



**CHRISTMAS TABLEAU**

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the situation created by the Suez Canal incidents, the effects of which are hitting the English market and through it various continental markets. Believe it or not, the whole world is just one sensitive spot and trouble in one place easily communicates itself to another so we cannot expect to have quite the same prices prevailing as last year when everybody was in an optimistic mood and there was no Hungarian massacres and no Suez incident.

Prices were down from 10 to 20 per cent below levels of last January in the opening sale of the mink season in Vancouver, B.C. More than 60 per cent of the 77,000 dark and mutation skins moved as the season kicked off at Western Canadian Raw Fur Auctions Sales, Ltd. Ordinary types in standard were down a full 25 per cent from last season; top price for male darks was \$35, while good lots brought from \$27 to \$30. Others brought \$17 to \$22. Female standards were \$11 to \$13 for top lots, others brought \$7 to \$10. In mutations, silverblues sold all of 3,000, with top males bringing \$24, females \$13 to \$14. Whites sold 80 per cent of 3,000, top price was \$39 for males, with good types moving at \$30 to \$33. Females brought \$17 to \$21.

Of 30,000 pastels, 65 per cent was sold; top lots at \$36, goods lots \$27 to \$28, and ordinary types \$22 to \$25. Females went at \$13 to \$16. Sapphires sold 60 per cent of 8,000, top lots brought \$35, mostly good \$27 to \$29, and ordinary types \$24 to \$26. Females were \$14 to \$17. In gunmetal, top lots brought \$42, good lots \$35 to \$38, and females \$18 to \$22. Blue iris top lots were \$30 to \$33, good lots \$26 to \$29, and females \$14 to \$18. Average lots in steel blue were \$19 to \$24 and homonymous good average lots brought \$20 to \$23.

**AT WINNIPEG**  
Good clearances in Argentina and Cerulean mink were reported at Soudack sale here. Spirited bidding of the auction. Outside attendance was rather limited for this sale, which included an EMB section and was sponsored in part by the Mink Ranchers Auctions, Ltd. Nearly 100 per cent of the Argentina was sold, with a large proportion of medium colored males ranging between \$20 and \$22. A few lighter lots brought \$1 or so more. In Argentina lots, darks

were \$17.50, to \$19.50. Also, in Argentina group, breath-of-spring and stewarts were in the \$24-\$27 range. Most females ran between \$11.50 and \$12.50, with stewarts at \$13 to \$15.

There was good steady bidding on Ceruleans which were estimated at 75 per cent sold at reasonable prices. A few lighter males brought \$30-\$33 but the bulk of the lots were in the \$27 to \$29.50 range. These were mostly light medium and medium colors. Also in the Cerulean category dark or silvers realized \$24.50 to \$27. A few stewarts ranged between \$34 and \$37.50. A very large percentage of the females ran between \$15 and \$16.50 with stewarts at \$17 to \$20.50. In the gunmetal group blue iris were mostly withdrawn at press time. Autumn Haze were being offered and appeared to be selling reasonably.

**AT OSLO**  
An offering of 18,000 silverblue mink was 97 per cent sold at the Oslo Skinnauksjoner sale Oslo, Norway, last week. For males, the average price was 164 Norwegian crown. The top price was 245 crown. For females, the average price was 102, top 120. Of

6,000 sapphire mink offered, 88 per cent of males were sold but females were mostly withdrawn, was 234 crown. The top price was 375. A collection of 800 white mink was 100 per cent sold. For males, the average price was 265 crown; top price was 275. For females the average price was 158; top price 175. The United States was the main buyer with good competition from Italy, Germany and France. The Norwegian crown is quoted at 14.03 cents.

Preliminary results during the first sale of the season at New York Auction Co. (Minn.), Inc. last week found top standard males reaching \$38.50 and top females hitting \$21. Best of the silverblue males went for \$30.50. High part of the way through the pastel catalogue showed EMBA Autumn Haze top males drawing \$40.50. Top male price in the Desert Gold catalogue was \$56. The auction company refused to make any price comparisons and refused to divulge any percentages on the amount of merchandise sold. Buying resistance was felt during the latter part of the Soudack Fur Auction Sales, Ltd. auction in Winnipeg. Autumn Haze were estimated at 50 per cent sold. A

few lots of stewarts brought \$25 to \$26 for males and \$13.50 to \$14.50 for females. However, the general run of good males was a bit up, at \$22 to \$25 for medium and light-medium colors, and \$21 to \$22 for darker lots. The bulk of females brought \$12 to \$13 with a few above or below. Little interest was shown in lighter-type brown mutations described as Desert Gold and Diadem. Lutetias seemed very reasonable, with better males generally at \$35 to \$37 and females \$13 to \$15.

There was good interest in whites of both types. Dominants brought \$32 to \$34.50 for better

lots, with females \$16.50 to \$20. Best recessives ran around \$31 to \$32 and \$16.50 to \$18.50. Azure or homo sapphires were sold very reasonably to Chicago on a basis of \$50 to \$52.25. A group of useful kohinor for trimming was keenly competed for by Canadian interests and brought from \$21 to \$24 for males and \$10 to \$14.75 for females. In standards there was about a 40 per cent clearance with interest chiefly in cheaper goods and a price resistance on better merchandise. A few lots of males were bid up to \$17 to \$21.50 and females \$9 to \$10.50 but most selling was on a basis of \$13 to \$15.50 and \$7 to \$8.50.



**CHAT WITH SANTA**

Bob and Allan Squarebriggs, sons of Lt. and Mrs. Sterling Squarebriggs chat with Santa during the second annual kiddies' Christmas Party at the Officer's Mess on Saturday afternoon. A Christmas film was shown and all received gifts from Santa by the 119 children present.

Guardian Photo

**TIMELY NOTES ON FUR TOPICS**

Fur farmers in this Province, Canada but also in Europe, in fact all over Canada and the United States, are very much interested in the returns consignors are receiving from the various auctions not only in the U. S. and

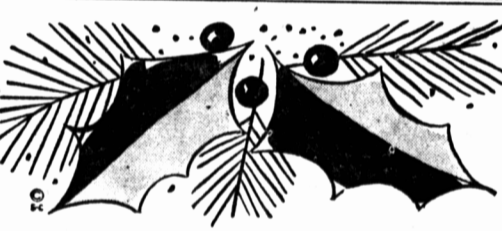
**Collier's Magazine Assets Are Sold**

NEW YORK (AP)—The Crowell-Collier Publishing Company said Friday that its readers service, a country-wide subscription selling organization, and the title to Collier's magazine will go to Cowles Magazines, Inc., for \$1,600,000. Crowell-Collier a week ago announced it was discontinuing its only two remaining magazines, Collier's and the Woman's Home Companion. In addition to the price paid for the reader service and the Collier's title, the Cowles firm, which publishes Look magazine, also will assume responsibility for unexpired subscriptions to Collier's.

**SEVEN DROWNED**

CONAKRY, French Guinea (Reuters)—Seven persons were drowned and five died of injuries when a truck plunged into a river on the border of French Guinea and Sierra Leone, according to reports reaching here today.

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**CHRISTMAS SERVICES**  
**ST. PETER'S CATHEDRAL**  
11:45 p.m.—Procession, Blessing of Crib and Midnight Eucharist  
7:30 a.m.—Mattins  
8:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist  
11:00 a.m.—Procession and Choral Eucharist  
5:00 p.m.—Evensong (said)

**CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT ST. PAUL'S**  
**CHRISTMAS EVE**  
11:30—Choral Communion  
Anthem: "There Were Shepherds" (Vincent)  
**CHRISTMAS DAY**  
7:00 A.M.—Holy Communion  
8:00 A.M.—Holy Communion  
10:30 A.M.—Choral Communion  
Anthem: "Behold I bring you Good Tidings" (Goss)  
**TO ALL A VERY JOYOUS CHRISTMAS**

**DANCING**  
**AT THE ROLLAWAY CLUB**  
**BOXING DAY, WEDNESDAY, DEC. 26**  
Featuring  
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**Coming Events**  
Card Party and dance Kelly's Cross Hall Thursday Dec. 27.  
Old time and modern dancing, South Rustico Hall, December 26.  
Box Social and dance at Emerald Hall, Wednesday, December 26th. Sponsored by C.W.L.  
Dance Mt. Stewart Memorial Hall, Thursday, December 27. Rolie MacKenzie's Orchestra.  
Grand bingo St. Andrews Hall, Mt. Stewart, Wednesday, Dec. 26, 8 p.m. Extra good prizes. Turkey chickens. Jackpot \$50.00 Door prize.

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