

# Silver Fox And Mink Farming

The Canadian Fur Farming Sales Company (Quebec) Ltd., sale in Montreal last week met with good interest. Wild mink sold 90 per cent at unchanged prices compared with the previous sale. Ranch and Sapphire sold 40 per cent and 77 per cent respectively. High shippers limits prevented a larger turnover. Pastels were 68 per cent sold and continued strong. Platinum sold 45 per cent and met with some price resistance. Arthur C. Pring, manager, declared that in spite of this offering being an end of the season collection a firm interest was clearly evident throughout the sale.

Considerable interest was taken in the silver fox offering. Platinum silvers were 50 per cent sold and pearl platinum 41 per cent sold at prices which were slightly higher compared to the previous sale. White marked, half silvers and full silvers sold in small percentages. The highest price in wild mink was \$31 for Northern Manitoba 1 pt 2 XL and L. Top price in ranch mink (5888 skins) was \$1.50, for 1 pt 2 Xdk males; general prices were 1 pt 2 Xdk males, \$2.50 to \$24.50; females, \$12.50 to \$13.75; dark males, \$16 to \$21.50 and females \$10.25 to \$14.25; 1 and 11 males were \$13.75 to \$17.50 and females \$10.00. Platinum fox (270 skins) sold between \$2.50 and \$11.50, while pearl platinum (683 skins) fetched prices ranging from \$7 to \$16.50; white marked fox (645 skins) ran between \$2.50 and \$7.50; half and three-quarter silvers (355 skins) and regular full silvers (1910 skins) brought from \$7 to \$9.50 and \$4.50 to \$9.50 respectively.

At the American fur auctions in New York last week EMBA mutations moved freely with the price trend generally unchanged. From June levels, a total of 10,480 pelts were offered mostly mutations; 88 per cent were sold. Pastel, platinum and gunmetal types were reported unchanged to quite firm in comparison to the June sale. Breath of Spring platinum were reported easier.

Here is a report of the fox sale held by the above auction company for the American Fox Breeders' Association. The auction of American Fox Breeders Association for Friday succeeded in bringing higher prices than in several years though demand was quite selective at American Fur

Auctions, Inc. Paul L. Reinhardt, secretary of the association reported 330 Norama pearl platinum fox as 33 per cent sold, reaching a top of \$35. A few of the better lots ranged from \$27 to \$35, he said. Lower quality pearl platinum were withdrawn.

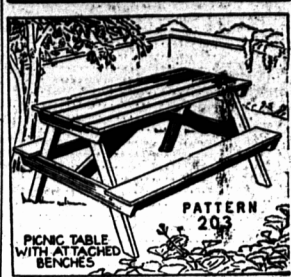
Some 626 Norama platinum were mainly withdrawn, though a top of \$15 was reached. There was better demand for lower quality platinum, which were reported 40 per cent sold, selling mainly around the \$10 mark, according to Mr. Reinhardt. A total of 195 three-quarter and one-half silvers were 50 per cent sold, the former reaching a top of \$18, the latter \$20. High shippers limits on Norama silver fox resulted in withdrawal of most of the offering. Norama silvers reached \$15. Some 1,590 fair quality silver fox were reported 60 per cent sold. A total of 668 white marks were 30 per cent sold at a top of \$11.

A total of 4,000 blue fox was 23 per cent sold Friday afternoon, American Fur Auctions reported, with best demand for medium colored Norwegian blues. Pale and light Norwegian blues were next in demand, but dark mediums sold below expectations. Demand was mainly for large size skins for use in the manufacture of coats, and for cheaper merchandise for use as trimmings. Top knockdown price was \$22.50, the auction house said, though a few lots sold in the \$20 class. The offering included 2,428 Norwegian, 1,068 Swedish, and the balance were Danish and United States pelts.

At San Francisco on September 20, more than a thousand chinchilla ranchers held a two-day conference and heard speaker after speaker make pleas and suggestions for quality rather than quantity in chinchilla breeding. The conference took up the challenge of the New York Auction last June which saw pelts being withdrawn at levels as low as \$11 and predicted a "terrific future" for the industry because the emphasis is now of producing superior animals for their fur market. Furriers, ranchers and veterinarians offered suggestions on housing, nutrition, genetics and grading, all designed to produce superior fur. The conference noted the majority of pelts on the market in the past were the result of casualties which make for inferior fur.

We are informed by Walter R.

## IN THE HOME WORKSHOP



This simple table and bench unit was designed for the family that likes to have everything in place when lunch is ready. There is no scurrying around to find seats. The pattern gives a list of the sizes of lumber needed. A hammer and saw is all that is used to build this unit. The pattern contains cutting diagrams for the shaped pieces so that there is no waste of time and material in putting the unit together. Price of pattern 203 is 35c. Other patterns available in packets are Lawn and Garden Furniture Packet — \$1.50; Bird Houses and Feeders — \$1.50; Complete Living Room Packet — \$1.50; Jig Saw Packet (9 full-sized patterns) — \$1.50.

Apply: The Workshop Department, The Guardian Publishing Company. Shaw, secretary of the P. E. I. Fur Breeders Association, that Parvin Cass of Summerside has accepted the position of judge of the foxes at the 24th Annual Fox Show and 7th Annual Live Mink Show which will be held in the fox pavilion at the Charlottetown Driving Park November 8 to 10 under the auspices of the Prince Edward Island Fur Breeders Association. The president is L. W. Hancock, Summerside, Vice President, E. B. Jones, Bunbury, Secretary W. R. Shaw, Clyde River. Monday, Nov. 8 will be receiving day for foxes until 11.00 a. m. Judging of foxes will commence at 12.30 p. m. Tuesday, Nov. 9, judging of foxes at 9.00 a. m. and continuing throughout the day. Mink received Wednesday, November 10, judging of mink until completed. Andy Stewart of the Hudson's Bay Company, Montreal, will be the judge of mink.

Following are the classes for foxes. . . Medium silver, light medium silver, light silver and extra light silver. Standard pearl platinum, with sub-divisions for adult males, adult females, pup males and pup females. Championships will be awarded in each type for adults and pups and for grand champions. There will also be get of sire, groups, progeny of dam and aggregate score trophies. Mink classes will consist of standard, pastel, platinum, Stewart platinum and breath of spring, Sapphire Aleutians, white and any other type. Championships and aggregate score awards will be given. It is expected that with the improvement in the outlook for foxes and the increased interest in mink ranching here, that this show will be one of the best in recent years.

PICK UP RESTAURANT

MONTREAL (CP)—Police were called out early Friday to pick up an abandoned restaurant. The restaurant — a bus bearing 1933 license plates and covered with soft drink signs—was discovered abandoned in east-end Montreal. It was taken to the police station to await its owner.

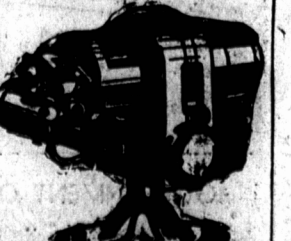
FROM DISTANT SEAS

QUEBEC (CP) — The little church of Notre Dame de la Garde (Our Lady of the Watch) on Quebec harbor caters to the religious needs of seamen from all over the world. Services are posted regularly in a nearby tree in seven languages — English, French, Italian, Spanish, Dutch, Polish and Hungarian.

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## NEWSY NOTES

By J. A. Clark, D.S.

### MOSQUITOES

The persistent, aggravating hum of a mosquito as it approaches and recedes in the dark is one of the most annoying. It may be of interest, however, to know that these mosquitoes with the loud hum that seek to obtain a feed at our expense during the night, do not belong to such dangerous species as the anopheles (carriers of malaria fever) or aedes aegypti (carriers of yellow fever). The adult mosquito of these two species bites chiefly in the late afternoon, evening and in the early morning. Their approach is stealthy, they prefer to hide in dwellings and crawl up under one's clothing to bite; nor do they announce their presence by a loud hum.

Matheson, an authority on mosquitoes, has described 139 species, including more than 100 that transmit serious diseases to man. Mosquitoes bite domestic wild animals and even turtles and snakes. They transmit diseases to man and many other animals including horses and birds. Female mosquitoes are the proven carriers of four of the most serious human diseases, and there is no other method known of acquiring yellow fever, malaria, elephantiasis and dengue or breakbone fever.

Yellow fever was one of the most dreaded diseases in the world until, in 1900, American army surgeons working in Cuba discovered that it was spread by what has since been known as the yellow fever mosquito. Terrible epidemics had occurred in such seaport towns as New Orleans and Havana and in some tropical countries. This disease prevented the French from completing their at-

tempt to build the Panama Canal, which was undertaken before there was any known remedy for yellow fever. Once the cause was known, it was rapidly stamped out in one country after another. It has now been eradicated from almost every country, and it was believed that it could be annihilated from the earth.

Recently, however, there has been discovered a "jungle fever" in the wild areas of South America and Africa, where monkeys are believed to be the hosts or a permanent reservoir from which the disease is spread by mosquitoes. This is a grave source of infection that it will be almost impossible to eliminate. It may be transported by incipient human cases or by infected mosquitoes by airplane to populous centres where there are mosquito carriers present. A vaccination against yellow fever has been perfected which constitutes a great triumph of modern science. We require this vaccination, and learned that there are only four cities in Eastern Canada where it can be obtained, namely: Toronto, Montreal, Saint John and Halifax. Dr. Donald Ross, a Scotchman in the Indian Civil Service, is credited with the discovery that anopheles and allied genera transmit the disease to humans.

Malaria fever, caused by mosquito bites, is said to be the most serious disease, when the people of the whole world are considered, in that it causes a very large percentage of human deaths. In the United States, in 1935, it was estimated that it had caused 4,000 deaths among the 900,000 cases of malaria that year. Since then,

modern control methods and the improved standard of living have made it a rare disease in the United States. This disease, however, is still rampant in many tropical countries. The entomologist, E. H. Ross has pointed out that these are unfortunately "more especially the fertile, well-watered and luxuriant tracts; precisely those which are of the greatest value to man." Malaria ("Ague" or "chills and fever") is induced by microscopic organisms; causing anaemia, that live in the blood and destroy the red corpuscles. Once introduced into the human body by a mosquito, the parasite increases very rapidly, and produces the characteristic chills, fever and sweating. It has been estimated that three billion of these parasites may be present in the blood of a single patient. The sexual stages of the parasite occur in the stomach of a female mosquito that has taken blood from a malarial patient. When this part of the life cycle of the parasite is complete and this mosquito bites a well person, it passes on with its salivary fluid the stage in the parasite's life that infects the new host. This complete life cycle occurs in from one to two weeks, and it is the only way in which malaria is contracted.

Some female mosquitoes winter over in the adult stage in cellars, buildings, hollow trees etc. Other species winter in the larval stage. They either freeze up with the water or live over at the bottom of ponds in a dormant state, but the majority of the species winter over in the egg stage. All mosquitoes develop in water, and the larvae live in microscopic plants and animals. Their eggs are laid on water, or where it is likely to collect in depression from the melting of snow or ice. The common mosquito lays its eggs, usually several hundred, standing on end in the form of a raft. The

malarial mosquito lays its eggs singly. These have curious hollow expansions in the centre which keep them floating. The yellow fever mosquitoes also lay their oval eggs singly. The adults of these species have different markings and a different way of standing, when they alight, from that of other mosquitoes. Mosquito larvae, called "wrigglers" may be seen in rain barrels and pools. They have a short tube, or siphon, on the 8th segment of the abdomen, which they thrust up into the air to breathe. They change to the pupal stage at the 4th molt, in from two days to two weeks. The pupa is curious looking, with a very large head and thorax known as a "tumbler." In hours or weeks the insect splits its skin and crawls out to sit on its empty shell until its wings dry, and then it flies away.

CONTROL MEASURES The control of mosquitoes should be on a community-wide basis; at least it should be on a large-area basis. These insects, while they breed in empty tin cans or any useless dish that will hold water, also breed in the foot prints in mud of animals, in gutters, catch basins, drains, rain-water barrels, lakes, streams, rivers, any place where there is fresh water that contains aquatic vegetation which provides food for the larvae. Satisfactory control requires expert direction from those who have intimate knowledge of the biology of mosquitoes, including such factors as life cycle, breeding habits, flight range of adults, the resting places and the food preferences of the adults of the many different species that may be in the locality. The choice of larvicides for the control of mosquitoes depends on cost and the type of mosquitoes. Aircraft control by the use of D. D. T. has been employed in certain jungle conditions with satisfactory results.

Mosquito proofing of homes and beds is essential for comfort and

health in many tropical countries. Repellents are effective when one has to be exposed to mosquito attacks. The first rule for relief from bites or stings of insects is to avoid breaking the skin by scratching. The use of ointments greatly reduces the itching of the parts affected.

### INDIAN RIVER W. I.

—The September meeting of Indian River W. I. was postponed from the customary Tuesday to September 21, out of respect for the late Aeneas MacLellan, a lifelong resident of Indian River and a former School Trustee.

Mrs. Leslie Ramsay was hostess for the meeting, and in the absence of our president, Mrs. Peter MacLellan, Miss Grace Easter, Vice-president presided. Thirteen members recited the Creed and at roll call donated an item for the Fish Pond, which when "fished" later in the evening, realized \$125. The School Committee reported that the Senior Room teacher required a Grade VI textbook, and this will be paid for by the W. I. The presentation of a Union Jack to the school by the I. O. D. E. Chapter in Summerside is gratefully appreciated. Twelve renewals to the P. E. I. - W. I. News were received and forwarded to Miss Robin.

### REDS' HEALTH DRIVE

TOKYO (AP)—Delegates to Red China's national people's congress Friday heard reports of vast strides in public health and public works since the Communists took over in 1949. Peiping radio announced. A broadcast heard here quoted Public Health Minister Li Teh-chuan as saying there have been no cases of cholera in five years although this dread disease had been common in China since 1820.

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**BOUNTY**  
A bounty will be paid on SKUNKS, FOXES and RACOONS from this date to March 31, 1955 as follows:  
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