

NEWSY NOTES -

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THE GREAT FIRE OF LONDON

Of the thirty-nine Sovereigns who have ruled England since the Norman Conquest, King John is by common consent acclaimed the worst; and King Charles II is often spoken of as rivaling him. That is scarcely fair to Charles, who though he often wasted his time among unworthy associates, could rise to the occasion and did so now. He and his brother the Duke of York (later James II), summoned men from the Royal dockyards to fight the flames and undertake demolition. "The Duke of York" says an eye-witness who has left an account of these doings, gained all hearts by his powerful labours in handling the buckets and giving orders. "This had a good effect; for men fell to work with effort, having no more fellow labourers."

Without serious difficulty. The plight of the homeless was pitiable. They lay in the fields beyond the City walls. "I then went to Ylmgton and Highgate," says John Evelyn, the diarist of whom I spoke last week, where one might have seen two hundred thousand people of all ranks and degrees dispersed and lying along by their heaps of what they could save from the fire. A later historian says that "pitiful huts were erected for their accommodation, and for their immediate needs the King sent a great quantity of bread from the Navy Stores to be distributed and neighbouring Justices of the Peace were enjoined to send in all manner of victuals."

By most (as DeFee records) the Fire, and the Plague of the previous year were regarded as a manifestation of the wrath of God against a disobedient and wicked people. Less charitable people blaming the foreign residents of having deliberately set the City on fire, and for a time anyone of foreign extraction was liable to be seized and handed over to the guards by excited snobs, who were quite ready to swear they had seen them throwing fireballs into the houses. On one occasion a poor widow who was hastening from her burning home, with a batch of tiny chickens tied up in her apron, was severely beaten by a crowd who thought her chickens were fire-balls. In times of stress it is not infrequently the case that people of unstable mentality imagine that they are principals concerned in the trouble. So it proved now, for one Robert Elbert, a poor human Frenchman of Rouen, gave himself up to the Justices at the Old Bailey, and the jury brought in the verdict that he "not having the fear of God before his eyes, did move and led away by the instigation of the devil, did maliciously set on fire the City of London, to the great damage and detriment of the people of this nation, neither did the King, nevertheless the poor wretch was hanged. It was afterwards proved that he reached London two days after the fire started. The people of that era were keenly on the look-out for "plots"; and because of the poor fellow's religion, many of London's citizens went to their graves believing the Fire to have been the result of a politico-religious conspiracy.

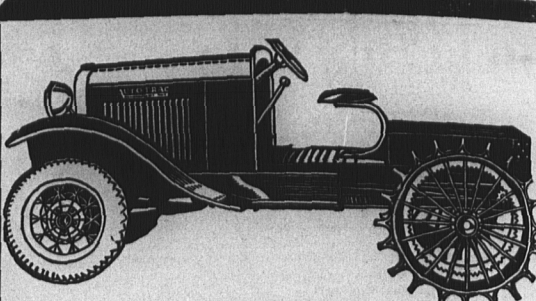
TIMELY NOTES ON TOPICS CONNECTED WITH Silver Fox Farming



Andrew Jardine, who, known as rancher and live stock breeder of Praelton, has been in the city this week attending the various farmers meetings. Mr. Jardine is what might be called a farmer of the new order—or rather a scientific farmer—one who believes in soil analysis and not hit or miss methods. He has been a lower of strength to the fox industry too, as director of the Silver Fox Breeders' and Exhibitors' Association.

The Canadian Fur Auction Sales Company, Ltd., will hold an auction sale in Montreal commencing on Monday next at ten o'clock. On that day red fox, white fox, blue fox, wolf, beaver, otter, wild mink and cross fox will be sold. On Tuesday muskrat, lynx, marten, fisher, raccoon, skunk, badger, squirrel, ermine and rascal mink will be auctioned. On Wednesday the first section of silver fox will be sold. This will consist of 6,800 pelts. On Thursday 700 silver fox pelts consisting mostly of white-aces but including a number of platines, ring-necks and pearl platines will be auctioned, and as soon as they are disposed of the second section of the catalogue consisting of 6,300 silver fox will be sold. On Friday the third section will be disposed of consisting of 6,800 silver fox. The collection is said to be a very desirable one consisting practically of selected full silvers, regular full silvers and inferior types. No doubt a great many of the pelts of this sale will be from this province and it will be most interesting for us to watch the figures they bring. We hope to have an account of the sale for next Saturday's notes.

There may be an advantage to such a delay. It is undesirable to have the breeding season protracted over two to three months. If farmers with ranch management; late-born pups will be more exposed to screw-worm flies, not to mention the fact that these stragglers may not be bred to their intended mates because of the difficulty in keeping dogs in breeding condition for such a long time. The apparent tardiness in the arrival of the mating period there-fore does not mean that the farmer knows that nature is very kind and orderly and will take its due course. He refuses to be stampeded into forcing the breeders by the administration of hormonal preparations, of which he knows little, except that he would be dealing with powerful substances. He is afraid that over stimulation may occur, with the possible result that some animals will become sterile and will refuse to conceive.



FARMERS

Never before has there been such a scarcity of farm help due to enlistments in the forces and other auxiliary services. Faced with this condition and the urgent need of greater crops in order to do your part in the war effort you will need mechanized equipment as never before. Pleasure driving will be practically stopped for the duration due to lack of tires and gasoline. You can however, for a small sum, convert your old car into an AUTOTRAC TRACTOR with which you can do your farm work twice as fast as with horses and do it better. Regular tractors are under a quota and the supply will be very small so you would be wise to consider carefully the possibilities of the AUTOTRAC. We are the sole distributors in P. E. I. it is 100 per cent Canadian and is the only implement of this type which carries a six year guarantee on its drive gears and pinions. THINK IT OVER and call or write us in regard to this useful implement. We have a few in stock which we are selling at the old price. BE SURE TO STATE THE YEAR AND MODEL OF YOUR CAR.

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will market this new pelt probably under the name of Silver-Blu Platinum mink. There are about 50 breeders in the U. S. A. and Canada and the 1942 crop will be about 1,000 pelts. Several thousand platinum minks are expected to be offered for sale in 1943.

P. E. I. BROODER HOUSE POLICY

The Provincial Department of Agriculture offers financial assistance to poultrymen of the province in the purchasing of brooder stoves. The plan is to assist in the purchasing of brooder stoves. Brooder houses must be provided by producers themselves according to definite plans and, if approved as being satisfactory, one-half of the cost of the brooder stove will be allowed to a limit of \$12.00 available on any one stove on presentation of the bill or a receipt covering payment of stove. Under the policy assistance will not be given to farms on which brooder stoves have already been located, and assistance will be given in the purchase of only one brooder stove per farm.

Notes on Island Plants.

In my notebook is a record that the Coltsfoot (Tussilago Farfara) was growing on the Experimental Station, Charlottetown, a few years ago, but was extirpated about the year 1941. The names Coltsfoot and Footroot are given in the rounded shape of the leaf. In France it is similarly "Pas d'âne". An infusion of the leaves or roots is demulcent and expectorant. Another popular name is "Coughwort." The Latin Tussilago is derived from tussis, a cough. Coles, in his "Knowledge of Industrial Plants" (1850) says, "If the downy fluff of Colts-foot, dandelion, and thistles when there is no wind, it is a sign of rain." This is a troublesome weed in the heavy soils of Erieland, but it is greatly sought after as the leaves are the basis

Once again we wish to impress

our fox farmer friends and ourselves the necessity for paying attention to the mother fox during this critical period of the year. From now on litters will be arriving in various ranches and it has been proved by experts of the United States Bureau of Animal Industry that it is necessary to keep females in a laxative condition in order to overcome whelping troubles. Watch the diet from now on and if there is no clear supply of available you will have to put out drinking water for the females and be sure and see that the food is not contaminated by being spread over dirty snow, because that too

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Table of vegetable seeds including Asparagus, Beans (bush), Broad Windsor, Yellow Eye, Beans (pole), Beet, Borecole or Kale, Broccoli, Brussels sprouts, Cabbage, Carrot, Cauliflower, Corn, Radish, Celery, Cress or Peppercress, Cucumber, Egg plant.

Table of Carter's Seed List including Swiss Chard or Spinach Beet, Tomato, Onion sets, Potato onions or multi-pliers, Shallots, Choice, Onion, Parsley, Peas (early), Peas (late), Carrot, Cauliflower, Corn, Radish, Celery, Cress or Peppercress, Cucumber, Egg plant.

Table of Carter's Seed List including Larkspur, Linum or scarlet flax, Lobelia, Crystal Palace, Dwarf, Love-in-a-mist or nigella, Malope, Grandiflora, Marigold, Carter's butterfly, Tall African, Mixed, French Dwarf, Mixed, Bignonette, Odorata, Mixed, New Dwarf Compact, Morning glory or convolvulus, Nasturtium, Golden Glean, Dwarf, Empress of India, Crimson, Dwarf, Mixed, Fine mixed, Giant Trimarceau, Mixed, Petunia, Extra finest mixed, Coultas of Elmsere, Carter's Choice Double, Phlox, Phlox, Mixed, Poppy, Carnation-flowered, Shirley Mixed, Choice Mixed, Portulaca, Double Rose Flowered, Mixed, Ricinus or Castor Oil Bean, Red Stalks, Scarlet Fruit, Salvia or Scarlet Sage Splendens, Salsify, Sensitive plant, Mimosa pudica, Pinkish-white flowers, Sunflower, Double Dwarf, Sweet peas, Burpee's Fine Mixed, Burpee's Novelty Mixture, Burpee's Giant Ruffled Mixture, Carter's New Special, Ten New Stocks, Pearl, Double, Scarlet, Double, White Double, Verbena, Fine mixed, Choice Mammoth flowered, Zinnia, Double mixed, Scarlet double, White double, Dahlia bulbs, Mixed named varieties, Gladioli bulbs, Mixed colors, Paony roots, Mixed, white and pink, Gardenite plant, Food, 1 lb., Fertilizer plant, Tablets, (18), Forget-me-not, Myosotis palustris, Blue, Golden Glean, Finest mixed, Gladiolus, Finest mixed, Golden feather or pyrethrum, Anemum, Hollyhock, Single mixed, Double mixed, Polyanthus, Primrose, Fine mixed, Phlox, Perennial, Mixed, Poppy, Orientale mixed.

Table of Clover, Timothy and Mixtures including Mammoth Late Red, Mammoth Late Red, Ailsa, Ailsa, Early Red, Alfalfa, Sweet, Star, Parity 1, Timothy 70%, Ailsa 15%, Mammoth 15%, Timothy 80%, Ailsa 20%, Everlasting, Acroclium, Ammobiium alatum, Helichrysum, Monstrum, Double mixed, Rhodanthem, Mixed colors, Xeranthemum, Mixed colors, Climbers, Canary bird flower, Tropaeolum canariensis, Gourds, Ornamental, Mixed varieties, Morning glory or convolvulus, Tall mixed, Heavenly blue, Nasturtium, Tropaeolum majus, Tall mixed, Annuals, Mixed, Perennials, Mixed, Everlasting, Mixed, Climbers, Mixed, Sweet peas, Burpee's Fine Mixed, Burpee's Novelty Mixture, Burpee's Giant Ruffled Mixture, Carter's New Special, Ten New Stocks, Pearl, Double, Scarlet, Double, White Double, Verbena, Fine mixed, Choice Mammoth flowered, Zinnia, Double mixed, Scarlet double, White double, Dahlia bulbs, Mixed named varieties, Gladioli bulbs, Mixed colors, Paony roots, Mixed, white and pink, Gardenite plant, Food, 1 lb., Fertilizer plant, Tablets, (18), Forget-me-not, Myosotis palustris, Blue, Golden Glean, Finest mixed, Gladiolus, Finest mixed, Golden feather or pyrethrum, Anemum, Hollyhock, Single mixed, Double mixed, Polyanthus, Primrose, Fine mixed, Phlox, Perennial, Mixed, Poppy, Orientale mixed.