

TIMELY NOTES ON TOPICS CONNECTED WITH Silver Fox And Mink Farming

Japan is rapidly increasing its exports of mink. Figures released recently show that 350,800 undressed and 2,100 dressed mink were exported to the United States in 1952 which is considerably more than the previous year.

and are being replaced by other furs, mainly mink. Also the buying public, at least the section that can afford it, is thinking in terms of mink after year of post war austerity. In general, imports of all sorts of raw skins in France are being maintained at normal levels.

Albert J. Feldman, President of A. Hollander and Son in an interview says: The fur industry has been built on a wide variety of furs and in rebuilding this diversification lies the hope for improved business this year.

In February, 1953, the French government suddenly restricted imports of raw furs from the United Kingdom and other European markets. In effect this put the United States and Canada on the same footing, thereby making it no longer necessary for the French to buy furs from the United States and Canadian skins at the London fur auctions.

For these same reasons he feels small furs in other furs than mink are a great potential for success this year. The complaint that the fur business has become a one-fur enterprise is not actually supported by fact based upon 1952 experience.

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We trust Mr. Feldman's remarks will sink deep into the consciousness of the fur stylists, manufacturers and retailers and that they will wake up silver fox and its mutations again and by diversifying the styles make them popular.

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Paris Fur Bureau reports that during the past year the demand for American and Canadian mink skins has been increasing. Part of the explanation for this demand lies in the fact that many pieces of fox skins are now out of fashion.

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DEATH

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A despatch from Frankfurt, Germany, to Women's Wear Daily states that most West German fur dealers would prefer to buy in New York and Canadian auctions but dollar restrictions prevent much direct purchase.

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-NEWSY NOTES-

By J. A. Clark, D.Sc. CANADIAN EXPLOSIVES

Explosives are defined in an act passed by the Canadian Parliament in 1946 as: "Gunpowder, blasting powder, nitro-glycerine, gun cotton, dynamite, blasting gelatin, gelignite, fulminates of mercury or of other metals, coloured fires, and every other substance made, manufactured or used with a view to produce a violent effect by explosion, or a pyrotechnic effect, and includes fireworks, fuses, rockets, percussion caps, detonators, cartridges, ammunition of all descriptions, railroad track torpedoes, fuses and other signals, and every other adaptation or preparation of any such substance."

TNT was used as a base of bursting charges, usually with ammonium nitrate, and is a vital war explosive. It was a Belgian ship loaded with TNT in collision in the harbour that caused the terrible Halifax disaster in 1917. The shock from that explosion was felt in many places on Prince Edward Island.

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It may be of interest to note that the State of Massachusetts, which started work on the five-mile Housatonic Tunnel in 1858, using black powder as its blasting agent, abandoned the work in 1861, and it was when the company that built Canada's first nitroglycerine plant at Kingston, Ontario, manufactured dynamite for them at the North Adams end of the tunnel, that the work was started again and completed in five years, by 1866.

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When British Columbia entered Confederation in 1871, a part of the Confederation agreement was the building of a transcontinental railroad to connect all the provinces of Canada. It was dynamite that made the building of this road north of Lake Superior and through the Rockies, possible.

The American Fox Breeders' Association will offer 10,000 silver and mutation fox at its first public auction April 17th at the Hotel Governor Clinton. Goods will go on show April 13th. The collection will include various colors, platinum, pearl, white marked and all types of silvers. The goods are described as choice by the Association.

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For nearly sixty miles, from Yale to Lytton, the river was cut through this lofty range. On this sixty miles of tunnels, rock work and bridges... fifteen tunnels have been bored, one 1,600 feet long, and millions of tons of rock blasted and rolled into the river.

War Explosives When World War I came, Canadian Explosives Limited was making only a small amount of rifle cordite for the government; the monthly rate they were producing at the end of the war was nearly ten million pounds per month of military explosives; this was roughly divided into one-third each of cordite, smokeless powder and TNT. Cordite was the official British military propellant, and consisted of 65% nitrocellulose, 30% nitroglycerine and 5% of mineral jelly. This product of two "high" explosives combining to form a slow burning, "low" explosive, is very extraordinary. Smokeless powder (nitrocellulose powder) is the United States official propellant, according to Mr. Hermsdorf, are types of curly furs. In other lines there are no sharp tendencies except for any long-hair furs including all foxes and oppossum which sell badly at present.

Among The Farmers

Federation Of Agriculture News

Accident Insurance

All Federation directors and school district officers now have in their hands material relative to the group accident insurance program. The success of the program depends upon its acceptability to the members and upon the activity displayed by secretaries and chairmen in pointing out the advantage of such protection.

Bon Voyage

The good wishes of his many friends follow William Cairns of Freetown as he leaves Halifax for six months of farm study in England, under the Nuffield Foundation.

It is important that reports from each district should arrive at the federation office no later than Monday, April 13th in order that all names be placed on the original policy.

Butter Floor

The announcement that the support price on butter is to be continued for a two year period at fifty eight cents will be met with mixed reactions by dairy farmers. There will be those who believe that increased farm costs and the condition of the national economy would justify a moderate increase, others will resign themselves to the situation in the belief that one half a loaf is better than no bread.

Visionary Theorists

In the Legislature the proponents of Marketing Boards and similar plans to give the producer authority in marketing were branded as "visionary theorists."

By inference the reference was likely to the Potato Board which came into being only after some 8000 farmers had voted in favor of the plan. Back of every development there is usually a theory and where there is no vision the people perish.

We do not feel that the term "visionary theorists" was used in a complimentary sense, but it is not likely that farmers will be deterred in their efforts to regulate marketing by reflections cast upon their efforts by constitutionally timid legislators.

Marketing Legislation

The Agricultural Products Marketing Act was enacted by this Province in 1940 concurrently with a demand on the part of farm people for similar legislation in other provinces.

The experience of the 30's demonstrated to farmers the fact, that without some legal say in marketing matters of their extreme danger when left to the tender mercies of the law of supply and demand, the darling of free enterprise.

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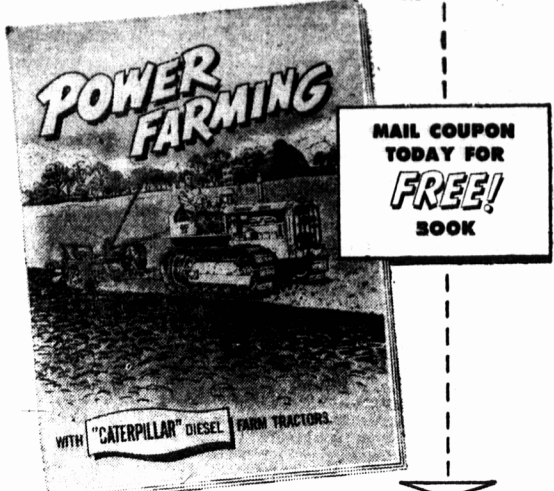
While cream producers may not look forward to prosperity for the next two years, at least they do know where they stand.

It should be pointed out that floor prices have been set approximately at cost of production levels and we would suggest that consumers have no right to expect the farmer to produce at a loss. The present floor price on eggs is roughly thirty two cents a dozen to the producer, but the market at the moment is well over forty cents; the support price on hogs is twenty three dollars and the market at least four dollars above this; the support price on butter is fifty eight cents and the market roughly sixty four. In the light of these figures we fail to see where the support program can be said to be keeping prices at a

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