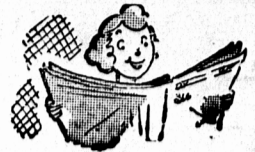




MODERN FARMER



NEWSY NOTES

By AGRIOLA

Gilbert and Sullivan

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Livestock Market Report

Ottawa, Canada - December 30

SUMMARY

Strong markets prevailed for all classes of live stock during the holiday week just closed, and prices were marked up at practically every market center. This was particularly true of the fore part of the week, but toward the close some of the gains, although not all, were erased on cattle prices. Early price increases in the cattle market extended all the way from 25 cents to 75 cents per cwt. Short supplies were mainly responsible for the improved condition but the quality of the offering was only fair, and as requirements were fulfillment some eagerness crept into the market. There was a real good demand for calves and lambs at a number of advanced paying prices. The hog market showed no change, every market being firm but at the previous week's levels.

Eastern Cattle Markets

On light opening runs, cattle prices moved up 15 cents to 25 cents at TORONTO but a good part of the gain was lost when trade became drab on Wednesday. The top on heavy steers was \$12.50 to \$12.75. It was an active trade at MONTREAL where prices were generally 25 cents higher on all cattle and some good steers were selling at \$12 to \$12.50 and good cows at \$8.75 to \$9. The MONTREAL market was steady to 20 cents higher, with requirements low and the best of the steers and heifers were quoted down to \$9.50.

Western Cattle Markets

In the fore part of the week, cattle receipts at WINNIPEG were insufficient to meet requirements and price increases were marked up, with practically all butcher cattle 50 cents higher. Later, however, more liberal offerings showed up and most of the early price advance was wiped out. Most of the butcher steers sold at \$12.25 to \$12.50 and some good steers and cowboys closing around \$12.25. CALGARY was active on a short supply and up 50 cents to 50 cents, with the top of the market selling at \$12, while EDMONTON was strong and generally 25 cents higher. Good steers were up with \$11 to \$11.25 paid, and some at \$11.50. PRINCE ALBERT was higher, with top steers \$11.50. MOOSE JAW likewise was up with best steers \$11.50, while REGINA paid \$11. SASKATOON \$10.75 to \$11.25.

Exports to United States

Dairy cattle exports to the United States during the week ended December 30th totalled 264 head. This compares with 142 head in the same week a year ago. Exports since the 1st of January 1943 were 40,267, as against 24,619 in the corresponding period of last year.

Another Strong Calf Market

Calves have been good sellers in recent weeks and this week was no exception, everything selling steady to a little higher. Toronto paid \$16 to \$16.50 for choice veals and \$17 for a few, while Montreal quoted \$15 to \$15.50, a few \$16. Winnipeg paid \$15 and \$15.50, Calgary \$16 to \$16.50, and Saskatoon \$15 to \$16.

Hogs Continue Unchanged

Hog prices were not disturbed during the past week. Toronto paid \$17.15 for the basic grade dressed, Montreal a similar figure. Winnipeg \$17.15, Calgary \$17.15, and Saskatoon \$17.15.

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TIMELY NOTES ON TOPICS CONNECTED WITH Silver Fox Farming



THE FOX NEWS OF THE PAST WEEK

The fox news of the past week has been the Canadian Fur Auction Sales Company's January variety of silver fox and new type pelts which opened on Monday morning and was concluded on Thursday afternoon. The January sale of this organization is always an event of importance to the fur trade and draws a large attendance, not only from Canada but the United States, Mexico and South America. This year was no exception to preceding years and hotel accommodation was at a premium, so that the sale had to be set up in the sample rooms at the Mount Royal Hotel, the largest hostelry of that great metropolis—Montreal.

DO NOT GET BACK TO THE AUCTION

We must first acknowledge that we are indebted to George A. Colbeck, manager of the Canadian National Silver Fox Breeders' Association, for his sales bulletins which came through every evening and gave a clear picture of what was happening.

THE TOTAL QUANTITIES OF SILVER FOX OFFERED

The total quantities of silver fox offered was 22,700 with approximately 2,000 new type foxes consisting of platinum, platinum silver, pearl platinum and white marked foxes. On Monday the New Brunswick show pelts consisting of 401 skins were offered and 67 percent sold at an average of \$109.88. These skins consisted of platinum, platinum silver, pearl platinum, white marked and standard silver foxes. Two very classy platinum silver foxes were sold at an average of \$285 each. This, to our knowledge, is the highest price platinum types have reached in all America this year. The second highest price was when J. J. Fox, the man who reputedly paid \$5,000 for a Norwegian platinum pelt in 1940, stepped into the market a week ago and paid \$270 for a pelt at the Lamson, Fraser and Huth sale in New York.

THAT SAME DAY 6,000 SILVER FOX WERE OFFERED

On Tuesday morning the Canadian National Silver Fox Breeders' Assn. collection of new types comprising 800 skins platinum silver, silver, pearl platinum and white marked were auctioned. These comprised the show collections of new types of Ontario and Prince Edward Island. They were well received and created a lot of interest and the collection was without question an outstanding one. Here is the result in brief.

OF THE 192 PLATINUMS 176 WERE SOLD AT AN AVERAGE OF \$183.41.

Last year the average was \$128.07. Of the 119 platinum silver, 99 were sold at an average of \$139.78. Last year's average was \$91.92. Of the 530 white face silvers 529 were sold at an average of \$99.13. Last year's average was \$54.30. Twenty eight pearl platinum all sold at an average of \$227.00. The average for the whole collection of new types sold was \$119.06, and it was 91 percent sold. That day the silver collection of 6,000 pelts also was auctioned.

IN REFERENCE TO THE ABOVE SALE OF PLATINUM

As the above mentioned collection for the information of our many friends who have become interested for the first time in raising platinum, a ranch near Charlottetown that started breeding platinum in a rather modest way a year ago, had some 20 or more among their pups the season of 1943. Desirous of finding out whether it would be best to continue

breeding blue foxes

more for white silvers, they sent 14 platinum and these were sent to the Canadian National Silver Fox Breeders' Assn. Twelve of them were exhibited at the show in January. These 12 were sold among the lot mentioned above and brought the following prices — two, \$10 each, five, \$65 each, five, \$150 each, average for the 12 pelts \$163 gross. Three of these pelts were Norwegian platinum and we have not ascertained what they brought. From the same ranch 23 white marked were sold at an average of \$108. Thus it will be seen that platinum have it over white faces and that they are justifiable proposition is without question.

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These consisted chiefly of selected platinum and platinum silver. They were 61 percent sold at an average of \$142.80. There was also an offering of 6,000 silver fox. On Thursday another special collection of 600 platinum, platinum silver and white marked — many with beautiful ring necks — was offered. These were snapped up rapidly, 84 percent being sold at an average of \$125.48. The same day 5,700 silver fox, the remainder of the collection, were offered.

Now we come to the results of the sale of silvers as given us by Mr. Colbeck.

Selected one half to three quarter silvers were 23 percent sold at an average of \$18.83. No change in price from the December auction. Regular one half to three quarter silvers were 47 percent sold at an average of \$39.88. This was a 2 percent advance over December. Regular full silvers were 71 percent sold at an average of \$70.48. This is unchanged from December. Regular full silver were 60 percent sold at an average of \$31.02, a decline of 5 percent. Inferior type were 60 percent sold at an average of \$11.00. Sixty percent of the almost 25,000 pelts were sold at an average of \$45.50, which is 10 percent higher than the December average which was \$45.00. The average price of the January auction of 1943 was \$23.90.

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The first fox I looked at, as I entered the door and turned to my left was a male pup. It happened to belong to yours truly. One half hour later I belonged to it. Then I bought another fox, a year old named Vimy Duchess from you.

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Well, we are all in great time here because silver fox pelts have been in tremendous demand. I have had buyers here every day during December and have disposed of all my pelts at splendid prices. We have gone in for new types and are well established. I have personally taken over the ranch which is known as the American Black and Silver Fox Company and I am very happy in my work and my home here. Thanks George — Glad to know the foxes turned out so well.

Platinum foxes and pearl platinum are not the only de luxe furs on the market today. Fisher, which were almost impossible to breed in captivity at one time, have now been raised for some years and those who have successfully mastered the difficulties of producing them are being well rewarded. At the Little Bros. Fur Sales Ltd. auction, Vancouver, B.C., fisher reached an all-time high of \$275 a pelt, and at the Spudac sale in Winnipeg fisher made an advance of 20 to 25 percent over December. Small, dark, fine quality pelts sold up to \$200.

Another fur that has taken a terrific jump is new type mink.

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 4. Introduction of a 40-hour working week within a half-year after the war.
 5. Universal annual 14 days' vacation.
 6. Special health and sickness benefits.
- The executive decided to send two delegates to the Dominion Labor Conference in London to support the policy agreed upon with the New Zealand Labor party

By GEORGE McMANUS

BRINGING UP FATHER



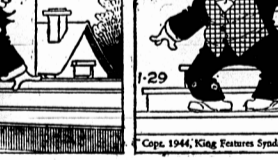
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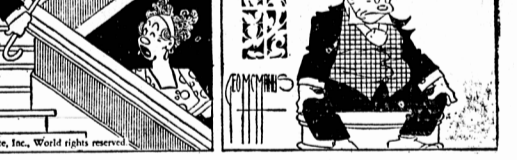
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