

AND SPEND IT VIEWING THE SILVER BEAUTIES

Formal Opening Of Big Fox Show

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SHOW OPENED

His Honour, Lt. Governor Heartz, expressed his pleasure and gratification at being able on a second occasion to open the Fox Show. The success of the initial show warrants the making of the event a permanent affair. The help of the government, the donation of trophies and other elements contributing to the success of the first show are present again this year to assure the success of the exhibition. This is the most important fox show held anywhere in the world. Recognition won here is the highest possible award obtainable anywhere in the fox world. His Honour expressed his pleasure at being made a patron of the show, and hoped that his successor would value the honour as much as did the speaker. The integrity of last year's judges is amply demonstrated by the fact of their appointment to officiate at this show. His Honour paid a tribute to Mr. Walter R. Shaw, the secretary of the association. On him, the speaker said, hinges the success of the show. Nowhere in the world can be found such a splendid building for the judging of foxes.

His Honour, in closing, formally declared the show open.

PREMIER'S ADDRESS

Premier W. M. Lea was the third speaker. He remarked on the great advance made in the exhibition facilities, and on the increase in numbers of the exhibits. The fox show is second only in importance to the annual agricultural and industrial show. The fox industry without taking any money from the province brings to the Island between \$3,000,000 and \$4,000,000 annually. This money is distributed more widely than only among the producers. The same applies to the fishing and agricultural industries.

This is an age of specialization, the Premier said. There is now, as there was not formerly, a tendency to develop better individual animals.

as only the best now finds a ready sale. The fox industry should be to Prince Edward Island what the Jersey cow is to Jersey Island. If Island foxes could carry marks of identification in some outstanding manner, it would be a great help to the industry. The Premier believed that in loaning Mr. W. R. Shaw the government has thus made a more valuable contribution than it did by the contribution of money.

The fact that the exhibitors will pay an entrance fee of five dollars shows the enthusiasm of Island foxmen. In the years to come the Island fox show should be the premier event of its kind in Canada, drawing entrants from all over the Dominion.

VISITORS WELCOMED

His Worship, Mayor Prowse, extended the welcome of the city to the visitors and congratulated the directors on choosing the city of Charlottetown as the place for holding the show. The fox industry will bring prosperity to the whole province, the mayor prophesied. There is no such thing as inflated values in the industry, as their is on the stock exchange. His Worship congratulated the directors on the building erected for the show, and on the acquisition of the services of Mr. W. R. Shaw, as secretary.

Following is the address of Mr. James Paton, President of the Provincial Agricultural and Industrial Exhibition Association:

At this opening of the second Annual Silver Fox Show, it is a pleasure for me as President of the Provincial Exhibition Association to be with you. On behalf of our board, I congratulate you Major Robertson on being appointed President of the Silver Fox Exhibitors' Association. By your activity, and interest, in promoting the great fox industry of this Province, you well deserve the honor bestowed on you by your fellow directors.

Ladies and Gentlemen: With the erection of this Pavilion, and our meeting here for the first time, we have another demonstra-

tion as to the advantage of co-operation and good feeling existing between the Provincial Exhibition and Fox Show directors. By mutual agreement, this splendid judging hall has been completed, it will also serve the purpose for concerts and exhibits during Summer Exhibition Week. For the judging of foxes, particular attention has been given to every detail, especially regarding light, which is most important. I feel sure, the judges eyes, and patience, will not be as sorely tried as they were last year. The gallery and seating accommodation for those interested during the process of judging, will be found convenient and comfortable. This modern building, annexed to the Main one, with its unrivalled exhibit of live silver foxes, greatly exceeding the number which Somerton had when he destroyed the Philistines Corn, we are safe in acclaiming. Prince Edward Island has the "World's Greatest Fox Show"—I trust the show in every detail will be successful, that the good friendship of both directorships will continue and our aim will be, in the future, to have been in the past, to encourage in this Province the breeding and raising highest standards of live

stock, be it foxes, cattle, horses or swine.

MR. SHELTON SHARP

Mr. Shelton Sharpe, President of the Canadian National Fox Breeders' Association, was the closing speaker. There are some 714 foxes on exhibit, making the greatest fox show ever held in Canada, he stated. In 1919 and 1920 the first fox shows were held at Montreal and Toronto. At these shows Island foxes have proven their superiority. Last year the Association gave \$1,000 a year to regional fox shows. The shows at Charlottetown and Winnipeg benefited by the grants. The quality of the foxes is continuing to improve. Prince Edward Island is now looked to by other provinces for foundation stock. Perhaps some of the best animals have been sold abroad.

The Canadian Silver Fox Breeders' Association has 110,000 registered pups and over 90,000 adult foxes. There is an established market for silver black fox pelts, Mr. Sharpe said. The saturation point has not yet been reached. The highest grade pelt is now in demand, and the cheaper grades are used for trim-

ming. On account of general world depression the price may not be good for a year or two, but there will still be a profit in fox raising. In the west, the speaker stated, he met many Islanders prominent in fox circles.

Vitakalk Organizes Distribution Of Fox Worm Capsules

M. F. W. Nuernberg, President of the Vitakalk Co. Inc., Montreal and New York, is in the city at present to attend the Fox Show and also to introduce the Sprehn capsule to the Fox Breeders in Prince Edward Island.

He returned from Germany only a few weeks ago where he made arrangements with the parent company to manufacture these capsules in Montreal in future. The Sprehn capsule is the result of five years research work by Dr. C. Sprehn, professor at the University of Leipzig and one of the greatest authorities on parasites in Germany. Three hundred post mortem examinations of foxes were made before the capsule was given to the public about a year ago. In the meantime over

100,000 foxes have been pilled with the Sprehn capsules in Germany, Norway, Sweden, Russia, Japan, and the United States. Mr. Johan Beetz, who is in charge of the fur animals branch of the Government of the Province of Quebec, tested the capsules out about six months ago, and has been recommending them steadily to the Fox Breeders in Quebec. In the future the fox breeders of Prince Edward Island will also be able to purchase these capsules locally, and the various dealers who will handle them in Charlottetown will be found in the advertisement of the Vitakalk in the fox section of this issue, which represents the beginning of their publicity campaign.

Farmer Suffers Fire Loss

(Special to the Guardian) STRATFORD, Oct. 27.—A large barn owned by John Berg at Amulree, near here, was completely destroyed by fire last night, entailing a loss estimated at more than \$10,000. Five horses, several prize rams, chickens, besides all of the seasons crop and farm machinery, were lost.

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