

TIMELY NOTES ON TOPICS CONNECTED WITH Silver Fox Farming



Reports of losses among litters, in some cases so serious as to cut down the production to a non-paying basis, are coming from various sections of the Province.

It is of course unreasonable to expect that every litter born can be saved. Causes which we cannot determine operate and prevent us from being as successful as we wish.

Glen Waddell of Carleton purchased a male fox from Douglas Bell of the same place in 1933. He is a large and vigorous animal and last year was used a bit polygamously.

O. W. Lawrence writing in The American Fur Breeder says, "A type of polygamous mating that is coming more and more into use is taking a male and mating him with two or more females at the beginning of the season in the same pen.

I know of one rancher that mated one male with four or five females in a large pen and left them together throughout the breeding season.

B. E. Crider who has made a success of Silver Fox farming in Ohio, writing in the April American Fur Breeder, says: "The wonderful work done by the Front at the Century of Progress Exposition, Chicago, will be far reaching in stabilizing the demand for Silvers, yet if breeders of standard foxes continue to mate silvers to silvers, I believe we will suffer in the long run.

Our foxes are somewhat smaller and if the neck fur almost entirely disappears, as I have noticed in many cases, we will not have much fur left to sell.

After all there is something fascinating about a good heavy, blue black mane, and since fashion usually demands what is hard to find we may see a revival of interest in good half silvers or quarter silvers inside of a few years or just about the time we all get set to produce All-Silvers.

There is no doubt about it, the recent sales have been thoroughly disappointing to the ranchers who have marketed blacks, dark silvers, dark medium silvers or even medium silvers.

The trend in color is quite a reversal from the days of Charles Dalton. In 1910 when Dalton was getting...

Fasterfat Fishmeal advertisement with logo and text describing the product's benefits for foxes.

Royal Fox Cubes advertisement featuring a large logo and text: "START OUT RIGHT THIS YEAR For the greatest success on your ranch this year plan to use the feed which made so many friends on the Island last season."

NEWSY NOTES BY AGRICULTURIST

THE ANGLO-SAXON CHRONICLE (2)

For about two centuries the newcomers were occupied with the weapons of war rather than the arts of peace, and the work of conquest went steadily on.

Gildas, who lived in the latter part of the sixth century, is not a reliable writer, and cannot really be termed a historian; but he has left us, amidst a cumbersome mass of pompous and quibbling declamation, some singular descriptions of the characters and manners of Britons and Saxons, Picts and Scots.

The report of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics on the Fur Farms of Canada which has just come to hand, shows that at the end of 1933 there were a total of 6,743 fur farms in Canada, an increase over the preceding year of 177.

The number of fox farms on Prince Edward Island is given as 607, while those in Quebec total 1,912, Ontario 768, New Brunswick 764, Saskatchewan 156, Manitoba 194 and Alberta 360.

The value of all fur farm property in Canada is given as \$13,774,768, divided as follows, \$7,509,567 being the value of the fur bearing animals and \$6,265,201 the value of land and buildings.

The total number of foxes in the Silver Fox farms in Canada at the beginning of 1933 was 96,469 and these produced a total of 124,231 pups.

The number of mink in captivity January 1st, 1933, was 17,767 and they produced 24,196.

The total number of Silver Foxes on the various fox farms in Canada, December 31st, 1933, was 103,842, with a value of \$6,849,728.

Pelts sold. In 1933 there were 96,225 pelts sold from the Silver Fox farms in Canada and these brought a total of \$3,441,020, with an average to the rancher of \$36 each.

There were 18,346 mink pelts marketed which brought a total of \$117,322, or an average of \$7 per pelt. There were 2,851 red foxes sold from the fur farms which brought \$23,652, an average of \$8.

Perhaps it would interest our readers when we tell them the average prices obtained for other fur bearing animals farmed in Canada.

Last fall we published an item stating that a strong solution of common salt was a great remedy for hookworm.

On our own ranch after giving a thorough scrubbing with a salt solution we are following up with one in slightly solution of Iod. We were afraid perhaps that if we left the strong solution of salt to dry on the floors it might irritate the pads of the foxes' feet.

F. G. Kennedy, President of the Silver Fox Exhibitors' Association told us in conversation last evening that in his opinion the losses in whelping, which seem to be so general and in most cases caused by improper feeding, if we left the feed to one half, three days before whelping and continue until two or three days after, is his advice, and 100 percent.

A.D. 671: "This year happened that great destruction among the fowls."

A.D. 688: "This year there was in Britain a bloody rain, and milk and butter were turned to blood."

TROUBLE WITH THE FLUE

This winter we had an experience, which on enquiry turns out to be not so uncommon as we imagined. Our brick chimney, of the old-fashioned type, which comes down through the ceiling and terminates in the upstairs room, began to exclude creosote in such quantities as to disfigure the ceiling and walls below.

Theoretically this looked right, but in order to test it without remedially spoiling the pipe, the engineer of the family got a hacksaw, and made two parallel slots, three inches long, and one inch apart, just above the damper and about four inches from the end of the section.

The dry creosote in the chimneys, produced by the burning of wood, is a highly inflammable substance, and is probably responsible for most farm fires.

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A SNOWY OWL

A resident of this district, whilst driving across the bay recently, saw one of these owls out on the ice.

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The Snowy Owl is a little larger and heavier than the Great Horned Owl, and like it, hunts in the daytime.

The economic status of this bird, says Dr. Taverner in his admirable "Birds of Eastern Canada," depends upon where it lives. In the deep woods away from settlement it is, of course, harmless and only the wild creatures it preys upon are affected by it.

THE MEADOW SAFFRON

A friend in the south of England

HEXITE - CUBES advertisement for fox food, featuring the Kellogg Co. logo and text: "The Best Fox Food on the Market and THE PRICE IS RIGHT START OFF THE YEAR ON HEXITE You can Obtain it from: The Dominion Silver Fox Furs, Limited Summerside J. D. JENKINS Charlottetown DONALD A. ROSS Alberton"

Early Planted Vegetables Best

Plant early, but not too early. Some vegetables are essentially cool weather vegetables. They will not flourish in the hot days of summer and must be grown in the cool days of spring or fall.

Others, natives originally of tropical climates, cannot be planted until the ground is warm, and the seed is likely to rot if put into the soil when it is cold and wet for



any continued period. Study the nature of each from data in your catalog, and put them in as early as possible.

has sent me some seeds of the meadow saffron, Colchicum autumnale L., a plant which Sir James Hooker says is found "from Westmoreland and Durham to Sussex and Somerset."

As sweet as an angel sings. The music ceased, and the auctioneer in voice that was quiet and low.

And he held it up with the bow. "A thousand dollars, and who'll make it two?"

And many a man with life out of tune. And battered and torn with sin, Is auctioned cheap to a thoughtless crowd.

Can never quite understand The worth of a soul, and the change that's wrought in the touch of the Master's Hand.

CANADIAN YOUTH BEING DESTROYED

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FARM SEEDS and GRAIN NOW IN STOCK

Number One Early, Late, Alsike, White, Alfalfa and Sweet Clover; Timothy Seed; White Fife, Red Fife, Marquis and Reward Wheat; Banner Oats; Duckbill and Mandscheuri Barley; Silverhull Buckwheat; Peas; Vetches; Long-fellow Corn; Hazard's Improved, Millpond, Derby, Ditmars, Hall's Westbury and Bangholm Turnip Seed; Yellow Globe and Yellow Intermediate Mangel Seed; Jumbo and Giant White Sugar Beet Seed. All of which we are selling at lowest prices.

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added to the Labatt brewery in London. Surely Canadians are not in need of more drink, but they do need bread.

THE VALUE OF A TEMPERANCE PLEDGE TO ONE BOY "Mister do you lend money here?" asked an earnest young voice at the office door.

"Sometimes we do on good security," he said, gravely. The little fellow explained that he had the money required, but he needed to borrow the other 15 cents.

A friend who had watched the transaction with silent amusement, laughed as the silent borrower departed. "You think I know nothing about him?" said the lawyer smilingly.

HOPE RIVER SCHOOL Report for March: Grade X—1 Gertrude Turner, 2 Grade VII—1 Francis Turner, 2 Nelson Simpson, 2 Grade VI—1 Joan Turner, 2 Claude Graham.

MR. OLIVER GAUTHIER The death occurred at North Rustico on March 23rd of Mr. Oliver Gauthier a much respected fisherman of the district, whose passing at the age of 47 years was a shock to all his relatives and friends.

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Successful fox ranchers feed IMPERIAL FOX BISCUITS because they contain food elements essential for health, strength and successful propagation.

"IMPERIALS" should be fed liberally now to vixens because they supply elements necessary to ensure large litters of strong pups and maintain health and vigor of vixens.

"IMPERIALS" fed during this season repay richly in generous results.

IMPERIAL BISCUIT COMPANY, Ltd. Charlottetown, P. E. I.