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TIMELY NOTES ON FUR TOPICS

In the latest issue of the Black Fox Magazine and Modern Mink, there is an article entitled "Pelting at Random," which gives some good advice to ranchers. These are extracts from it: "The final operation on mink ranches for the year is approaching, and next month the first of the 1937 mink flock will be pelted and will arrive in marketing centers in late December or early January. Year after year, this column has cautioned farmers that a careful job of pelting and finishing will bring them more extra dollars.

In spite of these and other warnings, many breeders have done a careless manner. Some kill their mink before the fur is on its feet. To insure the maximum prices for pelts, the animal should not be killed until its fur is most beautiful. The timing of this may vary in different localities, and may vary also with the fall weather.

AT PEAK

It is most important that it be done when the fur is at its peak — a few days late or early will either after or before the fur is prime. One type of mink will be prime at a different time than another. Many fur farmers pelt too early than the skin. A neat job of taking the skin off a mink makes a much more valuable pelt. Many of the large marketing houses have bulletins available to members giving complete instructions on how to properly pelt and finish mink pelts in the United States. Women that live in the neighborhood of the ranches have been doing this job well year after year. They have been teaching how to do a neat job, and most of all when they are pleased to pick up some extra money.

At the auction houses in New York City we have often seen quality pelts that have been mutilated by careless handling. This means that the mink has not really anywhere near as good a price as he might if he had been more carefully handled in the operation. See that your pelts are prime and see that the job is pelted in one properly and you will receive the maximum price for your pelts.

The first meeting of the Buenos Aires Association of Mink Breeders was held last week, and it was stated that the new industry had been doing well during the past two years. They have now 50 mink breeding establishments in the Argentine with 30,000 breeding animals available for the next season.

A furrier's window in Chicago, decked with chinchilla capes and stoles, would probably give pause to many passers-by, but a window full of live chinchillas actually stopped them short. The rabbit-like little creatures, their blue-grey fur almost blending with the rocks of their makeshift cage, appeared quite at home in the show window at Rosenthal Fur Inc., and were quite oblivious to the stares of curious onlookers. The firm was one of the first to attach some importance to the promotion and sale of chinchilla.

Now they continue as one of the most prominent purveyors of chinchilla furs. They were the first to introduce chinchilla in capes and jackets. Since their discovery, being the best qualities of chinchilla and having the fur made up in the most attractive way. The manager states that chinchilla can be made into almost any type of garment, from small pieces, capes, sport jackets, and stoles, which sell from \$2,000 to \$5,000, and short coats, priced from \$1,000 to \$10,000, and full-length coats, which would cost an estimated \$20,000.

Our readers will remember that chinchilla was originally a native of the Andes, those tall mountains in South America. A few were captured and brought to California and Colorado, and the original breeders that a large part of the industry developed.

The Japanese are no small potatoes when it comes to fur fashions or the trapping of fur-bearing animals, as this will give evidence. Total Japanese mink production in 1936 was 113,000 skins, valued at \$2,000,000, and 20,000 skins of other furs, valued at \$1,000,000.

George H. Swan, with headquarters in New York, is the man who has been credited with the introduction of the mink into this country.

Price Rise Tapers Off

Both the Canadian and U.S. consumer price indexes since the start of 1936 have remained stable in the period, though the comparable U.S. index has risen by 3 percent.

The rise in consumer prices since the start of 1936 has stemmed from the heavy investment expenditures and sharply rising industrial activity in the period, with its pressure on the supplies of certain materials and a marked increase in wages and other costs. Basic commodity prices have now turned down quite markedly. But upward cost pressures on certain services, particularly in the case of transportation, have been occurring and are not likely to be quickly reflected in the consumer price index.

FOOD ROSE

After four years during which a moderate downward tendency prevailed, commodity prices at the consumer level began to rise in the spring of 1936 in both Canada and the United States. The upturn in food prices, being particularly sharp by late August (the Canadian retail food price index had risen to a point almost 12 percent above the early 1936 level) in the same period, was 10 percent.

Both indexes received somewhat in September, but the declines were not sufficient to offset further advances in the cost of other goods and services. In September, the Canadian steeple index (which covers rent and home-ownership costs) was 2 1/2 percent higher than in July 1936 and the increase in the comparable U.S. index was nearly 5 percent. And the cost of other

Would Welcome U.S. Leaders

MOSCOW (CP)—Nikita Khrushchev said Wednesday night he would welcome President Eisenhower and U.S. State Secretary Dulles as "dear friends" and would be very glad to see them to meet with Soviet Western leaders visited Russia.

Turning an Egyptian Embassy reception into a free-wheeling press conference, the Soviet Communist party chief also discussed ex-defence minister Georgi Zhukov—"he is resting"—and remarked the U.S. doesn't have the kind of rockets we have.

Griming and jesting with more than 20 correspondents, Khrushchev threw up his hands when asked if he would like to visit the

Queen Elizabeth Tries New Style

LONDON (AP)—Queen Elizabeth both came out in "the sack" Thursday, but brought along a black lamb muff to lend a balancing note on the old-fashioned side.

The royal version of the new dress style was in a more colorful black. It had collar and cuffs in black lamb.

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OTAWA (CP)—To divert strictly adhered to the letter and all spirit of GATT, to some other countries, particularly the United States, had no done so.

DENY WITHDRAWAL

While no direct comment on the matter was made in the brief, the association spokesmen detailed that CMA is considering a recommendation Canadian will be drawn from G.A.T.T. as had been run out recently.

Commenting upon control Canadian industries from other countries, particularly from the U.K., the brief said:

"Some of these enterprises are a large degree of autonomy and have tended to become 'naturalized' Canadian companies, but many exist simply as branch assembly or manufacturing operations with little effort or responsibility to develop a responsible national outlook."

ASK TAX CUT

In reply to government expenditures the association said it believes the citizen, and corporate but many exist simply as branch assembly or manufacturing operations with little effort or responsibility to develop a responsible national outlook."

Commenting on the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), the association said it had many times endorsed action by the Canadian government in furthering expansion of international trade, by giving effective support to international organizations attempting to solve problems of world finance and trade.

The association hoped it might be possible through GATT and other organizations to progressively eliminate all prohibitions and restrictions other than customs duties and taxes, which would help Canada are the best of their own money and help the government can reduce taxes it will be for the good of

Smaller Wheat Crop May Cut Into Big Canadian Surplus

OTAWA (CP)—Harvesting of the grain crop was virtually completed and a three-year low in wheat production may leave at the year end perhaps 100-150 million bushels less than last year's record.

The wheat crop, estimated at 373,000,000 bushels, is slightly higher than earlier official estimates, but sharply below last year's 573,000,000 bushels and the lowest since the 300,000,000 bushels of the 1947-48 average.

Canada opened the current crop year last August with a huge carryover of 723,000,000 bushels which together with the latest estimate brings total supplies to a near-record 1,095,300,000.

But the government expects to increase exports in the current year above the 263,000,000 ship-

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Ont. Liberal Leader Resigns

OTAWA (CP)—Paraphrase Ontario Wednesday evening his resignation as leader of the Ontario Liberal Party, effective in a letter to W. E. Hale, secretary of the Ontario Liberal Association, Mr. Oliver said: "It is my firm conviction that our party has benefitted by periodic examination of policy and leadership and it is a time to resign."

"In order to further these objectives, I am hereby tendering my resignation as leader of the Ontario Liberal Party in Ontario, and I am sure that my successor is chosen."

Mr. Oliver last month called for a party leadership convention to be held in conjunction with the association's annual meeting on April 19-19 in Toronto.

Member of the legislature for Grey South, Mr. Oliver has been Liberal leader in Ontario since 1945. He was first elected to the legislature in 1926.

He would move to implement the Liberal legislation.

Mr. Diefenbaker's reply was that at the conference every opportunity would be given for discussion.

The average yearly temperature in Vancouver Island ranges from 35 to 62 degrees.

Can Discuss Hospital Plan

OTAWA (CP)—The provincial governments will be able to discuss hospital insurance at the federal-provincial fiscal conference here late this month. Prime Minister Diefenbaker said Wednesday.

Present interpretation discourages many kinds of voluntary collaboration with industry and commerce which experience had shown was of benefit to the whole economy.

It recommended that the restrictive trade practices commission be reorganized so as to include members of the department of trade and commerce—the department best qualified to pass judgment on the effect on the economy of the kind of arrangements within industry which come under review.

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