

TIMELY NOTES ON TOPICS CONNECTED WITH Silver Fox and Mink Farming

Lampson, Fraser & Huth's recent sale saw prices unchanged for wild mink, the top being \$28 for Minnesota extra large. Best interest was in an offering of 100,000 racoon. Top price was \$6.25 for Dakota extra large skins. An offering of 3,239 full silver fox pelts was 30 per cent sold with a top of \$14.50; 2,740 color phase fox were mostly withdrawn.

The Federal Trade Commission of the United States has announced that anybody advertising a muskrat coat that "looks like mink" is heading for trouble. Such an act is directly contrary to Section 5A of the new statute. This section makes it a punishable offence to put on a label or in an advertisement the name of any other animal besides the one producing the fur from which a product is made. Use of the word "like" makes no difference, Mr. Hannah said. Mink cannot be used to describe muskrat.

At the Sudeck Fur Auction Sales in Winnipeg about 50 per cent of the 8,000 ranch mink sold at unchanged prices. Bidding on better standard males was from \$17.50 to \$19, females from \$9.50 to \$12. Considerable interest was shown in the Silverblu mink, prices advancing about 10 per cent. Males went from \$18 to \$22, females \$12 to \$14. Much more attention than has been apparent for some time was shown in white fox, particularly the better goods. Strings of ones and twos went from \$10.50 to \$12.50 per skin.

A despatch from London appeared in Women's Wear Daily, N.Y., a few days ago as follows: "Spokesman for the Hudson's Bay Company told Fairchild News Service here that they were unwilling to enter the market for Norwegian silver fox. They said they had sold a large consignment of Norwegian silver fox recently but that this had gone through ordinary channels and had nothing to do with prunes. A representative for Manny Frankel of United Russian Furs, said they were interested in the barter deal of this type but could not confirm details or figures.

As previously reported more than 100,000 Norwegian silver fox skins were exchanged for \$800,000 worth of dried California prunes. According to the report, Norwegian interests sold the skins to H.B.C. for sterling silver which was converted into dollars by a Dutch trading company. The Dutch firm then bought the prunes from Jack Gompertz & Co., a San Francisco dried fruit exporter.

With reference to the above we are wondering what will happen the 100,000 Norwegian fox pelts when they arrive in the United States where the market is apparently very limited for silver fox at present, as shown by the report of Lampson's sale appearing earlier in these notes. Will they be put into cold storage and await a more favorable time for their release, or will some big effort be made to use them as trimming furs for coats the coming season. If so with the broad market there is in the United States large quantities could be consumed in one season.

A boycott on Russian furs was launched in New York recently. The Institute of Models supplied the fur garments, armed with signs reading "Don't buy Russian furs, buy American furs," or "We don't like Russian furs, we like American wolves". Later an-

other embargo popped up when airport cargo workers would not unload furs marked "U.S.S.R." in New York. Seven Russian furs have been barred by action of Congress. These are mink, muskrat, weasel, marten, fox, ermine and kolinsky. However, it is still possible to import Russian furs such as Persian lamb, squirrel, marmot, sable, etc. and these were the furs which were boycotted.

The 1952 fur directory lists the number of manufacturing firms of each type of fur which is manufactured and worn in the United States. Mink is the second largest with 638 manufacturers, an increase of 48 from 1951. Muskrat has 457, Persian lamb 728, the largest number—raccoon 141, silver fox 141, white fox 27, cross fox 14, beaver 108.

A decided swing towards expensive furs is reported by Berlin, Germany; fur dealers view the first developments of the winter season with satisfaction. A visit to some of Berlin's leading fur dealers is described by Gertrude Kapek, who noticed these trends. On coats, capes, boleros and trimmings silver fox and Greenland white fox for the afternoon and blue fox and ermine for evening are most in demand. White fox stoles for the evening have pocket-sets. Silver fox, blue fox and mink are used in crosswise shawls. Although mink is 20 per cent cheaper this year it is apparently declining in popularity. Fox farmers should notice the above and ask themselves the question, is mink being overdone and will silver fox and other fox furs have a comeback? It is something we would like to know because the hour of decision whether to stay in the business or get out is rapidly approaching.

Women's Wear Daily, New York, announces that Fromm Bros., one of the nation's largest mink ranchers—and they might have added formerly the largest breeders of silver foxes in the world (50,000 annually)—has acquired an interesting interest in the fur exchange auction house of Eastwood & Holt, Inc. and will market its pelts exclusively through this outlet. Edward and John Fromm are joining the auction house as directors though they will continue to spend most of their time in the mid-west. Their principal ranches are located in Hamburg, Wis. The fur exchange will be expanded to occupy an entire floor, with the idea of giving buyers better facilities for the inspection of pelts. The marriage of Fromm Bros. and Fur Exchange officials of the auction house will, it is hoped, attract additional shippers to use the facilities of the concern. Fromm Bros. wield considerable influence in Wisconsin, Michigan and Minnesota and may prove to be the magnet to pull the business of mink ranchers in those states to the fur exchange. In the course of the 1951-52 season Eastwood & Holt marketed some 25,000 mink pelts shipped by Fromm Bros. Henceforth the entire production of Fromm's will be handled by them. This is not Fromm's first connection with the auction field. In 1937 it began holding auctions of its own for silver foxes and those of independent shippers which were marketed under the "Federal" label.

We were pleased to have a visit from Dr. E. Rendie Bowness of Toronto Elevators, Ltd., Toronto, manufacturers of Master Feeds, that are so well and popularly known throughout Canada. He was introducing a new representative to this province in Mr. Kerry, who will be permanently stationed here. Mr. Kerry has a very fine personality and we are sure he will meet with a good reception wherever he goes.

-NEWSY NOTES-

By J. A. Clark, D.Sc.

**Fibrous Glass**  
Fibrous glass is manufactured by the mechanical drawing of molten glass, of definite special formulae, into extremely fine continuous filaments of different diameters which are afterwards twisted into continuous yarns that are made to meet specific needs. Similar molten glass is made in staple filament yarns by blast-drawing of the glass into fibers up to 15 inches in length, with an average length of about 9 inches. These resemble staple wool and cotton fibers in appearance but are much longer in length and smaller in size. The continuous filament yarns are drawn from .00023 of an inch to .00038 of an inch in diameter, and the staple fiber yarns from the blast-drawing are .00028 to .00038 of an inch in diameter. For certain types of thermal and acoustical insulations, these fibers average only .00005 of an inch in diameter or about one three hundredth of the thickness of a human hair. For blanket and an extremely lightweight thermal insulation in aircraft and different types of food containers &c., the individual fibers are as small as 3 one-hundred thousandths of an inch in diameter.

These glass fibers and the products made of only glass fibers will not burn nor support combustion. They will withstand temperatures from sub-zero up to 1000 degrees Fahrenheit. The binder used in some of the fiber glass products does not lessen their fire resistance. These products do not oxidize and will not rot. When they are exposed to abnormal weathering tests of moist heat alternated with periods of dry heat, the results indicated that they would not deteriorate for many generations. The glass fibers can be compared to miniature glass rods, they do not absorb any moisture and retain only what remains on the wetted surface. When placed in a very humid atmosphere they pick-up less than one percent of their weight, of moisture.

The products made from fibrous glass do not contract or expand, buckle or warp under varying moisture or temperature conditions. This means a much longer period of usefulness than is obtained from products made from vegetable or animal fibers. Their composition is very stable as they are unaffected by acids (except hydrofluoric or hot phosphoric) or weak alkalis. When in contact with iron or aluminum they do not induce or increase corrosion. They are odorless and odors are not readily absorbed by them. They are sanitary. They do not attract or provide any food for moths, vermin or rodents. Briefly the fibrous glass products are lighter than cotton as flexible as silk and as strong as steel.

We have seen a list of fibrous glass products under three general classifications, that contained eight major groups and over thirty types of essential products that are used in industry and by householders today. The classifications were: First, yarns, that are basic for fabricated textile products. They compete with and, for certain purposes, are superior

to textile products made of wool, cotton, rayon, jute or hemp. The yarns can be dyed or coated. They do not shrink or stretch, and may be piled and twisted and built up to any desired size. For electrical insulation these yarns are used for serving on magnet wire, for fillers and braided coverings for wires and cables. They are used for making tapes and electrical tying cord to be used in armatures and generators. Many types of fabric, for curtains and draperies &c. When used to make fire curtains for theatres and auditoriums they provide not only fire safety, but do not produce any hazard from suffocating fumes.

Second: insulating wool that is used in insulating hot water heaters, ranges, refrigerators, cold storage lockers, boilers, ovens, ducts for conveying either heated or cooled air, refrigerator cars or trucks and for the insulation of industrial buildings and homes. In bulk or shredded form it is used to insulate spaces that are difficult to reach, by blowing it into walls &c. When fabricated with certain binders, fibrous wool is outstanding for insulating iron and copper pipes of all sizes. It is used for both inside and outside work and for either hot or cold pipes. When made into boards with asphalt coating and installed with wood skewers it has proved very satisfactory in cold storage construction. In blanket form it is easily fabricated and is extremely workable, as it can be pasted, quilted, sewed or tacked to other materials.

Third: mat and pack forms of fibrous glass materials are used in air filters for ventilating and air conditioning systems. Retainer mats and separator mats are used in storage batteries; they are light in weight and are not affected by battery acid. Packs made of fairly coarse glass fibers are construct-

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IN MEMORIAM

JAMES JOSEPH McCORMACK

The community of Johnston's River and surrounding districts were shocked and saddened to learn of the death of James McCormack on the night of June 16th at the early age of 39 years. Jimmie, as he was known, was born in Tracadie, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John A. McCormack. A Christian man of exemplary virtues, ever faithful in his religious duties and endeared himself to all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance.

He was visited and consoled in his last hours by his pastor, Rev. T. P. Butler and Rev. Fr. Doyle, C.S.S.R., who administered to him the last sacraments of the Roman Catholic Church.

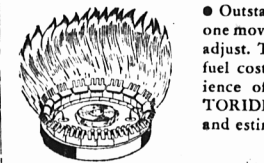
There are left to mourn the loss of a kind and loving husband and brother, his sorrowing wife, the former Hilda O'Halloran, also four sisters and three brothers, namely, Mrs. Cecil Wakelin, West Royal; Mrs. Vincent Trainor, Donagh; Mrs. Stuart Drake, Needham, Mass. and Mae, Kenneth, Ivan and Warren, also of Charlottetown, to all of whom we extend our deepest sympathy in their bereavement.

His funeral, which was largely attended, was held from his late residence Thursday morning, June 19th, at the Sacred Heart Church at Mt. Ryan, where Requiem High Mass was sung by Rev. T. P. Butler so that filters can be removed and replaced. They can be sprayed with a dust catching adhesive and can be constructed to clean circulated air of dust, soot or plant pollen grains. Because they do not decay and have no odor, these coarse packs have been used for air-washing and air-conditioning installations.

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May his soul rest in peace.  
A loving one from us is gone, A voice we loved is still, A place is vacant in our home Which never can be filled.

Floral Tributes

Pillow—Wife and O'Halloran family.  
Wreath—Margaret, Cecil and family.  
Wreath—Dillon and Spillet.

Mass Cards

Wife—Two high.  
Grace, Stuart and family, Needham, Mass., two high.  
Mae, Charlottetown, two high.  
Tena, Vincent and family, Donagh, high.  
Kenneth, Ivan and Warren, Charlottetown, high.  
Pearl and Betty Trainor, Charlottetown, high.  
Mrs. Patrick O'Halloran, Johnston's River, high.  
Catherine and Charles McCaughey, Montreal, high.  
Mrs. Eunice Bell and family, Charlottetown, high.  
Elizabeth and Louis McKenna New York, high.  
Mary Ruth O'Halloran, Charlottetown, two low.  
Edith and Patrick Mullen, Tracadie, high.  
Brendan O'Halloran, New York, high.  
Dorothy and Emmett Brazil and family, Johnston's River, high.  
Shirley and Phyllis Mullen, Tracadie, high.

Mildred and Patricia Mullen, Tracadie, high.  
Margaret Brazil, Beverly Farms, Mass., high.  
Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Walker and family, Johnston's River, high.  
Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Power and family, Johnston's River, high.  
Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Peters and family, Charlottetown, high.  
Mr. and Mrs. George MacDonald and family, Mermaid, high.  
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McEachern and family, Glenfinnan, high.  
Mrs. Emma Power and Martin, Bass River, Mass., high.  
Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Mullen and family, Scotchfort, high.  
Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Hughes and family, Auburn, high.  
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hughes and family, Fort Augustus, high.  
Mr. and Mrs. Martin Driscoll and family, Johnston's River, two low.  
Mr. and Mrs. William Trainor Jr. and family, Johnston's River, Emma and Elizabeth Brazil, Charlottetown.  
Mr. Fred Trainor and Glen, Johnston's River.  
Mr. and Mrs. Horace MacGregor and family, Johnston's River.  
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Walker and family, Johnston's River.  
Mrs. Currie and Ernie, Johnston's River.

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Mr. and Mrs. William Trainor Sr., Johnston's River.  
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