.

Annual Pastures and Sowing Crops

The frequent showers and drizzle that have been a feature of our April weather in 1951, have given many of us the impression that the lack of moisture in our soils, as mentioned in "Newsy Notes" of April 7th, was being made up. The records show only 2.61 inches in the first 24 days, this is less than average and will not do much to overcome the 13 inch deficiency from September 1st, 1950 to March 31st, 1951. This would indicate that annual pastures and sowing crops are likely to prove of great value during the summer and autumn of this year. These crops always give large returns for the amount of time and labour expended on them. Green feed is always greatly relished by cattle, sheep, hogs and poultry when the pastures and poultry runs get dry in August and September. They are not only of great value in maintaining the milk flow of dairy cows during this period but frequently increase the flow if started before the regular pasture fails.

Annual Pastures

We have found oats sown at the rate of about four bushels per acre the most satisfactory supplementary pasture for dairy cows. One year, 100 pounds of Laurel hulls oats was sown to the acre on June 19th. The grain was about 8" to 12" high when the cows were turned in on it July 24th. They were pastured for the first day or so and then an hour in the forenoon and an hour and a half in the afternoon. The oats grew very strong although the land was a sandy loam and not considered in good heart. The area used was an acre and a half and it provided the equivalent of 221 cow pasture days or equal to pasture for one cow for about five months. Our tests indicated that oats and early red clover sown after the middle of June would maintain and even increase the milk flow when used to fill in immediately after the cattle had eaten off the flush of the June grass which usually extends in this province well into July. The red clover made a good growth and gave an excellent aftermath that was used for pasture later in the autumn. On rich, fertile land oats, peas and vetches are recommended for annual pastures. This mixture provides a pasture much richer in proteins.

Sowing Crops

Corn is the outstanding sowing crop for this province. It gives a large yield of succulent feed and is much relished by live stock. Longfellow was the variety generally recommended in former years, but Algonquin and Canada 204

Fox Breeders Association to fill the places of those whose terms had expired. The annual fox and mink show will be held November 20 to 23, providing these dates do not interfere with others. The judges selected were George A. Callbeck for foxes and ether Percy Noble, Shallow Lake, Ont., John Maloney or Cecil Johnston from the Hudson's Bay Company, Montreal.

are hybrids that are earlier maturing and give larger yields and are recommended for P. E. Island. Seed can be obtained from the Co-operative Federe or other seedsmen in Quebec or Ontario. One acre should provide green corn for more than twenty cows. Oats, peas and vetches sown at the rate of from three to four bushels per acre will also give large amounts of green feed that the stock like and will clean up at each feeding. A good mixture for seeding can be made by using five parts oats, four parts peas and one part vetches by weight. When used as a sowing crop it should be cut when the oats is in the milk or soft stage. If there is a long period during which this crop should be fed, two or more seedings should be made at ten day intervals. About one acre should be sown for 15 cows.

Oats sown at four or more bushels per acre will also provide a sowing crop, which if cut at the right stage is almost equal to the mixture mentioned above. Banner Erban Abegweit or other strong growing varieties are recommended. If rust is prevalent the rust resistant varieties are most satisfactory.

Annual Pasture For Sheep And Hogs

Dwarf Essex rape is generally recommended for fattening lambs in the autumn. Sheep are very fond of it and it is particularly desirable for hogs. Four pounds per acre of seed sown in rows on the flat, or in drills, so that it can be cultivated and hoed, is recommended. When using rape for sheep it is best to allow them on a small area that can be fenced with hurdles. These are moved to all fresh areas from time to time. For hogs the area can be divided into several parts and sown with ten days intervening between each seeding so that they can be turned in to the plots when they are at the best stage of succulence.

Precautionary Measures

Nether cattle nor sheep should ever be turned into a field of very fresh growth, for the first time, when it is wet with either dew or rain. Before turning animals on a fresh field of clover or green grain in an annual pasture, their appetite should be partially satisfied on a shorter pasture or blowing occur, and a Veterinary Surgeon is not available, and immediate relief is necessary, puncture with a trochar and cannula on the left side, between the point of the hip and the last rib. It will do to use a knife if the proper instrument cannot be had.



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