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TIMELY NOTES ON TOPICS CONNECTED WITH Silver Fox and Mink Farming

Ed Stanton, noted authority on mink, writing in Women's Wear Daily a few days ago, has the following: Standard dark mink continued to act like Russian sables—at least the trade appears to have the two confused intrinsically, as all but six lots of \$2,128 skins offered at Lampton, Fraser and Huth's sale in New York late last week were absorbed by an eager 'bullish market. A spectacular sale had been expected due to auction events of the past and forty days before but not many if any, expected the articles to reach \$72, for the second time in a month, as it did. The \$72 bundle, Blue Diamond mink from the Dr. Seth Osborne ranch in Waterville, Minnesota, was purchased for Ben Kahn, Inc., manufacturer. Dr. Osborne said it was the most exciting moment in twenty years of ranching and described Blue Diamond, his own development, as extra dark with very light clear blue underfur.

Included in the sale were about 10,000 from the United Mink Breeders Association ranches with another 10,000 from the Great Lakes Mink Association ranches and about 32,000 from independent shippers. It was a good collection, the trade said, with some very fine lots as the high prices for many lots indicated. Some very large size mink were included in the offering. Lampton's reported a fine collection sold at an advance of 25 per cent in average compared to December.

In Milwaukee, Wisconsin, last week more than 90 per cent of the 26,000 mutation and standard mink offered by the American National Co-operative Fur Auction were sold in what auction officials say was the outstanding mink sale of its current year. Many conservative buyers found difficulty in bidding successfully, especially on mutations, which exceed former prices this season by 20 per cent. Standard mink top price was \$29, Platinum \$29, Breath of Spring Platinum \$31, Fossil and Breath of Spring Pastel both \$27.50, Blue Cross \$14.75, Blue Cross \$8.50, Silver Sable \$7.25. A small quantity of martens were sold at a \$17.50 top.

After the mink auction a sale of silver and mutation fox took place and prices advanced 5 per cent over April for white marked fox. A top of \$12.25 was registered. Platinum foxes remained at same figures as April levels with \$21. top; 6,000 full silvers were 83 per cent sold with 10 per cent advance over April. Top price was \$15.25; 40,000 muskrats were 53 per cent sold with a top of \$1.82.

The above prices realized for mink will be gratifying to ranchers in this Province and particularly those who have gone in for natural mink. We know of several who are producing types very much the same as those of Dr. Osborne and we have seen some of them made up that are very attractive. We have also talked to ranchers who have had good results from breeding wild island mink, two parties in widely separated parts of the Province have made a success with them and we believe that anyone who can get sufficient of this foundation stock could make it a paying investment.

A cable received in London recently from Oslo, Norway, stated that 62 per cent of the 5,300 silver foxes offered at auction there last week was sold at an average price of 188 Norwegian kroner with a top price of 350 kroner. A kroner is worth about 12 cents in American money. Blue fox, 4,600 skins was 64 per cent sold at an average of 83 kroner, top price of 160 kroner; standard mink first and seconds, 4,200 skins was 72 per cent sold at an average price of 97 kroner.

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on and top price of 146 kroner. No further auctions will be held until the new season because of insufficient quantities left on hand. Our ranchers should ponder over the fact that silver fox should bring a top price of 350 kroner and an average price of 168 kroner while standard mink only averages 97 kroner and a top price of 146 kroner, just a little better than half the price of silver fox.

In Canada and the United States the opposite is the case with silver fox bringing about half the price or less than mink. Why is this the case? The reason is that Norway can sell all its silver fox in Europe because its money is linked to the British pound and to other currencies so that Italy, Germany, France, Holland and Switzerland can buy readily. They also have practically the same advantage in selling to South American countries, Australia and South Africa. Canadian silver fox farmers are getting it in the neck because our currency is so closely linked to that of the United States. If Mr. Abbot had even put it midway between the British pound and the American dollar we could have sold our fox pelts at a price that would have been very considerably, but under present conditions the future looks dark indeed.

Apparently fox farmers in Western United States cannot feed any more cheaply than we can. The following prices are advertised by the Rocky Mountain Fur Farmers Co-operative Supply Department... meat (chuck, fresh) \$6.50 per 100 lbs; horse meat (ground, frozen) in 50 lb. slabs, \$7.00 per 100 lbs; horse meat (with soft bone ground) in \$6.00 per 100 lbs; Beef tripe \$5.00 per 100 lbs; mink mix (meat, tripe, liver, hearts, kidneys) in 50 lb. slabs, \$7.00 per 100 lbs; cereals \$6.50 per 100 lbs.

Fur breeding in Denmark... In July, 1949, Denmark had about 2,000 fur farms. These farms produced 13,146 silver foxes and mutants, 3,888 blue foxes, 174,300 standard and mutation mink. This had been a reduction from the previous year of at least 25 per cent in fox but a large increase in mink.

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Persons intending to take the above examinations may obtain application forms from the undersigned. These forms must be completed and forwarded to reach Mr. Arthur Peake, Chairman, Board of Examiners, 90 Great George Street, Charlottetown, not later than Saturday, May 27th, next.

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