

# P. E. ISLAND IS PROUD OF ITS SILVER FOXES

## Hats Off To The 1930 Fox Show

### Well Known Breeder Proud Of The Enthusiasm Manifest By Everybody In Regard To The Coming Exhibition.

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As a breeder of Silver Foxes, one with a real passionate interest in this very fascinating industry, I am proud of the attention that the 1930 Silver Fox Exhibition is receiving. When one stops to think of it, however, it seems strange that so many years have gone by, namely ten, since Silver Fox Exhibitions were first started in Canada, that of 1920 in Montreal, and our own dear little Province, Prince Edward Island, the real starting point of the great industry, has only been promoting an Exhibition two years—1929-1930. The probable reasons are believed to be lack of co-operation and fear of the initial cost necessary to stage such a show.

Some years ago the writer was on a Committee commissioned to look into the holding of an Exhibition, but the difficulties were at that time considered almost insurmountable. Thanks to good and loyal support given by the Federal and Provincial Governments, the Provincial Exhibition Association, generous donors of Trophies, keen Silver Fox exhibitors, etc., etc., all our troubles have been swept away and now there is provided for us the finest fox show apartments in the whole world. This may be considered an extravagant statement, but on looking into the matter I think you will agree that it is correct.

The large Main Building at the Provincial Exhibition grounds with its attractive setting provides an excellent home for the foxes themselves, while the new judging pavilion, 92 x 32, is the only one of its kind in the world built for the express purpose of providing a judging place for Silver Foxes. Erected

to see animals of the type we desire to breed, fix that type in the mind and endeavor to breed up to it or as near to it as possible. The breeders of Prince Edward Island, in which the writer includes himself, have to a great extent sacrificed their own interests in the past by exporting almost priceless breeding stock. We always considered that if we did sell our own we could go and replenish from our neighbors. That this is not sound reasoning and liable to lead to disastrous results is my opinion. We must each

Fox at as low a price as possible and of as high a quality as possible. The trouble with the Silver Fox industry today is that too many medium and

low quality animals are being produced. There must be a weeding out and a lessening of numbers and improvement of quality. This Silver Fox Exhibition will have the effect of placing in men's minds a higher ideal of quality and a greater realization of the possibilities inherent in the industry as well as promoting a spirit of competition and good fellowship among Silver Fox Breeders here. It will also, I believe, have the effect of giving an interchange of ideas on breeding, feeding and other fox problems thereby benefiting the whole industry here.



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at a cost of upwards of \$7,000.00, every detail has been planned to give the most satisfactory results to the exhibitors. The comfort of interested parties is well taken care of by ample seating, accommodation. The spacious grounds in front of the Main building provide sufficient parking space for the hundreds of automobiles which will be arriving with their occupants from all parts of the Province.

It is not necessary for me to refer to the benefits of an Exhibition, be it fox or any other kind. These are self-evident to anyone who has bred any kind of animal. In order to become a better breeder of animals one must become acquainted with the best types and one must know what constitutes quality. To gain this knowledge it is necessary

and all of us retain at least a certain proportion of our very best stock, every year endeavoring to improve our herds. We are up against very strong competition in European countries as well as in the United States and Canada, and it will be a battle of "the survival of the fittest." Within a year or at least three years it will be a case of efficiency, that is, the production of a Silver



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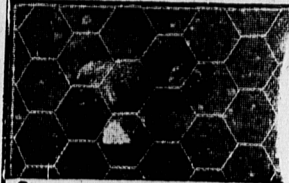
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