Timely Notes On Fur Farming

Now that Premier Smallwood has made such inducements to mink breeders that several have moved to Newfoundland from as far away as British Columbia, it is expected that in a few years the production of mink in Newfoundland will run to over 50,000 kits per annum. The principal inducement, is the cheapness and the availability of whale meat, which expert mink dietitians claim is equal, if not superior, to other meats for the growing of mink and producing a good fur. In view of this we are reprinting an article on how Norwegians handle whale meat which appeared in the recent Blue Fox Magazine and Modern Mink Breeder . . . "While visiting the owner of one of the largest whaling stations in Norway during my recent tour of Norway, a radio report came in from one of his whaling ships that a whale had been harpooned, and would be brought in about 4 a. m. The main purpose of my trip was to get first hand information on how the whale meat was handled in Norway, and as there were only three days left of October and the whaling season for the year, I was very pleased to hear this report, and that I would have an opportunity to watch the whole operation the following morning.

"Whaling ships must report their catch at once and deliver the whales to the Land Stations within twenty four hours after they are caught. About twenty per cent of the meat is used for human consumption, and the Meat Inspector, who is always present when a whale is being processed, will reject any whale brought in after the twenty four hour time limit. The condemned whales are processed for oil and fertilizer, which results in a great loss to the owner and a much smaller bonus for the ships crew. To protect the whale against total extermination, it is against the law to shoot a cow with nursing calf, also whales under a certain length. Fin whales, for instance, must not be less than fifty feet in length. These, and other rules set by the International Whaling Commission are followed strictly, and any breach results in heavy fines and eventual loss of license if repeated.

"It was shortly before 4 a. m. when the whaling ship docked, a powerful little ship with a 1300 horse power engine, which enables it to travel as fast as the speedy Blue or Finwhale going at top speed. The land crew immediately went to work attaching a cable around the whale's tail, and a winch hauled the 55 foot finwhale up the runway to the cutting room. The flensers, armed with large knives shaped like and about the size of a hockey stick, started cutting away the blubber near the whale's mouth. This blubber or about a foot thick layer of fat, which encases the whales whole body and acts as insulation against the cold arctic water, lies directly underneath the whale's thin skin. When a part of the blubber is cut loose a hole is cut thru, and a looped cable pushed thru the hole. A wooden peg shaped like a large Bowling Pin is inserted into the loop and the cable pulled taut. From then on the winch keeps steady pull on the cable as the flensing knives slash back and forth, peeling off the blubber.

"After the blubber is removed from one side of the whale, the meat is cut into large chunks and transported to the packing room, where the meat to be used for human consumption is cut off the chunks, and the rest packed for animal food. Before packing the meat into the containers it is placed on wire racks to drain off. For this reason there is very little excess moisture when this meat is defrosted. The meat has a nice red color, and looks as appetizing as any steer beef you see in the markets, and just as tasty, as I found out when whale steaks were served at supper that night. When one side of the whale is stripped of its meat, the huge carcass is turned over with the aid of winches and two cables attached to its fins, and the cutting process repeated on the other side.

"All during this operation the floor is sprayed with salt water, washing away what very little blood drips off the meat, as these whales are properly bled, and the inside washed during the trip to the Land Station. When the whale is lashed to the shipside, a hole about 10-15 feet is cut along the whales stomach and the frigid sea water circulates inside cooling off the meat at the same time as it washes away the entrails and rinses the blood off. From the time the whale arrives at the Station until the last of the meat is trucked into the freezer, all work is performed under the watchful eyes of the meat inspector, easily recognized in his long white coat. Cleanliness and sanitation is stressed in every operation, and the fact that the part of the meat to be used for human consumption is cut off the same chunk as the meat packed for animal food, is a definite assurance that it is safe to feed to our animals. No danger of getting contaminated meat, resulting in loss of animals, when feeding the whale meat processed at the Norwegian land stations.

After the meat was disposed of, the huge skeleton was cut up, and the bones sent thru large openings on the floor on its way to be made into high protein meal. Nothing is wasted with the exception of the whale's entrails. About two hours after the whale was pulled from the water into the cutting room, the place was clean as a whistle again, no sign of the huge animal anywhere. But at 8 o'clock that night, the chemist at the plant called me over to their very modern and up to date laboratory, where they run their own tests on meat, oil and meal and other products. He pointed to a piece about one inch in diameter, and told me that the last of the whale was now going thru the cage. Except for the meat, the entire whale, blubber, bones and oil had passed thru that little hole.

At the Nordic Fur Auction Co.'s sale, Stockholm, last week 46,370 standard ranch mink was 57 per cent sold at an average price of a little more than $16. Buying interest was somewhat weaker than in January. Buyers were present from the United States, Italy, West Germany, France and Norway. Top quality pelts were greeted with lively demand and bought at good prices, but the medium and lower grades did not get nearly as much attention.

At the American Fur Auctions in New York last week raw EMBA silverblu types sold at strong prices with 90 per cent of the offering disposed of. Top males brought $28, females $17.50. Stewarts and Breath of Springs sold 90 per cent, top males bringing $36, females $18.75. Prices were up 5 per cent over January. In regular silverblus buyers found males most attractive at $25 to $28 for larger sizes, but the lion's share of the collection was sold for $21 to $23. Almost all females sold from $13 to $16 with a few lots bringing up to $18.

Conway

—Mr. George Thompson was a business visitor to Summerside on Monday, March 7th.

Mr, Gordon Toombs, Summerside, was a business visitor at Conway, Monday, March 7th.

Mr. Charles Palmer, accompanied by Mr. John D. Palmer, Mr. Harry Ramsay, Mr. Lawson Oatway and Mr. John Ramsay, attended the hockey match at Charlottetown on Monday evening, March 7th.

Mr. Lorne Riley, Murray Road, accompanied by Mr. Sterling Palmer, were business visitor to Summerside, March 8th.

Mr. John J. Murphy was a business visitor to Charlottetown, March 8th.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Milligan and children, Freddie and Beverley were visiting Mrs. Marjorie Oatway at the Turner Nursing Home, O'Leary on Sunday, March 6th.

Mr. Sydney Palmer, Summerside, spent a few days recently at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Palmer, Freeland.

The March meeting of the Inverness Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. William Wilson. Two new members joined, Mrs. Albert Phillips and Mrs. Henry Bridges. Next meeting at the home of Mrs. Allan MacDonald; proceeds for evening $12.05.

Mrs. Gabriel Bulger, Foxley River, was a business visitor to Summerside, March 9th.

The March meeting of the Conway Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. John A. Ramsay on Tuesday evening, March 8th; place of next meeting undecided.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Paynter and children, Catherine and Carmen, Ellerslie, were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Oatway, Freeland, on Sunday, March 6th.

The March meeting of the Freeland Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Arthur Smith Sr., on Tuesday evening, March 1st. Next meeting at the home of Mrs. Frank Hardy.

—P.

Tyne Valley

—A card party was held in Tyne Valley Hall on Wednesday evening, March 2nd, with eight tables in play. The prizes for highest scores were won by Mr. Russel Ramsay, Northam and Miss Eleanor Birch, Consolation prizes by Miss Gertrude MacNevin and Gordon Maynard.

The Presbyterian Ladies' Aid was held at the home of Mrs. Wilfred and Waldo MacDougall on Thursday evening, March 3rd, with a fair attendance. Next meeting to be held on March 31st with Mrs. Ivan MacLean and Mrs. Hardy Ramsay on lunch. Meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Ivan and Donald MacLean roads permitting.

Mr. Douglas Williams left on Tpuesday morning for Hamilton, Ont., where he will be employed.

Our Health Centre has been the scene of much activity during the past week, when there was a total of sixteen patients, six of whom were infants born in seven days. The attending physican was Dr. G. E. Robinson.

Mr. and Mrs. Carmen MacNeill, Mr. and Mrs. Waldo MacDougall and Mr. and Mrs. Horace Hayes, motored to Charlottetown on Monday, March 7th to attend the hockey match between "The Islanders and the Moncton Hawks."

Mr. Carmen MacNeill, has purchased part of the feed mill formerly operated by Mr. Erle Williams and has moved it to the lot adjoining his store, where he will build an egg grading station.

Mrs. Thomas Folland has returned home from the Prince County Hospital, where she underwent an operation recently. Her many friends wish her a speedy recovery.

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Herefords at North River

Shown above in a peaceful waterside scene are some of the good Herefords of Fulton Sanderson's herd in North River. The picture was taken by Mr. D. A. Andrew of Calgary, Secretary of the Canadian Hereford Breeders Association. It appeared in the February issue of the Canadian Hereford Digest under the headline "Industry Growing In The East" by D. A. Andrew. Mr. Andrew took the picture while on a tour through the Eastern Provinces last year.

Kensington

—Mrs. Wilbur McArthur accompanied by her young daughter returned to their home in Kensington on Saturday from the Prince County Hospital.

A large number of interested hockey fans gathered at the Kensington Rink on Friday evening to witness a North Shore Hockey League semi final game when the Kensington team met the Rustico team and defeated the Rustico team by a score of 5-4. The game was referred by George Watson.

On Saturday morning the members of the Malpeque 4-H Calf Club Hockey team played an exhibition game with the Kensington Juniors, on one of the finest sheets of ice of the season. The 4-H Club defeated the Juniors 11-6 with Neal Mathews scoring 3 goals, also George Riley 3 and Nelson Morrison 3 while Thane Mann rolled in 2 making a total of 11. The goal getters for the Juniors were McQuaid, Bridges and Driscoll. This game was referred by Elmer Burt.

On Friday evening the Hamilton Hall was filled to capacity when the Shur Gain Amatuer Cavalcade presented a very enjoyable program consisting of vocal solo, piano solos, Vocal duets and readings. The following districts were included, Hamilton, Malpeque, Baltic, Darnley and Spring Valley.

Mrs. Everett Wall and Mr. Harry Wall of Malpeque were recent visitors to Fortune Cove where they were the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Herber Dickieson and family.

The members of the Baltic Farm Forum met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Mathews. The Malpeque Farm Forum met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Donald and the members of the Kensington Road Forum met with Mr. and Mrs. George Clark. There was a good attendance at all three gatherings and following the meeting a pleasant social hour was much enjoyed by all, followed by refreshments.

Miss Lillian Anne Hogg, Wilmot Valley, spent the past week-end in Kensington, the guest of Miss Elizabeth Casely.

There was no service in Princetown United Church on Sunday morning as the pastor Rev. Alexander McKay who for the past few weeks has not been enjoying the best of health so it was unanmiously decided that Rev. Mr. McKay have a short vacation from his duties. On Sunday evening the regular weekly service was held in the Keir Memorial Church with Rev. E. H. Bean conducting the service. Following this service an hour of hymn singing was much enjoyed by all present.

A large number of interested hockey fans motored to Charlottetown on Monday evening to witness the Islanders vs. Moncton Hawks hockey.

On Tuesday evening Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lockhart, Malpeque, entertained a large number of

St. Louis

—Mrs. Joseph Bernard, Harper Road, was visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Allan in St. Louis.

Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Arsenault and sons, Junior and Eddie, spent the week end in St. Louis with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Felix Peters and family.

Mr. Joseph C. Gaudet has returned from Charlottetown, where he visited with his sisters, Mrs. Frank Doyle and Mrs. Joe O'Hanley and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gallant, Piusville, were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Doucette.

Mr. Joseph P. Gaudet accompanied by Mr. Eddie Trembley has left for Chatham, N.B., with a truck load of fish.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Myers have left for the United States where they plan to make their home in the future. Prior to their departure they were tendered a farewell party by their friends and neighbors. A touching address was read by Mrs. Clifford Gaudet, and they were presented with gifts of money. A delicious lunch was served by Mrs. Maurice Myers, assisted by Mrs. Ben Perry and Mrs. Thomas Mokler, the remainder of the evening was spent in singing, and dancing, music being furnished by Russell Warren of Summerside.

Mr. James Gaudet has returned to Montreal, after spending the winter months at his home in St. Louis.

Mr. Joseph Veno Campbellton is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Myers, St. Louis.

Sincere sympathy of this vicinity is extended to the widow and family of the late Mr. Joseph M. Gallant whose death took place recently at the age of 86.

Mrs. Emile Gallant and two children, Wellington, attended the funeral of his step-father, Joseph M. Gallant, which took place in Palmer Road.

Mr. and Mrs. Syxtus Gillis, Kildare Capes, and two children, Lee and Marie, spent the week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Myers in St. Louis.

—CR.

Elmsdale

—Her many friends regret to learn of the illness of Mrs. Lloyd Adams in Prince County Hospital and wish her a speedy return to her usual good health.

It is regretted by his many friends to know that Mr. Joseph McKenna has been confned to his home through illness, and pleasing to report his condition has much improved.

Messrs. Leigh McNeill, James Adams and Stewart Matthews were busness visitors to Summerside on Friday March 4.

Mr. Charles G. Dunn and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Dunn motored to Charlottetown on March 3rd. They report that there is a much greater quantity of snow in the Western section than in the Eastern.

Mrs. Merrill Dunn was hostess to the members of the Elmsdale Women's Institute on Thursday, March 3rd.

The members of the O'Brien Road Women's Institute held their March meeting at the home of Mrs. Charles and Mrs. Louis Dunn.

Among the recent visitors to Summerside were: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dunn, Mrs. Edmund Kelly and Mr. Ralph Kelly.

Rev. Pius Murnaghan, Miss Marie Murnaghan, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Morrison, Grand River, were guests at the home of James O'Brien on Monday.

The sincere sympathy of this community is being extended to Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Adams on the death of their infant daughter at their home on March 1st. The funeral was held on March 3rd at the Elmsdale United Church, Rev. Alexander McDowell officiating, assisted by Rev. Mr. Lewis.

One of the largest funerals ever held in Western Prince County, was that of the late Rev. Dr. W. E. Monaghan, to the Sacred Heart Church at Alberton on Monday, February 28th. It was attended by his sorrowing parishioners, a large number of clergyman and a host of friends from all over the Island.

—Y.

friends at their home when sixteen tables of auction were in play at a very successful party sponsored by the Women's Institute of Malpeque. The ladies high score was won by Mrs. Leigh Sutherland and the gentlemen's to Mr. Wallace Mountain. Consolation prizes went to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Owen and the door prize was won by Mr. Junior Hickey. There was also a parcel post sale. Delicious lunch was served by the hostess asited by the committee in charge.

On Saturday evening the Kensington Junior Hockey team played the York Hockey team in an exhibition game. The score ended 6-1 in favour of Kensington. There was a large number of spectators present.

For the past few days the Public Health Nurse has been making her annual visit to the Kensington High School.

A large number of the pupils in the Norboro school have been confined to their homes suffering from an attack of measels. —CV.

Locke Road

—Bill Morrell of the O'Leary Road, was in Forest View on Saturday, March 5th.

The many friends of Mrs. Henry Gallant of the Locke Road, will be sorry to hear that on Sunday March 6th she got very sick and had a very heavy cold.

Dave Griffin of the Locke Road, was in O'Leary on Saturday, March 5th.

Vsitors at the home of Mrs. Margaret Arsenault of Forest View were Mrs. Arthur Des-Roches and Mrs. Jerry Arsenault.

Fred Rix of the Locke Road was in O'Leary on Monday, March 7th.

Ray Cullicutt of the Reserve Foad, was in Miminegash on Sunday, March 6th.

Mrs. Edward Griffin, teacher of Forest View School, returned to Forest View on Monday morning, March 7th after spending Sunday at her home in Burton.

Vincent Gallant and son Junior of O'Leary were in Forest View on Monday evening, March 7th.

Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Gallant and Junior of O'Leary were visitors on Sunday evening March 6th at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Peters and Mrs. Bennett Peters, Bloomfield. —AN.

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NEWSY NOTES

By J. A Clark D.Sc.

THE PASSION PLAY

On Wednesday March second we drove to Lake Wales. We followed the winding Route 98 south to Bartow as it passed through citrus groves, loaded with fruit, by large areas of pasture land with great herds of cattle spread over many square miles of level or undulating meadows. There was one large area of potatoes with overhead irrigation and nearby several acres of vegetables under similar irrigation. There were also immense mounds of earth piled about areas where surface excavations were being made in the recovery of some of the richest deposits of phosphates for which Polk County is famous.

Turning west at the county town of Bartow onto Route 60 we passed through fine groves, large well stocked pastures and as we neared Lake Wales there were great citrus groves of oranges, grapefruit, lemons, and tangerines that cover the highest land areas in the State of Florida. We turned south again at Lake Wales and drove two miles on State Route 17 to the winter home of the Black Hills Passion Play; where we secured excellent seats in the centre of the great outdoor Amphitheater that seats 6000 persons.

We returned to Lake Wales for lunch and spent the time in and about that flower decked beautiful town and its numerous lake areas; where the orchid trees, azaleas and hibiscus shrubs spread a profusion of bloom about many of the well kept lawns and homesteads; until it was time to return for the first matinee performance of the Passion Play in America.

About four acres of the very large parking area was filled with cars from many States and several Canadian Provinces, some time before the play commenced at 2:00 p.m. The temperature was above 80 degrees F. at Lake Wales that afternoon, and while a few clouds gave some relief seats at first were so hot that the cushions supplied were greatly appreciated.

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The drama has been used throughout the ages as an effective method of presenting outstanding events in world history and to further the cultural and spiritual life of the people. Bible stories usually accompanied by songs have been used in this way for centuries. The re-enactment of the Resurrection was one of the first episodes used by the church es on Easter Sunday in Europe and was the foundation of the known Passion Plays that were developed up to and during the seventeenth century.

The Luenen Passion Play originated by the Monks of Cappenberg Monastery in 1242 A.D. is believed to be the oldest of these, plays, to present annually the story of "The Man of Nazareth" during Holy Week. It was first presented in the Chapel, the parts were taken by the Monks and spoken in Latin. During the seventeenth century in order to accommodate the large audiences, it was performed outdoors. Laymen from the village took part and low German was spoken by those taking the parts.

The early players were anxious not only to maintain the high standing that had been attained but sought to improve the Passion Play by training, from their earliest childhood, those taking the parts, so that as years passed it grew in effectiveness and beauty. Throughout the centuries only war, great calamities or plague caused the discontinuance of the performance which was again resumed when these disturances had passed.

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It is impossible to measure the effect on the community of the resultant spiritual and cultural development of those taking the parts and those impressed by the presentation of the world's greatest dramatic event, the last seven days in the earthly life of Jesus Christ. At Oberammergau the language was changed from low to high German.

For fifteen years Joseph Meier, of Luenen, Germany, whose parents for generations had their parts in Bible dramas, and who trained their son from early childhood in interpreting this drama took the part of the Christus. In bringing the Passion Play to America in 1932 he had to undertake the difficult task of learning and speaking the English language correctly. The great natural Amphitheater in the Black Hills of South Dakota at Spearfish was completed in 1939 and has since been the summer home of the Passion Play.

Later Meier was able to create at Lake Wales, Florida, with tropical trees, shrubs and flowers in the heart of citrus groves, an Amphitheater that has the oriental setting of the Palestine of 2000 years ago.

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It was a marvelous experience to sit with the great silent crowd, that afternoon in a blazing sun, that made one's clothing too hot to rest one's hand on, and clearly hear every spoken word of that great drama which included the following twenty two parts: "Prologue, A street in Jerusalem, Triumphal Entry of Jesus into the City. High Priests and Scribes hold Council with Caiphus. Jesus takes leave of His Mother in Bethany. Jesus warns Judas that "the tempter do not overtake him." Judas is persuaded to betray his Master. The Last Supper. Judas and the Priests in the Sanhedrin. At the Gate of Bethphage. Jesus prays in the Garden of Gethsemane. Jesus is captured and led into tthe Sanhedrin. Before Pilate. The Priests demand that Jesus be sentenced. In the Court of King Herod. Jesus is brought before Pilate the second time. The despair of Judas. Jesus is lashed by the Roman Soldiers. Jesus is brought again before Pilate and condemned to death. On the road to Golgotha. The Crucifixion. Jesus is taken from the Cross and carried into the Tomb. Resurrection. The Angel speaks to Magdalene and the Women. The Ascension." 27 different musical contributions ending with the Hallelujah Chorus accompanied the parts. Words fail to convey the effect on that great audience, but some of the exclamations heard were: "Most impressive"; "Magnificent"; "Wonderful"; "Majestic," and, "So glad we came."

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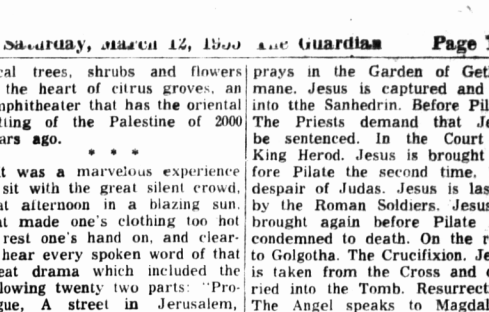

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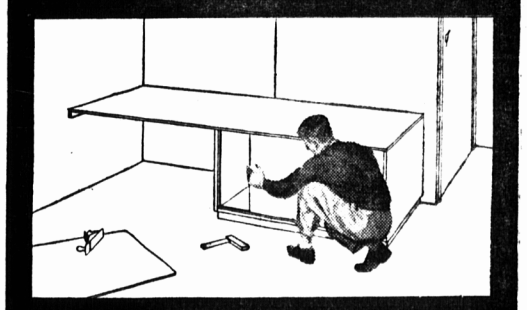

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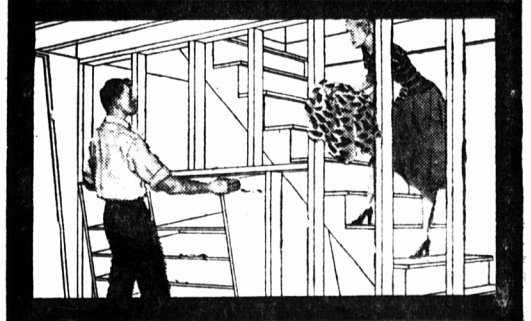

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