

TIMELY NOTES ON TOPICS CONNECTED WITH Silver Fox Farming



The terrific heat of the past few weeks has caused some bowel trouble in a great many of the fox ranches, but fatalities were not nearly as great as one might expect.

Now that the welcome rain has arrived and consequently cooler weather, we will be able to step up a bit in the amount of feed given to the pups and adults.

In my experience I have often had trouble where we cut our feed in early September or late August.

The problem of fleas should also be taken into consideration now and earmites can very well be thought of. These two pests if allowed to go unchecked will play havoc with the fox when his new coat of fur is getting nicely along.

We are indebted to our friend Mr. W. H. Tidmarsh, for a copy of the Financial Post, with a long article on fox farming in Britain.

The above are the headings which goes on as follows: "Profits reminiscent of South Sea Bubble days are being dangled before Old Country investors."

In recent years the breeding of this animal in captivity, which was started before the war in Prince Edward Island, has become popular in Norway, Sweden and Switzerland.

Via London a booklet has just reached the Financial Post dealing with the industry in general and the Mascot Organization in particular.

Briefly, the Mascot Fox, as the organization is called in Great Britain, proposes selling investors pairs or half pairs of foxes rather than stock.

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It looks as though the Mascot Company would make a nice profit if they can succeed in disposing of a number of pairs of silver foxes to the people of Great Britain.

So writes a leading Charlottetown fox farmer about B-B Brand Fox Ration.

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to be a perfect similarity of methods, hopes, etc. As the Englishman is a great gambler and silver fox is considered the acme of beauty in furs, it would not be surprising if the Mascot Company should do a rather large business.

In the editorial comment of the Canadian Silver Fox and Fur— which by the way is a particularly fine number—we note the following: "During Farmers' Week at the Ontario College, the leading speaker of the poultry sessions was Professor William C. Sanctuary.

Here is an extract from another part of his address. "The speaker then dealt with the value of progeny testing as a means of selection. He told of the proper method of introducing new blood into a flock, and made this point the major one of his address."

"Here was the pitfall into which many breeders fell. They did not take into consideration that the first generation cross had hybrid vigour, and that in the second and subsequent generations this first generation hybrid vigour was gone, and the weaknesses of the two strains crossed asserted themselves, with the result that after the first generation the improvement was backwards."

"Test out new blood, but introduce it into the flock," said the Professor, "for defects covered in the first generation will crop out thereafter."

What the Professor spoke with regard to poultry is equally true of silver foxes. There are strains in this province that will "nick" and "nick" well; others which one would think could not fail to "nick" do not do so.

Result of Farm Club Movement

The boys' and girls' farm club movement in Canada has been aptly described as a great extension school of agriculture, and the results of this scheme during the past twenty-odd years of its existence have more than proved that it is really the most practical form of agricultural education.

All these outstanding successes have been made possible by the extensive development of the boys' and girls' farm club movement that took place in 1930, when a national policy for the Clubs was inaugurated by Hon. Robert Weir, Dominion Minister of Agriculture.

Dairy Notes

Edison Match, the well known Jersey breeder of North River, P.E.I., reports that although he is feeding all home grown grain that his Jerseys are making excellent records.

Kim's Dairymaid 2nd from the R.O.P. cow Brackley Dairymaid has produced 7,558 lbs. of milk, 36 1/2 lbs. of fat, with an average test of 4.82 per cent in 305 days at 3 years of age.

Kim's Betty as a 3 year old produced 7,631 lbs. of milk, 383 lbs. of fat, with an average test of 5.02 per

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cent in 269 days. Kim's Golden Star produced 7,887 lbs. of milk, 448 lbs. of fat, with an average test of 5.9 per cent. in 305 days at 6 years of age.

Standard's Lilly, one of the first daughters of Brampton Lilly Standard to complete a record, produced at 2 years of age 7,123 lbs. of milk, 394 lbs. of fat, with an average test of 5.53 per cent. in 365 days.

Kim's Darling, another daughter of Brackley Dairymaid, that has 3 R.O.P. daughters, produced 10,578 lbs. of milk, 584 lbs. of fat, with an average test of 5.52 per cent. in 385 days.

Sheep And Wool Industry Australia Commenced 1820

The sheep and wool industry of Australia commenced in 1820 after the coastal ranges had been crossed. At that time there were 150,000 sheep in Australia. Today there are 112,926,931, representing 16 per cent of the world's sheep according to the master of one of the Canadian National Steamships freighters recently arrived in Canada with cargo from the Antipodes.

Rice and Japan's Economic Life

In view of the prolonged negotiations between Canada and Japan the following extract on the Japanese economic conditions of agriculture from the 1933-34 report of the International Institute of Agriculture may be of interest. It is needless to repeat here, says the report, that the whole of Japanese agriculture rests in quite a particular way on two products only: rice and silk.

In must be added, in order to see the problem more clearly, that when we speak of rice, we mean Japanese rice, that is to say, rice produced in Japan properly so-called. The Japanese people find that foreign rice has not the taste of the home-grown article, and this explains why the production at lower cost of In-

NEWSY NOTES BY AGROLOGA

THE FLOWERING RUSH Now do you feel any cooler

I have just received a communication from Mr. Gordon C. Warren, Provincial Horticulturist. It reads: "For your information I am giving a few notes on the Flowering Rush referred to in your 'Newsy Notes' of the Saturday's Guardian. These plants were purchased from Kenneth Macdonald and Sons, Ottawa, as *Butomus umbellatus*, and set out (in 1932) in a low area near the Mount Edward Road.

I am obliged to Mr. Warren for clearing up this matter. At first, it will be remembered, I conjectured that the plant had been introduced into the low spot as an ornamental; then I was almost convinced, as I read of its migrations in other parts of Canada, that the Flowering Rush had extended its range to our Island; but Mr. Warren has shown the former impression was the correct one.

One would take the authors to be a farmer's daughter herself, so familiarly does she speak of farm work in the olden days. Incidentally we learn of the outbreak of rinderpest, (foot and mouth disease) in 1865, which slew 37,000 cattle in England and left hundreds of farmers bankrupt. In 1865, a compensation act was passed and further "suspects", totalling 36,000 were slaughtered.

AS CONJUNCTION The word "as" in the last sentence, reminds me that I have heard it used on this side of the Atlantic as a kind of conjunction.

ABSOLUTE ZERO Whew! The hottest day this summer! My Tycoos is registering 93 deg. F., in the shade. On such a day a British humorist is said to have expressed a longing to take off his flesh and sit in his bonds, his cousin Jonathan, to go one better, thought of knocking the marrow out and having a draught through!

String Beans String beans are now plentiful and come on the market fresh and crisp. They should, however, be properly cooked to retain full flavor and colour and thus appeal to the appetite and give complete food value.

Beans With Tomato Sauce 3 cups beans 1 cup tomato juice 2 tablespoons butter 2 tbs. flour Salt and pepper Cook beans in a little water so that practically all liquid is absorbed when they are tender. Then add butter, and when melted and well mixed through the beans, sprinkle the flour over, and stir over the fire. Then slowly add tomato juice, stirring well. Cook five minutes.

Bean Pickle Prepare and cook beans as directed above. Make a pickle mixture using: 3 lbs. sugar 2 tablespoons tumeric 3 pints vinegar 1 cup mustard 1 cup salt 1 cup flour Heat vinegar, mix mustard, flour and spice in a little cold vinegar, add hot vinegar gradually; cook, stirring constantly until thick as cream; add beans, cook five minutes taking care that they do not stick to the kettle, or burn. Bottle and seal at once.

DESTROYED A WILL PORT ELIZABETH, South Africa—Mrs. Doris Elizabeth Hill who confessed she had destroyed a will was sentenced in police court to a fine of \$50 with the option of six weeks hard labor.

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