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TIMELY NOTES ON TOPICS CONNECTED WITH Silver Fox Farming



There has been a terrible slump in mink prices. For some years we have been predicting it in this column. We felt that the mink breeders were doing exactly the same as the fox breeders did in the past—producing more than the market could absorb. When the season opened in late November prices were very firm and we were told of a mink breeder in Quebec who was offered \$18.00 each for 2,000 mink. He hung out for fifty cents more, got a Montreal firm on the phone and they said if the mink were as per description, they would buy at this figure. The buyer arrived, looked them over and said he would have to consult the firm before buying but felt sure the deal would go through. The meantime mink tumbled \$4.00 a pair—just in a few days. The rancher decided to hold his mink for better prices in the future and very probably still has them and he will be lucky if he gets \$8.00.

There doesn't appear to be any reason why mink should go very much in the near future, not until the war is over, because with the restrictions on incomes the number of people who can buy a mink coat will be diminishing. That is the advantage of mink breeding. It is not a utility fur in the same sense that silver fox is, and therefore its market is more circumscribed. However, there is to be said of the mink breeders that they have enjoyed several years of big fat profits and they should be able to take it for a year or two. We hope they don't have to go through any long drawn out depression such as overtook the silver fox ranchers.

A. B. DeHaan, Sioux City, Iowa, has written a letter to Women's Wear Daily, New York, the gist of which is as follows: "The mink breeders of this country and Canada are doing a great injustice to themselves and the mink industry by offering their mink pelts in such large quantities at the same time. Our valuable fur does not get a fair chance to be produced in the congested auctions. Neither does the buyer get a fair chance to inspect all the large offerings. It is a matter of history that many of these auctions sold only a few of the pelts offered while the rest were cancelled. Chaos reigned, prices fell, the market was glutted with no demand for our skins. Few ranchers could have survived if they sold at prices offered. As we view the situation which developed and we appreciate anew how crazy is our present setup for disposing of our pelts.

"To change this let the heads of our auction companies get together with a selected committee of breeders from the United States and Canadian mink breeders' associations and go into this problem thoroughly. They should determine the number of pelts to be produced in any one year as an estimate for planning. Then they would set auction dates covering the six months period following pelting time, namely, from December until May, and equally divide the number of pelts they anticipate receiving over this six months period. It would suggest that they limit the number of pelts to be offered at any one auction to 20,000...."

There was very much more to the letter, the editor's comment on which was: "Nobody will deny that mink skins require something to bring them out of their price slump. Whether Mr. DeHaan's suggestion is the answer is naturally debatable."

The New York Auction Company offer for sale Monday, May 18th, and following days, 2,000 ranch mink, 23,638 wild mink, 305,361 muskrat and a great variety of other furs.

A short time ago two foxes escaped from the McEure and MacKinnon Silver Fox Farms, ranch, Norwood Road. A reward was offered for their capture and quite a number of local parties, including ranch employees, were on the trail of the missing Reynolds but could not catch up with them. It remained for the nearby R.A.F. to do the trick. Several of the boys have been training for cross country running all through the winter and spring months and are in wonderful shape. Four of them decided to capture the foxes and the reward, and by a mixture of cunning and

agility they succeeded in running down male fox M-476U last Monday. The reward was promptly forwarded and this letter received: "McEure and MacKinnon Silver Fox Farms, Charlottetown. Dear Sirs: My friends and I thank you for your cheque which was most promptly forwarded to us in return for returning fox M-476U on Monday. May I take this opportunity on behalf of us all for this token of your appreciation, which can assure you will be used to the best advantage in satisfying the appetite gained through our unusual strategy and activity. Thank you very sincerely for self and others, I remain, Victor G. Elderfield."

It is with very deep regret that we chronicle the death of Dr. J. A. Allen, pathologist and Superintendent of the Manitoba Experimental Fur Farm. We feel confident that every fox and mink rancher throughout Canada who has been acquainted with the research activities of Dr. Allen will note with sorrow his passing, and we might go further afield and say that his loss will be felt in every fur farming country in the world.

Dr. Allen was the first of a galaxy of brilliant men to devote his career entirely to the scientific needs of fur farming. Born in Belfast, Ireland, he came to Canada at an early age with his parents, entered the University of Toronto in 1916, graduating with honors. His first task was as a mink inspector in the Department of Public Health, and in 1918 he was selected by the Dominion Government to make a study of fox diseases and problems and from that date until his death he was continuously associated with the fur farming industry to the scientific development of which he made magnificent contribution.

His outstanding abilities were early recognized by the heads of the Department of Agriculture at Ottawa, and it is notable that he served under three distinguished chiefs, Dr. C. H. Higgins, Dr. S. Hadwin and Dr. E. A. Watson. Promotions came to him several times. It was the latter part of 1918 that Dr. Allen arrived in this province. Representations had been made to the Department of Agriculture at Ottawa that an obscure but capable and his activities there may be said to have been very greatly responsible for the wonderful status which fur farming enjoys in the "postage stamp" province.

The Doctor was always proud and glad to be a part of the achievements of others, and he held a very great respect and interest in the early pioneers of the industry here such as Sir Charles Dalton, Robert Oulton, Jim Tuplin, and a few others. It was he who organized the industry's splendid acknowledgment of the work of Sir Charles Dalton, pioneer oxman, at a great celebration staged at Summerside during the life of Sir Charles. It found an echo in every part of the fur farming world and any one who was there can well recall the brilliant manner in which it was carried through and the magnificent silver replica of a mink which Sir Charles was presented with and which no doubt his family prize very highly.

Mr. W. Chester S. McEure, who knew Dr. Allen perhaps better than anyone here, said the following tribute to him: "It was my pleasure and privilege to know the late Dr. J. A. Allen very intimately. The news of his death has been a great shock to me. He was one of the most unselfish men I have ever known. His intellect was brilliant and his resolve and purpose when on the subject of investigating cause of disease, inflexible. I have known him to go without rest or sleep to carry through his experiments. What he has done for the fox industry cannot be measured in dollars and cents. It may have been worth millions to us because had hookworm and lungworm not been discovered and methods of prevention taken against them, the fur industry would have collapsed. Dr. Allen's name and fame can never be erased from the scroll of those who have pioneered in research and built a secure foundation for a great fur industry."

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scope we might have been cleaned out by some great epidemic. Another thing he discovered was the presence of earmites, and the writer well remembers the day that he placed a little bit of brownish material about the size of the head of a pin, taken from the ear of a fox, under the microscope and said, "Look at that." I did and saw about a hundred crab-like creatures with all kinds of little legs—a most terrifying sight. He developed a treatment for earmites and that disease too came under control.

In collaboration with W. Chester S. McEure he produced Theory and Practice of Fox Farming, a book which was translated and published in a dozen languages including Japanese. It was at the time, and still remains, a standard authority on the subject. Dr. Allen was also the author of a text book on mink farming which is said by mink breeders to be the finest contribution to that branch of fur farming extant.

Many of us will remember Dr. Allen at the Montreal fox show in 1920, which he was largely instrumental in organizing, how he examined each fox and took such an accurate interest in everything pertaining to it. How he was at all times available to give advice, even to going through all kinds of weather to remove parts of the province to help a rancher in need. His personality was shy and sensitive and if one was not acquainted with his tremendous scientific intellect, he would be the last to bring it to their attention. He was always friendly and perhaps too prone to over-exert himself in the work he loved so well. His health was not robust and he found the climate here extremely trying so that when a call came to the province he regretfully accepted. He had made so many true friends that he found it hard to part with them. What was our loss when an obscure but capable and his activities there may be said to have been very greatly responsible for the wonderful status which fur farming enjoys in the "postage stamp" province.

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Supply Fertilizers In Good Position

Notwithstanding the fact that there has been this Spring about 25 per cent greater demand for chemical fertilizers than there was in the Spring of 1941, the fertilizer supply situation in Canada is in a satisfactory position, states G.S. Peart, Fertilizer Administrator.

This year's increased use of fertilizers is partly due to the Dominion Government's subsidy on fertilizers purchased by farmers to be used to advance the production of special crops required to help the output of the future food program, said Mr. Peart. There has been a sufficient supply of fertilizers available to meet essential demands.

In commenting on other fertilizer supplies Mr. Peart said that fortunately, Canada ordinarily produces sufficient sulphate of ammonia for domestic requirements, consequently the importation of this essential nitrogen material running short. Cyanamide, another important nitrogen material is also produced in Canada in satisfactory quantities in Canada and also for important purpose as a conditioner and neutralizer of mixed fertilizers in addition to supplying nitrogen in valuable form. The production of ammonium phosphate in Western Canada has also continued on a satisfactory level for domestic needs.

The nitrogen supply situation generally for the future, should be sufficient to take care of an increased domestic demand. Superphosphate production has greatly increased in the Dominion since the commencement of the war. It amounted to over 100,000 tons during the past year, as against 60,000 to 75,000 tons per year before the war. Superphosphate is the main phosphoric acid material used in mixed fertilizers. The normal need is around 175,000 tons.

Potash supplies from the United States are being received in satisfactory quantities. According to the latest information, Canadian needs will be well taken care of in future. About 50,000 tons of 99 per cent muriate are required annually.

Steps are now being taken to facilitate the obtaining and distribution of ample supplies of fertilizers for next fall and for the spring of 1943. Exports of nitrogen materials and other fertilizers in excess of what is necessary will be prevented and the production of superphosphate in Eastern Canada, promoted, as far as possible, to the level of domestic consumption.

With ample supply of nitrogen materials and increased superphosphate, plus sufficient muriate of potash from American producers, the use of fertilizers should even increase in the future.

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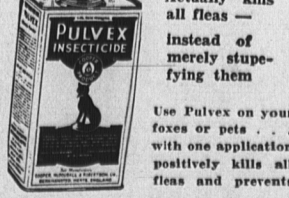
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Poison ivy is the worst vegetable poison in North America and contact with any part of the plant, roots, leaves, and flowers, may bring acute suffering. Its leaves are in bloom from April to June, and although they are inconspicuous, they might attract children. Many remedies have been suggested to allay the burning and irritation caused by the plant, but one of the simplest is immediate washing of the parts affected with good strong yellow laundry soap. The long-stalked leaves are divided into three distinct leaflets, bright green on the upper side, paler on the under. Full information together with recommended treatments, is given in Circular 120 on "Poison Ivy" which may be obtained free by writing to the Publicity and Extension Division, Dominion Department of Agriculture, Ottawa.

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