



NEWSY NOTES

By AGRICOLA

THE GRAPE IN ENGLAND
It is a matter of some surprise to find that the grape has long been cultivated in England...

Price of potatoes down 44 per cent from last year's prices. A neighbor attributes this to over-production and the "Law of Supply and Demand."

Price of butter pegged at Dec. 12 level (Family Herald). Law of Supply and Demand applied.

Private importers have 750,000 lbs of Australian butter on the way to Canada. (Family Herald).

Federal Minister of Agriculture to representatives of agricultural departments and organizations at Saskatoon: "At the first war conference in 1919 it was not suggested that methods should be changed or production increased or cut down, rather just a normal carrying on current practice, and so far as general policy was concerned that was still the situation."

What is needed now is a plan or policy for agriculture. The situation is ridiculous. In fact the whole agricultural programme in Canada is bogged down in doubt, confusion and dismay.

How long will the grape vine live? Some authorities believe that with similar climate it will live as long as an oak; Pliny speaks of a vine six hundred years old.

London, which was planted in 1768, was bearing 2,200 bunches of grapes a year by 1855; and each bunch averaged in weight one pound.

Why dost thou, tyrant, boast abroad? Thy wicked works to praise? Whatever the King's faults, slowness of wit was not one of them.

Have mercy, Lord on me I pray, For man would me devour. The townsfolk showed their appreciation by singing the monarch's praises.

The restoration of the Monarchy in 1689 was welcomed in the North with enthusiasm, the palatine jurisdiction was revived, and the pomp and dignity of the Prince restored.

Next to well-kept diaries old books of account are most prized by historians because they present aspects of an entirely different angle.

A PROPHECY FROM VIRGIL
I take off my hat to one signing himself "Inkling" in a recent issue of The Guardian, for giving us a short life of the Roman poet Virgil.

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ITEMS TO PUZZLE OVER
The wood ash in Canada has increased 20 per cent since 1937. (Bank Report).

Weekly Live Stock Market Report

OTTAWA, Canada—December 31, 1940.

SUMMARY:

The holiday lull continued in live stock markets and there was a dearth of interest during the period up to December 31st. The small supply of cattle on hand at the year end was cleared at steady to firm rates.

Eastern Cattle Markets
The moderate pre-holiday run of cattle at Toronto was cleared at unchanged prices with weighty steers of medium to good quality selling at \$8 to \$9 and nothing but heavy choice offered.

Western Cattle Markets
Receipts were light in the west and prices held steady to firm with a fast clearance made.

United States Market
There were no sales of Canadians at Buffalo. Recent quotations on medium to good Canadian steers at Buffalo ranged from \$9 to \$10.50 and medium to good cows \$8.50 to \$7.50.

Exports to the United States
During the period December 26th to December 31st were 864 beef cattle, 244 dairy and 165 calves, making the totals for the year 1940 128,487 beef cattle, 15,014 dairy and 73,468 calves.

Calf Market Steady
There was no change in the calf market. Toronto sold choice veals up to \$12 on a short run and Montreal was on a basis of \$11.50 to \$12 for good veals with one individual veal at \$13.

Hog Market Unchanged
Hogs held a level of \$11 for grade B-1 dressed at Toronto and \$8.25 alive, while Montreal continued at \$11.35 dressed and \$9.50 alive.

Lamb Prices Steady
The Toronto lamb market continued steady at \$11 for good ewes and \$12 for good wethers.

Domestic reasons seem to point to a revival of interest in this source of potash. Ashes of good quality, unburnt and dry, are in demand.

It has sometimes been asserted that hardwood ashes are superior to those from softwood, but Dr. Shutt's analysis does not bear out this statement.

Then they are scattered on the floor of the hen-house. They are thus protected from the weather, and will be in good unaltered condition in the spring.

Soot is another good fertilizer derived from the burning of coal: in some districts of Scotland 50 or 60 years ago, the wide-awake farmers bought it from the chimney sweepers.

ERRATUM
The translation of Juglans regia is "the royal nut of Jove" (Jovis). The ashes are stored in a bucket in the back porch for a day or two, till the fire, if any, has died out.

CONSERVATION

A WEEKLY COLUMN OF PRACTICAL OPINIONS OF THE VITAL ISSUES AFFECTING THE USES AND ABUSES OF NATURAL RESOURCES BY MR. LUDLOW JENKINS.

FINISHING THE MAMMALS

KILLING WHOLESALE Man the Destroyer

Ages ago, the reptile group dominated the animal world—on the earth, in the air and in the sea. Yet this dominance came to an end; and the great reptiles were eliminated in a way we can never fully understand.

Scientists state that the fur trade is definitely bringing to a close the reign of the mammals. The fur trade alone is so powerful a menace, then the end must indeed be near, for the fur trade is only one of the many agencies that are visibly combining to annihilate mammal-kind.

Trappers and hunters should be interested to conduct their activities so that the animals on which they depend for livelihood, or for sport, are not exterminated.

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TIMELY NOTES ON TOPICS CONNECTED WITH

Silver Fox Farming

Congratulations to Sam Kennedy and son, Sam, Junior, on the production of over 100 high-class full silvers which were sold to Reg Jenkins, at one of the best average prices realized here this season.

The third annual New Brunswick fox show was held at the fox farm of Fred Colpitts, January 3 and 4. Competition was particularly keen—there were over 400 entries this year compared with about 330 last year.

Lucy Colpitts, Salisbury, won first prize for extra pale white-faced silvers and Samuel Colpitts first for light medium and pale white-faced silvers.

In the silver section the Grand Championship went to Samuel Colpitts. Reserve Grand Champion to Elmer Burphy; extra pale class won by Samuel Colpitts.

Alvin J. Walker, vice-president and managing director of the H. R. Frew & Co. Ltd., Montreal, has given a splendid review of the fur industry which was published in The Gazette Specimen number of Jan. 6th.

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2 Bushels of Ripe TOMATOES from ONE VINE



THE NEW CLIMBING TRIP-L-CROP

TOMATOES ripen to a bushels, 20 to 25 to a bushel, as high as 16 to 20 feet. Grow them in a bush in garden, on a trellis, or in a pot.

one should make some changes in one's choice of breeders to keep approximately abreast of temporary market conditions. But whether or not we attempt to breed or change in color phase, etc., to meet market requirements we should not lose sight of certain things.

The following well-written account of the banquet has been received from the Canadian National Silver Fox Breeders' Association, Summerside:—

THE BANQUET
The Pelt Show Banquet at the Clifton Hotel, Summerside on Wednesday evening was well attended. It was a festive assemblage of good "Island" ranchers and others who were enjoying the annual Show as the Champion live wire.

Mr. C. C. Baker spoke encouragingly of the Pelt Show, but said in the past the industry of Silver Fox Show as the Champion live wire.

Dr. E. Rendie Bowness, a son of the esteemed townsmen, was the next speaker. His address was a summary at a later date as we expect to be privileged to hear his continuation.

The awarding of the trophies was an event in itself, one to which we will give further consideration at a later date.

Other gentlemen who added to the enjoyment and success of the Banquet were H. Cassel, of Paris, France, Wing Commander Elmer Fullerton, R. B. Patterson, and R. E. Ellis, the last three named of the R.C.A.F.

Blanket Of Snow Gardener's Friend

Snow may be regarded as a great friend of the gardener. Its beneficial effects are many. A heavy fall of snow will supply valuable soil moisture in the spring, and the start of growth in their garden thereby greatly accelerated.

Snow acts as a protective covering for plants and seeds, forming a warm blanket above them and sheltering them from frost. It appears to exert a marked effect on the germination of seeds of hardy plants which have to lie in the frozen ground during the winter.

The weight of snow settling on the branches of evergreens, both trees and bushes, may break them down and bury them in snow. The buds are killed by the weight, and a bitter cold night, following a foodless day, may cause many to die.

It will cost the gardener little to give them the scraps left over from meals and crusts of bread crumbled up, augmented with mixed bird seeds.

A display of new devices will be a feature at an inventors' convention in New York the last week in January.

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