

# WOOL MARKETING

Wool will be received at the Potato Growers' Warehouse at the foot of Prince Street, Charlottetown, after June 14th. Wool shipped by rail should be carefully tagged and addressed to the Wool Grading Station, Charlottetown, "Freight Collect." Wool shipped by truck will be entitled to rail rates only. Truckers must present a proper warehouse receipt before truckage will be paid. An advance will be made on all wool of satisfactory quality, and properly prepared for marketing. The balance will be paid as soon as wool is graded.

In shipping, each fleece should be tied separately with paper string and packed in old, but clean sacks. Do not ship in large number of bags. Use one large sack if at all possible, as this aids in checking. A number of old, clean sacks sewn together will suffice. EACH SACK SHOULD BE TAGGED WITH THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE OWNER WRITTEN IN CLEAR LETTERING WITH INK, ONE TAG TO BE SECURELY ATTACHED TO THE OUTSIDE OF THE SACK AND ANOTHER PLACED ON THE INSIDE. No responsibility will be accepted for sacks without tags. A deduction of one cent per pound will be made for wool tied with binder paper twine or other unsatisfactory string. Shipping tags and proper paper twine are available at the Provincial Department of Agriculture free of charge.

It is in your interest to see that wool is properly prepared for market. Growers should

1. Remove all tags and dung locks before tying each fleece.
2. Any burry, chaffy, or strawy portions of wool should also be removed and shipped separately.
3. Sheep should be shorn when dry, and wool should be stored in a place free from dampness.

All wool should be delivered between June 14th and July 17th.

THE PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND SHEEP BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION CHARLOTTETOWN



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

A much smaller fox crop than last year is the general opinion of breeders I have talked to. One reason is a cut of 33 1/3 per cent in breeding stock and another is that the average per female per ranch is smaller in most cases than last year. Quite a number of breeders have cut down on the production of Platynums, feeling that Silvers are coming into their own and that Platynums will be a back number in a few years. They have also materially reduced the number of White Faces kept over for breeding purposes, so you can figure that our production, in fact Canada's production, will be over 80 per cent Silvers this year.

The facts are of course, that Silvers are selling and even though they are not bringing high prices yet every time we pick up a fur journal or report of an auction house we find that Silvers have had a comparatively good sale. Of course one reason for a change in my lady's desire for Platynums is the fact that the Norwegians have shipped large quantities into the United States and then breeders have not been too particular about the quality of their Platynums and a great number have marketed those having a yellowish cast. A poor Platinum is certainly an unwanted fur and to us not at all attractive. One thing can be expected from this season's fur crop is that the average quality would be better for the reason that the poorer breeding stock has been culled out but this cannot be brought out unless the rancher maintains his feed formulas at as high a standard as those of years ago. Good pelts cannot be obtained from poor feed and the extra money paid to insure good food should be returnable by better prices for the finished pelt.

Muskra, that we can remember long ago sold as low as 50 cents a pelt, is very much in demand now. At Lampson, Fraser & Huth's recent sale an advance of 15 per cent was reported. Over 250,000 were 80 per cent sold at a top of \$5.00 for a lot of New York State selected extra sizes. 44,000 skunk were offered but only 15 per cent sold at a top of \$3.10. Raccoon was selling strongly, a top of \$10.00 was achieved for a lot of heavy giants.

The Mutation Mink Breeders' Association have announced the following quantities for the New York Auction Company's sale June 3rd and 4th. Silverblu 27-500; Royal Pastel 7,000; White 3-000; Royal Koh-I-Nor 13,000; Blufroet 5,000; Miscellaneous 3-500.

In Women's Wear Daily there is a very attractive page ad featuring the above types. The mink people and the auction people seem to use good judgement in their advertising and certainly leave no stone unturned to bring mutation mink to the attention of the fur buyers.

Sixty-three tons of rabbit skins were auctioned in Melbourne, Australia, May 11th. They are sold to manufacturers of hats mostly and Australia is the largest producer of rabbits in the world. It all came from a few pairs which settlers brought from England many years ago. These produced so rapidly in the new country that

they became a nuisance and the owners let them drift for themselves. The result was that the favorable climate and grass of Australia just suited them and within a few decades rabbits became one of the crop dangers of the country.

A full page ad introducing wild mink-dyed muskrat by Hollander in a group of fall coats was run recently by T. Eaton Company in Toronto. The three coats each retail at \$395, and they did resemble mink to a considerable extent.

The 19th International Leningrad Fur Auction is to be held there on July 26th. Over two million pelts will be offered in three sections. There will be 10,000 White Fox, 500 Blue Fox 40,000 Red Fox, 5,000 Sables and dozens of other types of furs. Russia is an ideal country for the production of wild furs and no doubt the quality is good.

The Mutation Mink Breeders' Association are running ads in magazines of large circulation such as Harper's Bazaar, Vogue, Town and Country, Fortune, Social Spectator and Americans. They are also featuring style shows in many large cities.

A. J. Sproufske of Roy, Washington, has had his claim of \$2,079 in damages done by aircraft flying low over his mink ranch, approved by the United States House of Representatives. Mr. Sproufske said he lost all but 48 kits out of a total of 279. During the war low flying Aeroplanes caused very considerable damage to certain ranches here but no claim was put in against the government. In the United States many claims have been paid.

A general trade agreement between the United States and Canada which went into effect last January contained the 15 per cent tariff on live silver fox imports to the United States, the 27 1/2 per cent tariff on silver and black fox skins, the duty-free situation on mink, but made substantial reductions in dressed fur duties as follows: If not dyed, beaver, otter, marten, fisher, raccoon, wild, ermine, lynx, chinchilla, sable, fox other than silver fox, and mink 7 1/2 per cent; if not dyed, muskrat, skunk, badger, weasel, 12 1/2 per cent; when the aforementioned skins are dyed there is an increase of 2 1/2 per cent in the tariff.

Pitman-Moore announce a new distemper vaccine for mink. It recommends the use of this vaccine for healthy minks in the fall following the selection of breeding stock and also for protection of newly weaned kits during the more prevalent epidemics of the summer season. Three injections at weekly intervals are recommended.

A mysterious illness has been killing muskrats in Maryland. Dead muskrats are being found all over the place, the yield being cut over 50 per cent in the past few years. Although investigators are working on it no reason for the deaths or type of disease has been found.

The American National Cooperative Fur Auction sale at Milwaukee, Wis., last week was well attended and silver fox was in good demand. Some 12,000 skins of which 3,600 were color-phase silvers, were on view. Most of the better grades full silvers sold in the \$15.50 to \$22.00 range. Another offering of 1,800 better skins sold between \$18.75 and \$31.00; lower types brought from \$9 to \$12. White face silvers better qualities sold at prices ranging from \$14.50 to \$19.50 and lower grade white faces sold from \$9.50 to \$14.50. Pearl platinum silvers sold up to \$11.50. Radium type silvers up to \$6.50 and a single lot of low grade Bronze Platynums brought \$3.00.

The annual meeting of the Prince Edward Island Fur Breeders' Association (formerly the Silver Fox Breeders' and Exhibitors' Association of Prince Edward Island) will be held at Birch Court, the Experimental Farm near Charlottetown, at 1:30 on Tuesday afternoon, May 25th. Reports of the activities of the Association for the past year will be presented. Officers and Directors will be appointed and other business of importance to members of the Association will be discussed. At

# - NEWSY NOTES -

By Agricola

## THE BARTRAMIAN SANDPIPER

This bird is often (one might almost say, generally) called the Upland Plover. It is however, as the late Dr. Taverner pointed out, a true Sandpiper and not a Plover. The distinction is most easily seen in its slender bill, as against the stout bill of the Plover group.

This Sandpiper has adopted a different role from its congeners, being a resident of the driest uplands. Formerly it was found in incredible numbers all over this continent, but three things were against it: it is very unwary and easy of approach; it is an excellent game bird; and there was a constant market for it in the towns. As a consequence it is now comparatively rare in many places where once it abounded.

It breeds from Virginia and Oklahoma north to Alaska. In Canada it is properly a bird of the Prairie Provinces, which has spread to the eastern regions. It winters in southern South America.

My only record of these graceful birds was made on Aug. 27, 1936, when a flock of eight or nine was observed near a spring "in the back field." They "showed a good deal of white in flying." They are useful as insect destroyers.

**Bartramian Sandpiper AOU261.** Plentiful in fall—Francis Bain (1890). Rare now, small flock seen, 1936.—B.H. Plummer, Crown—blackish, with a median buff line; rest of head and neck, ochreous or buff, streaked with dusky; chin and throat plain whitish. Upper parts generally, light brownish-buff, the feathers spotted and barred blackish, and with ochreous edges. Wings with dusky primaries, the outer one barred with white. Tail brownish with black bars, the outer feathers with white tips. Underparts whitish or pale buff, with prominent black V-markings on the breast and along the sides, belly whitish. Length of adult 11 to 12 1/2 inches.

## AN ANALYSIS OF COMMUNISM

An instructive article on the origin, aims, and spread of Communism, appears in a recent issue of the London Daily Telegraph. In a general way we all have some notion of the nature of Communism, but the following analysis will most assuredly prove enlightening.

It is exactly a century since Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels published their Communist Manifesto. It contains most of the theory of Communism, and the two writers wrote it all down, just as Hitler wrote his theories down in Mein Kampf. Both Nazis and Communists gave full—but unheeded—notice of their intentions.

Marx's book, Das Kapital, is but a long and wordy amplification of the aforesaid Manifesto. The Manifesto begins "A spectre is haunting Europe—the spectre of Communism!" And ends: "The proletarians have nothing to lose but their chains. They have a

this meeting Directors from this Province on the Board of the Canadian National Silver Fox Breeders' Association will be recommended. On Tuesday morning, May 25th, at eleven o'clock a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Prince Edward Island Fur Breeders' Association will be held in the office of the Department of Agriculture, preparatory to the annual meeting to be held in the afternoon.

Some foxmen may be confused by the new name for the Fox breeders' association, but it will be remembered that at the annual meeting last year it was decided to bring the mink breeders and fox breeders together in one association. The President is L. K. Lockery, Hamilton; the Vice-President J. H. MacPhail, New Haven, and the Secretary-Treasurer Walter R. Shaw, Department of Agriculture. There are eighteen directors for the three counties and an executive committee of six. The association has been very active in carrying on the live and pelt fox shows and in furthering every worthwhile object which has to do with the improvement in the condition of our fur farmers. At this critical time when so many are becoming discouraged and thinking of dropping out of fur farming it is important that every member who can possibly do so should be present next Tuesday afternoon at Birch Court, Experimental Farm.

world to win. Working men of all countries, unite!" That might have been written yesterday! The only phrase not in accord with modern Communist practice, is the statement that "the Communists disdain to conceal their views and aims."

Marx and Engels specifically state that they intend to make the meaning of Communism clear, and they certainly do! Their central doctrine is the existence and the inevitability of the class war. "Society," said they, "consists of the capitalists (called 'the bourgeoisie') who exploit the wage-earners (called 'the proletariat')." They contribute nothing irreplaceable to production but they have seized all "surplus value" (by which Marx meant rent, interest, and profits). And it is important to grasp that Marx held all rent, interest and profit to be "immoral" and declared that the whole produce of the whole of industry should be divided exclusively among the proletariat as a whole.

From Marx's contention that only one class—the bottom class—has any value, springs the belief that all reform is mere sham and hypocrisy. Since the State reflects and upholds the bourgeois society, it is of no use to attempt a reform. It must be destroyed "by a forcible overthrow of all existing social conditions."

There you have it: "forcible" is the key-word, and it means revolution. But Marx admits that the revolution may be gradual, and in its first stages may quite resemble the policy of a Socialist Government. Here are some of its salient points:

"A heavy progressive or graduated income tax."

"Centralization of credit in the hands of the State by means of a national bank with State capital and an exclusive monopoly."

"Centralization of the means of transport and communication in the hands of the State."

"Extension of factories and means of production owned by the State."

"Equal obligation of all to work" (Marx foresaw Mr. Isaacs and his spies).

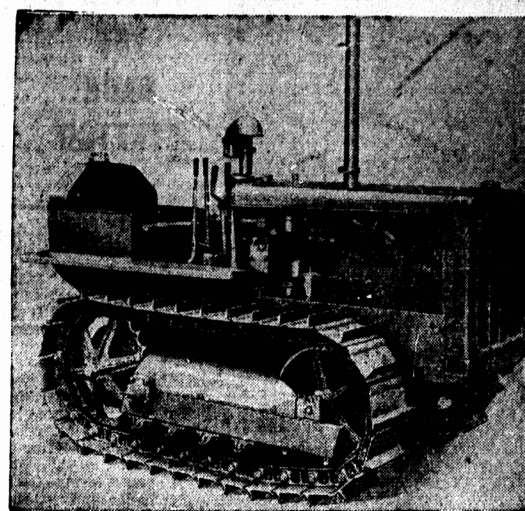
These are "half-way houses" to the Communist State. Some countries have entered the portals already, and others are lifting the latch.

Marx, then, contemplates certain tactical steps, including tactical alliances. "In France," he says, "Communists must ally themselves with the Social-Democrats"—reserving the right, however, to swallow or smite them at the proper moment. Well, that's going on, today, all over Europe.

"Law, morality, and religion," to quote the Manifesto, "are to him" (the proletarian) "just so many bourgeois prejudices, behind which lurk in ambush just as many bourgeois interests." All these

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warnings written in 1948, have been fulfilled in 1948 by the fall of Czechoslovakia and other countries. They must all be equal in all lands.

The next important point in Marx's theory is that since all proletarians are equal in one land they must all be equal in all lands.

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