

Timely Notes On Fur Farming

Mink and fox breeders in Canada were given a tax break in the Canadian Budget recently issued. While meat for feeding fur-bearing animals and chemicals of a kind not produced in Canada and used in animal foodstuffs are now exempt from the 10 per cent Federal sales tax. The rising cost of foodstuffs has been a major complaint of breeders located in areas far from plentiful supplies of natural feed. It was this problem which at least partially inspired the Newfoundland Government to encourage mink breeders to set up ranches in that island province, close to plentiful supplies of fish waste and whale meat.

Government's earlier plan to provide exceedingly low cost mink feed appears to have been considerably modified, following a United States threat to regard such mink as subsidized pelts if they were to be fed on what amounted to state-subsidized mink feed. Nonetheless, the Newfoundland plan to attract a mink breeding industry, where climatic as well as feed conditions are favorable, seems to be meeting with success. A number of western Canadian ranchers have recently transferred there.

Quantities of raw fur skins to be offered at the next general auction of Hudson's Bay Company in Montreal May 4 and 5 will include: May 5—25,000 ranch mink comprising 12,000 standard mink, 7,000 Silverbelly, 4,000 Pastel, 1,000 Sapphires, 1,000 Miscellaneous mutations. A separate catalogue of 750 Royal Canadian fox comprising Onyx, Opaline and Palladium pelts for the account of Canadian National Silver Fox Breeders Association will also be put up for sale May 5. A quantity of 4,200 silver foxes including standard, platinum and pearl platinum will also be offered on that date.

A sharp increase in the quantity of Japanese mink shipped to the United States during February does not signify an increase in the crop but rather the willingness of the Japanese to ship earlier this season. A Tokyo report last week showed that Japan shipped 147,904 skins to the United States in February, the largest monthly total on record. It is said that shippers are more anxious to export to the United States at present in view of the substantial rise in prices since a year ago. Current second prices are 30 to 40 per cent above a year ago. The Japanese mink crop is now somewhere around 400,000 annually.

A consignment of 702 male minks supplied by firms in the United States and Canada arrived by plane in Buenos Aires, Argentina, last week. These animals are destined for two Argentine mink breeding farms and will serve to increase mink growing in that country. The furting season in the Argentine would be just opposite to that in this country, at least that is our impression formed from correspondence we had in the early 1930's with parties who wished to establish a silver fox breeding farm there. They sent a man up to learn the business and he remained at the McLure and MacKinnon Silver Fox Farms for several years, the idea of setting up the farm having been given up when the prices of silver fox pelts declined so greatly in those years.

All the different fur papers that come into our hands show a consistently hopeful tone for higher prices and greater popularity of all types of animals. All the sales have been exceedingly good with the very largest quantities readily absorbed and fur stores throughout the United States particularly, are reporting good sales, in fact the best sales in years. Part of this is no doubt due to the strong position of the stock market which has been consistently booming since the advent of the Eisenhower administration. We look to see all types of furs good for at least a couple of years.

We have just notified where Trooper Donald Ruthven of Toronto was killed in a German train wreck on March 28. As the body could not be brought back to Canada for burial because of army regulations, his mother flew over to attend the funeral. Trooper Ruthven was 25 years old and joined the army two and a half years ago and was serving in Germany with the Lord Strathcona Horse. He was a son of W. H. C. Ruthven, pioneer fox rancher of Ontario, who is now retired. Fox ranchers who exhibited at the Royal Winter Fair years ago will remember with kindest feelings "Bill" Ruthven, probably the most popular fox rancher in Ontario. He was an excellent judge of foxes and in a few years placed himself at the top among prize winners and pelt producers. Our sympathy and that of other fur breeders here will go out to Mr. and Mrs. Ruthven in their very sad loss.

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In the Fur Trade Journal of Canada's "Twenty-Five Years Ago" April 1930 is the following:—Despite the depression John A. Lea of Summerside continued his full page ad on the inside front cover featuring his Magic and Lealand foxes. . . . In the main the articles were generally devoted to the raising of foxes with a special article on blue foxes by McVicar, and on silver foxes by J. M. McGillivray. This issue also contained a good deal of information on the raising of mink with the leading article by L. D. McClintock. At this particular time considerable of a controversy raged in regard to which Province of Canada produced the best mink. L. D. McClintock had just returned from a trip through the Maritime Provinces and some of the New England States, and wrote a letter which we published at the time commending Dr. Gill of Truro, N. S., for the very fine type of mink which he was producing.

At a meeting of the directors of the Canadian National Silver Fox Breeders Association held in the head office Summerside recently, the secretary reported 65 registrations, one name registered, and one tattoo registered for the month of February, and 32 registrations, 9 memberships and one transfer for the month of March. A check of \$800 had been sent to the Maritime Winter Fair, Amherst, N. S., as a grant for their 1954 live fox show. A letter was read from the convention headquarters, Fur Trade Association of Canada, inviting George A. Callbeck to attend their 1955 Fur Fashion Award Previews, at the Royal York Hotel, April 25th-27th. A letter was read from W. M. Ritchie requesting that the fox garments now being shown at Milan and Paris be sent to the Fashion Show in Brussels which takes place on June 6th and 7th.

George A. Callbeck reported that he had attended the New York Auction Co.'s sale of foxes on March 11th and the American Fur Auction sale on the 14th. The sales contained approximately 20,000 pelts, a very large percent of the offering being the previous year's merchandise. There was a large and active sale of foxes on March 11th and the American Fur Auction sale on the 14th. The sales contained approximately 20,000 pelts, a very large percent of the offering being the previous year's merchandise. There was a large and active sale of foxes on March 11th and the American Fur Auction sale on the 14th. The sales contained approximately 20,000 pelts, a very large percent of the offering being the previous year's merchandise.

ANGLO-RUSTICO W. I.
The April meeting of Anglo-Rustico W. I. was held at the home of Mrs. Exton Bulman. In the absence of the president, Mrs. Danny Anderson vice-president, presided. The meeting opened with the Ode, followed by the Creed. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. A grant of \$2.50 was received from the Dept. of Agriculture. New Institute Books were distributed among the members, also the Institute News. It was decided that \$1.00 be given for members to the C. A. C. The finished quilt was displayed and admired by all. New committees were appointed as follows: School, Miss Jean Chandler; Sick, Mrs. I. Craswell and Mrs. S. Parkman; Program, Miss Jean Chandler; Mrs. I. Craswell; Lunch, Mrs. N. Hooper and Mrs. C. Toombs.

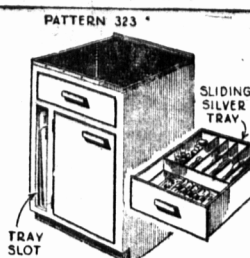
DOG CRIPPLED
OAKVILLE, Ont. (CP)—A \$50 reward has been offered for information leading to the finding of the person who crippled a black spaniel by scalding the dog with boiling liquid. T. D. Murphy said his dog returned home with burns on its back after being out only a short while.

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Workshop Patterns



If you have kitchen floor space vacant that is two feet square it is doubtful if you can find a more useful way to use it than for this cabinet. The recommended height is 36-inches but this may vary in order for the cabinet to be level with stove, sink, table or whatever is on either side. Note the tray slot and the double-deck drawer with sliding tray for silver. Use the lower part for table mats and napkins. This piece was designed for the week-end cabinet maker with only hand saw, hammer and screwdriver. This pattern 323 may be ordered for 35c or it will be included in the packet of five standard size patterns for kitchen remodeling for only \$1.50 postpaid.

AUGUSTINE COVE W. I.
The April meeting of Augustine Cove W. I. was held at the school on Thursday the 21st. The meeting opened with the Ode followed by the Creed in unison. Nine members answered roll call with something for a grab bag. Minutes of last meeting were read and approved. Correspondence was read and discussed. Red Cross work consisting of two girls' nightgowns, one child's dress and parties two pr. overalls, one tunic and two sweaters were passed in.

Reports of committees were heard and new ones appointed: Sick and Program, Mrs. Myrtle Peters and Mrs. Ray Cutcliffe; Lunch, Mrs. Leaman MacWilliams, Mrs. Willard Wadman, Mrs. Ivan Wadman and Mrs. Bryce Clarke. Mrs. Lorne Carruthers kindly invited members to her home for the next meeting. Roll call to be answered with a grab bag. Collection 75 cents. Meeting closed with the Queen. Lunch was then served by the committee in charge.

QUEEN SENDS SYMPATHY
OTTAWA (CP)—The Queen has expressed her appreciation for the outstanding service rendered Canada by Sir Lyman Duff, former chief justice who died Tuesday at the age of 85 in a cablegram from Governor-General Massey. The Queen has asked him to convey her sincere sympathies to Sir Lyman's sister, Anne Isabella Duff.

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NEWSY NOTES

THE GOOSE
The goose (Anser) a genus of web-footed birds that are included in the duck family (Anatidae), was probably one of the first birds domesticated by man. Its beak is adapted to cropping grass and herbage which is the chief food of wild geese. Its legs are further forward than those on most ducks, this enables them to be less awkward in their movements on land. They never dive and rarely swim any great distance. It is characteristic of Canada geese, when migrating, to form a double wedge shaped line, headed by a single gander.

There are a great many genera of geese throughout the world. The species and varieties include many interesting forms including the "tree-ducks" a tropical American goose that nests in hollow trees; the snow goose and most of the North American species that nest in the far north; the laughing goose of Britain, the Nile goose recorded on many Egyptian monuments; the fox goose of the Greeks, the spur winged African goose, having a strong spur at the wing corner; the Cape Breton goose of Australia with its thick bill and sluggish heavy movements, are only a few of the notable forms.

The domesticated goose has always been considered of great value because of the quality of its meat for the table, and for its fine soft feathers in recent times the goose has demonstrated its usefulness as a labour saver in weeding strawberries and asparagus. They are also used extensively in the Southern United States to control weeds in the cotton fields. When used for this purpose they "work" better when hungry.

In connection with the management, breeding and feeding of geese during the last five years, the Central Experimental Farm at Ottawa have carried on some very interesting experiments. Some of their findings were reported in an article by Ralph Purser on "Bringing the Goose Up-to-Date" that was published three years ago.

The project undertaken under the direction of the Dominion Poultry Husbandman in 1950 was designed to study methods whereby geese could be used to produce domestic poultry meat economically. Five leading breeds of domestic geese and some cross bred birds were first tested for several production characteristics. From this preliminary test the Toulouse and Pilgrim breeds were chosen for further tests. We quote from the article mentioned:

"The Toulouse, a popular heavy weight variety of the United States and Canada, is the largest of all domestic geese, well adapted to furnishing a great amount of flesh economically and quickly. . . . The Pilgrim goose is a medium weight variety, said to have been brought over to America by the Pilgrim Fathers in 1630. . . . It has the unique distinction of exhibiting a pronounced difference in coloration between the male and the female. . . . The goose is olive or greenish-grey and the gander a creamy white. . . . It was realized that for the successful carrying out of any breeding program it was desirable to have a large number of birds available from which to make selections. Therefore the decision was made to carry one breed only for 1952 and thereby utilize all the facilities available for that breed. The Pilgrim breed was selected as the first year's results indicated that it had a number of advantages."

Many details concerning the Poultry Divisions recent work with geese is given by Mr. Fraser in an article in the Family Herald and Weekly Star of January 20th, 1955 entitled "The Well Fed Goose". This presents a chart prepared by Dr. J. R. Aitken, senior poultry nutritionist, that illustrates the rapid economical gains of young geese compared with those of White Pekin ducks, Broad Breasted Bronze Turkeys and New Hampshire chickens crossed on Barred Rock chickens.

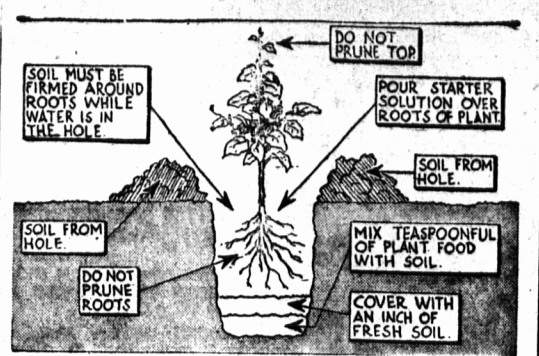
Following the average growth curves in the chart of these four types of domestic fowl we note; that at three weeks of age the turkey poult reached the broilers by about 1/2 lb., both being nearly 1/2 lb. each while the ducklings were about 1 1/3 lb. At six weeks of age the broilers were about 1 1/3 lb., the poult was almost 2 lb., the ducklings over 3 1/2 lb. and the goslings about 3 3/4 lb. At nine weeks of age the chart showed the broiler chickens well over 3 lb., the young turkeys over 4 lb., the ducklings had reached a finished weight of 5 lb. but the goslings had almost reached 10 lb. From the tenth week the growth rate of the goslings slowed down but they reached 11lb. at thirteen weeks and about 11 1/2 lb. when finished for market at sixteen weeks. The chicken broilers slowed down as they reached a finish weight of about 4 1/3 lb. at twelve weeks, but the turkey poult continued to make steady gains until finished at fourteen weeks weighing about 7 2/3 lb.

In a group of Pilgrim geese with 15 males and 15 females the ganders ate less per lb. gain. They averaged 1.8 lb. at sixteen weeks of age against 1.3 for the females. The ganders required 4.9 lb. of feed per lb. gain, compared with 5.1 lb. of feed per lb. gain for the females. These Pilgrim geese not only put on weight very rapidly but compared with other domestic meat fowl they showed that if properly cared for and fitted for market they can be one of the best paying sources of poultry meat today.

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Most plants will recover, even though the operator is unskilled, but there are a few simple precautions which will increase the percentage of success. If you are growing your own plants, prepare them for the operation by giving them an extra feeding a week before the operation. In a bucket of water (2 1/2 gallons) hang a cloth bag containing 10 ounces of your regular plant food, four ounces to the gallon. Let it soak overnight, then water the plant with the solution. This will build up the energy of your plants, for the ordeal to come.

The night before the operation, prepare another bucket of water the same way, or by using a soluble plant food according to the instructions for a starter solution. Take it to the garden along with the plants. It is important to disturb the roots of the plants as little as possible. If they are in pots, the soil will come out in a ball with little disturbance. If in a flat, they can be lifted with small injury, by taking care. Transplants which have been purchased without soil should not be allowed to dry out, and be kept in the shade.

Dig a hole large enough to hold the plant roots with room to spare, and deeper than necessary. Mix a teaspoonful of plant food with soil at the bottom of the hole, and throw on an inch of fresh soil. Now hold the plant where it is to stand, and pour into the hole, over the plant roots, half a pint of the plant food solution in the bucket. While the water remains in the hole and around the plant root, draw in soil to fill the hole completely. Do not prune the roots of the plant in any way, not even to remove broken roots. Do not cut back the leaves and stem, although this was formerly the accepted practice. Experiment stations who have studied needs all the roots and leaves it has, and will recover faster if you leave them intact. Pouring water into the hole and drawing earth into the water excludes air pockets, and insures good contact between roots and soil. Do not pack the wet soil; it will settle down by its own shrinkage. Plants set out in this way seldom wilt but in case they do, no

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Angling in Canada's Maritime National Parks

Fishing in Cape Breton Highlands, Fundy and Prince Edward Island National Parks in 1954 was the most successful on record. Species taken included Eastern brook trout, Atlantic salmon and white perch. Creel census reports showed better angling in Cape Breton Highlands National Park. The creel census shows only the absolute minimum catch, as many anglers do not turn in reports. The voluntary returns showed more than 600 fish were taken in Cape Breton Highlands waters, composed of 485 Eastern brook trout, nearly 100 salmon and about 45 white perch.

Salmon fishing on the Cheticamp River was the outstanding angling feature in the park last year, and reports showed nearly 200 salmon were taken, a record number for the park. Salmon fishing on the Cheticamp River which have been purchased without soil should not be allowed to dry out, and be kept in the shade.

Canadian wildlife authorities see the 1955 outlook for sport fishing in these parks as good. Freshwater Lake in Cape Breton Highlands National Park was poisoned during the autumn of 1954 but being re-stocked this year, and good fishing is predicted there.

DOG LOVERS LOSE
WINNIPEG (CP)—The public health committee Wednesday unanimously endorsed a proposal to pour over to the University of Manitoba medical school for experimental surgery. The decision was met by a flood of letters, telegrams and telephone calls from anti vivisectionists across the country. Mayor George Sharpe of Winnipeg received several telegrams from Vancouver and one from Scotland.

LEADING BREED
About 90 per cent of cattle in Argentina, where beef cattle production is a huge industry, are shorthorns.

ANNUAL MEETING P.E.I. FAT STOCK SHOW & SALE

The annual meeting of the P. E. I. Fat Stock Show & Sale will be held at City Hall, Charlottetown, at 8:00 p.m., on Saturday, April 30th.

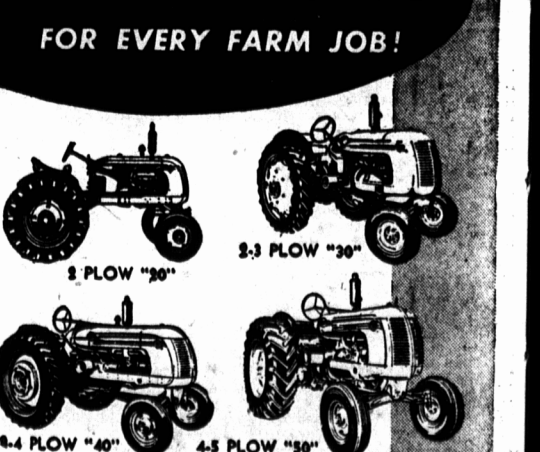
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