

TIMELY NOTES ON TOPICS CONNECTED WITH Silver Fox and Mink Farming

In our report of the annual meeting of the Canadian National Silver Fox Breeders' Association...

In our last week's notes we gave a brief account of the Canadian Fur Auction Sales Company, Ltd. ranch mink sale...

An average of \$14 and 25% of 3,553 regular furs sold for an average of \$11.50; 25% of 2,902 low grades sold for an average of \$8.

The collection was regarded as a number of 4,500. It should have been 4,000.

- NEWSY NOTES -

THE HUMMINGBIRD

We have but one representative of a very numerous and brightly colored family of birds, most of which inhabit the tropical or subtropical regions.

The Ruby-throat (Trochilus colubris), says Francis Bain, "is the only one that wanders so far from the floral riches of the tropics."

Edward Fromm, who is head of the largest fox ranching company in the world, in a recent published statement says: "If the present policy of allowing unrestricted imports of furs into the United States continues and the 20% excise tax on domestic furs also continues, it will be only a few years before the American ranch fur industry will be non-existent."

The report of the Canadian National Silver Fox Breeders' Association made by George A. Calbeck on the above sale states: "Demand has been weak and price levels have shown no sign of improving."

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The Rev. John Bacchus Dykes, a notable hymn-tune writer, read these words in the year 1866, and straightway composed the tune known as St. Agnes (Durham).

Artificial insemination for mink is being advocated as a logical routine procedure. It has not yet been determined how many females can be serviced from one breeding of the male, but it should be practical to inseminate two additional females with each service of the male.

We have just received a report from the New York Auction Company of their recent mink collection sale. Royal Pastel - A collection of 5,493 dressed Royal Pastels was 95% sold with a top price of \$47.50 for males.

Bert Avery, one of the best known breeders in the United States has an article in the June American Fur Breeder entitled, "Breeding for Quality in the Silver and Mutation Fox."

examined was full of small insects. Ruby-throated Hummingbird, AOU, 428. Fairly common summer resident—1949. Male. Above brilliant glossy green, wings and tail dusky with a gorget of beautiful metallic ruby red, bordered on the breast by whitish; the rest of the underparts dusky.

On several occasions I have noticed that cargoes of "pit-props" have been shipped from this Province. As the name implies, these rough posts are used to support the roof of the artificial cavern made by the abstraction of the coal.

A good description of the Merulus appears in the "Magazine of Science" for Aug. 17, 1833; and although somewhat quaint, it is quite accurate.

Association. The average production on these ranches is 4 plus of kits, but this has been cut to no more than two or at most two and a half average by the extreme heat which killed the mink.

Switzerland seems to have caught the chinchilla fever and we notice a photograph reproduction in the National Fur News, Denver, of two pairs of chinchillas being shipped from Redwood, California, to Switzerland.

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The record-maker always selects good hymns, those with popular tunes such as "There were Nine and Nine that safely lay in the shelter of the fold"; and those of a higher class where both words and music are immortal.

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Harvesting Device Saves More Vitamins



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soprano solo, in an unrelated "key", several notes above the original pitch. Astonishment thrust away, out of mind, the beauty of the words. At this juncture I was called from the radio, and did not hear the conclusion.

Prof. D. C. Schurman of the Experimental Station, Charlottetown, writes: "Dear Agricola, I have always been interested in your column in The Guardian and planned to write to you regarding the Sapsucker or Yellow-bellied Woodpecker."

On June 17th I was gratified by the sight of three large birds—eagles—sailing away to the south-east. They kept close together in a triangular formation and flew steadily and slowly.

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This three-legged chicken is really a shopper stopper. The unusual bird arrived in a shipment to a Cleveland, O., poultry shop but won't end up on someone's dinner table.

Egg and Poultry Market Report

The local egg market opened last week with a firm tone and prices rose until they hit a high of 50 cents a dozen basis Grade A Large, reports Mr. F. M. Nash, supervising poultry products inspector.

Although Montreal and Toronto are a considerable distance from Maritime consuming centers, the price of eggs on these markets must be considered as compared with those in the Maritimes.

The egg market has settled somewhat during the week and prices have advanced effectively to date by two cents per dozen.

Local dealers are presently quoting for poultry — Chicken live over five pounds No. ones 34, two's 19, Dressed Grade A 42, B 38, Fowl live over five pounds No. ones 25, No. two 12, dressed A 28, B 27.

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