

### TIMELY NOTES ON TOPICS CONNECTED WITH Silver Fox and Mink Farming

Congratulations to Prince Edward Island exhibitors at the Maritime Winter Fair, Amherst, on their practically clean sweep of silver fox and mink classes. Judging by the number of entries it was one of the best shows in recent years and it is pleasing to note so many former top exhibitors still continuing to display animals of merit. It is also an indication that the P. E. I. Provincial show on Nov. 20th to 23rd will be a big success. This year no mink classes were programmed for the Winter Fair but one will be held in some other locality in Nova Scotia in addition to our own mink show at Charlottetown on the same dates as the fox show.

During the visit of Princess Elizabeth and Prince Philip to Charlottetown yesterday, they spent some time at the Dominion Experimental Farm and seemed to get a great deal of pleasure out of viewing the exhibits of Silver Foxes and mutations and Mink. They were shown the work of Dr. C. K. Gunn of the Dominion Experimental Farm, Summerside. They were housed in a large tent and the foxes displayed in wire cages nicely painted with aluminum and the mink were in special mink cages with aluminum finish. The varieties of foxes consisted of Silvers, Whites, Marked, Platinum, Pearl, White, Pearlitines, White Head and Glacier Blues. Among the mink were Standard Dark, Pastels of the Royal and Green-Eyed types, Silverblue, Aleutian, Sapphires, White, Black Cross and Stearwats. Each was a select animal of its type which the Doctor explained to the royal visitors, who seemed immensely interested. Dr. Gunn deserves both praise and credit for having thought of making the above display which meant considerable effort on his part. It will certainly be of advertising

value to our industry in this Province as publicity regarding it will go far and wide.

A 60 per cent increase in production of mutation mink was reported for the 1949-1950 season over the corresponding period a year earlier at the meeting of the 300 members of the Mutation Mink Breeders' Association, held at Milville, Wis., Oct. 30th. The totals were 494,800 with Silverblue accounting for 225,500, Pastels 188,400, Aleutians 55,000, Sapphires 2,600 and all others 23,300. Value of all mutations sold by the Mutation Mink Breeders Association for the past year was \$16,400,000 and it was reported a substantial gain over the previous year due both to improved quality of pelts and the upturn in the economic picture.

The Association reported a 67 per cent increase in membership in the past year, bringing the total to 2,800. Representatives of the Canadian Mutation Mink Breeders Association attended the meeting and pledged continued support and co-operation.

One of the featured prizes awarded to "Mrs. America of 1951" at the 13th annual Mrs. America contest, Ashbury, N. Y., Sept. 9th, was a luxurious Blue Mist Fox cape jacket from the Northwood Fur Farms, Cary, Illinois, and we understand it was very much appreciated by the recipient.

The Mink in Health and Disease, is the title of a book by Dr. A. H. Kennedy of the Ontario Veterinary College which has been published by the Fur Trade Journal of Canada. It is a large volume of 316 pages, well illustrated and cloth bound and gives very excellent advice to ranchers on how to keep their mink in good condition and solve many disease problems. Dr. Kennedy is well-known to many fox and fur farmers in this Province and very highly thought of.

In the Back Fox Magazine for October there is a very splendid article by Dr. Charles F. Bassett, entitled "How Various Levels of Calcium, Phosphorus and Vitamin D Intake Affect Bone Growth." It goes on to show the deficiency symptoms, the tendency of male minks to require more calcium than the female minks and states that there were no measurable differences in requirements of phosphorus or Vitamin D. We have not heard of any of our Island ranchers having trouble either with their mink or foxes because of deficiency disease due to lack of calcium or Vitamin D.

Nearly everyone in the business now understands that feeding phosphorus in some form of bone meal either as ground bone or a part of the cereal diet and of the necessity of using concentrated Vitamin D in the early months of the year, in fact up to July 1st. The first year that the writer was engaged in fox farming we did not know very much about the necessity of the above and a large number of our pups had rickets. In fact rickets was a common occurrence with the pioneer fox farmers. We remember going to a large ranch in the fall of 1913 to select six pairs which had been sold for \$16,000 a pair and we had difficulty in getting twelve absolutely straight, well formed fox pups out of the large number shown us.

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## IN MEMORIAM - NEWSY NOTES -

MR. ZACHARIAH BUOTE  
By J. A. Clark, D.Sc.

**Meteorology.**  
Meteorology is one of the most difficult and involved of the branches of physics. It treats of phenomena concerning the air that surrounds the earth that we speak of as climate and weather. Meteorology dates back to Aristotle, who, in collecting data for his work on meteors, also collected information from his observations on the weather. One of his pupils, Theophrastus, classified these observations under the heads: Rain, wind, fire weather and storms. The discovery of the weight of the atmosphere, in 1643, by Torricelli was a major advance in the development of meteorology as a science.

The late Mr. Buote was in his seventy-third year, and was a son of the late Capt. Joseph Buote and the late Celina Buote of Mayfield. He received his early education in the Primary School there. After attending Prince of Wales College in Charlottetown he started on his career as school teacher, and taught at various schools throughout the province. A few years ago he retired on superannuation after forty years at teaching.

He had lived all his life in this Island province up until about five years ago, when he, along with his family, went to Saint John, N. B. to take up residence. His many friends will remember him as a man who was always willing to give a helping hand to anyone who might need it, and he always took a very active part in all public activities. He will be sorely missed in his home, now deprived of a loving husband and father.

He entered the Saint John General Hospital for treatment the latter part of May, and underwent an operation a few weeks later. On July 7th, he returned to his home, and all that loving hands could do was done, but to no avail. God willed otherwise, and on August 22nd, his gentle spirit winged its way to his Creator. The last rights of the Catholic Church of which he was a faithful member, were administered by Rev. G. Kennedy of the Immaculate Conception in Saint John.

The late Mr. Buote leaves to mourn, his wife, three sons and five daughters. The sons are: Emilie teacher at Wellington, P. E. Island; Ben A. in Picton; Raymond in Saint John, N. B.; another son, Pius predeceased him twenty-one years ago.

The daughters are: (Alice) Mrs. Willard Frampton; (Eva) Mrs. Lester Nickerson; (Marje) Mrs. Jos. Murtagh and Marion all in Saint John; (Alma) Mrs. Frank Smith resides in Charlottetown. Another daughter Emma, died in infancy.

The following sisters and brothers are also left to mourn the loss of a dear brother: Mrs. Peter Galtier, in Mayfield; Mrs. Seretie LeClair, Charlottetown; another sister Mrs. W. LeClair predeceased him a number of years ago. The brothers are: Moses and Felix of North Rustico; Jeremiah in U.S.A. Two other brothers, Cyril and Henry passed away some time ago. Also surviving are ten grandchildren and a number of nieces and nephews.

The many floral tributes, Mass Cards and Messages of sympathy testified to the high esteem in which he was held.

The funeral which was largely attended was held from Fitzpatrick's Funeral Home to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception where High Mass of Requiem was celebrated by Rev. Father Gallagher. Prayers at the grave were recited by Rev. G. Kennedy. Interment was made in St. Joseph's Cemetery, where all that was mortal of a kind and loving father was tenderly laid to rest, there to await the morn of a glorious resurrection.

The pallbearers were: John Gallant, Leo Gormley, Willard Frampton, Lester Nickerson, Joseph Murtagh, Frank B. Smith, the latter four sons-in-law of the deceased. R. I. P.

**NEW DELHI, Nov. 7 (AP)—**An Indian state government today served formal notice it is taking over the fabulous estate of the country's biggest landowner—Maharaja Sir Kameshwara Singh of Darbhanga who has 1,350,000 peasant tenants. The Bihar government, acting under a land-reforms act, did not disclose the date of takeover.

## W.C.T.U. NOTES

**WHAT'S WRONG WITH TAKING A DRINK?**

DR. AARON N. MECKEL  
Pastor First Congregational Church, North St. Petersburg, Florida.

"What's wrong with taking a drink?" It was a fine appearing young couple that had come to my study to ask this question. They were making it clear to their pastor that they did not mean excessive drinking. Also that they had to live and move among groups of younger married people where moderate consumption of alcoholic beverages was the "thing to do". Said the young husband, "Tell us what you really think. Is there anything wrong with taking a drink?"

Now suppose you had been in my place with the trusting eyes of that young man and woman upon you, or better yet, suppose it had been your son or your daughter who had come to ask their pastor this question. What reply would you honestly want him to make? Let us, first of all, be clear at several preliminary points. Jesus' Gospel is not one of condemnation. He did not scold or kick a man when he was down. He reached out a helping hand to him. No amount of scolding or fault-finding will ameliorate our present situation. The fact is that none of us can afford to go around with a "holier than thou" complex. If you are not the victim of a bad and vicious habit, such as drink, then thank God and be humble. And stretch out a hand to another person whom you be. The Good News of Christ is that of deliverance, uplift and freedom from the entanglement of sin. The Gospel offers "temptations to right doing". Here is how Paul put it, in writing to the Ephesians: "Be not drunk with wine wherein is excess. But be filled with the Spirit."

And now, let us try to answer that question of the young couple: "What's wrong with taking a drink?" Our reply will be three-fold. First, it is best to let spirituous liquors alone because the drink habit, look at it however you will, represents a flight from reality.

At best, it is an escapism for those who refuse to face up to life's problems with clear and unclouded minds.

It (the drink habit) never settles any problem lastingly, but only postpones and aggravates it. Ask the 750,000 addicts—drunkards, the Bible calls them! Many of them are in hospital wards at the expense of the public purse and they will tell you, "We never drank our problem through to a solution". Dr. E. Stanley Jones tells the story of the mouse who found herself in the cellar beside a keg of fermented cider, which was dripping. She took one sip and felt her muscles stiffening into resistance. After a second sip, she sat back on her haunches and said, "Now let the cat come on!"

A famous Christian leader said: "Canada. Our radio said they had one this week that covered an area from Chicago to Texas.

Most of our cyclonic storms leave the continent by passing over the Atlantic Provinces. This gives these Provinces an adequate rainfall of from 34 to 57 inches per year. When these storms pass to the north of us, mild, warm air flows in from the south. When they pass to the south, cold, dry air from the north rushes in, giving us cool, clear days. In recent years, mention is frequently made in forecasts of a cold or "Polar front", and of warm fronts. In Florida, we frequently heard of a cold wave that was coming from

## Remembrance

(By F. H. MacArthur)

Soldiers, asleep in Flanders Field, Whose voices long by death are sealed, Who fought and fell in anguished pain O, comrades! Have you died in vain? You joined the fight and took your stand To end cruel wars in every land. If you could speak, what would you say? To warring, faithless men today? Resting where poppies lift their head, Enriched with blood that you have shed; How you must murmur in your sleep At promised vows men fail to keep!

"Drinking is the refuge of the weak; it is crutches for lame ducks". What all of these men are saying is that the drink habit is a flight from the face of reality, rather than an honest facing of life's daily problems.

It is high time, also, that the fiction of "moderate drinking" be revealed for what it really is—a wholesome deception. They that are wise will not be taken in by it. Ask the 750,000 addicts who would like to stop if only they

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Your memory hallowed in the land you loved.

Proudly you gathered; rank on rank, to war,  
As who had heard God's message from afar;  
All You Had Hoped For; All You Had, You Gave,  
To Save Mankind - - - Yourselves You Scorned To Save.

Splendid you passed; the great surrender made.  
Into the Light that never more shall fade;  
Deep your contentment in that blest abode.  
Who wait the last clear trumpet-call of God."

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