



# Openings for the MODERN TRAPPER



## NEWSY NOTES

By AGRI-COLA

### THE WHITE BANEBERRY

A while ago I received, from a friend in Prince County, a plant for which I found was the white baneberry according to the American textbooks. In giving this information I was careful to point out that Sir J. D. Croker, long ago had surmised that the white berries and the red-berried Baneberries were only varieties of the black-berried Baneberry (*Actaea spicata*) found in Britain and other countries. There is much still to be learned about this genus as the following letter will show:—

"Dear Agricola, I was pleased to read in your 'Newsy Notes' lately a description of a plant of White Baneberry which had been sent you by one of your readers. In the account of the family Actaea, as given by Frere Mariet-Victorin, in his splendid 'Flore Laurentienne' the flora of the Province of Quebec and recognizes three parts of it which lies to the south and west of the Matapebia River, the Saguenay River, and a straight line joining Lake St. John and Lake Abitibi. Here is his description:—

*Actaea L. herbaceous perennials, leaves ternately compound, flowers small, white, in a terminal raceme. Sepals 3-5, petal-like, falling at the time of flowering. Petals 4-10, narrow and straight. Stamens numerous with slender filaments. Ovary single, many-ovuled, becoming at maturity, a large poisonous berry.*

Among six species distributed in the North Temperate Zone, the taxonomy of our species rests on a genetic problem which is not yet solved. The arrangement given below corresponds to the present state of our knowledge and recognizes three species: it is (however) only provisional. The fruits of the different species are poisonous, and their roots and rhizomes contain violently purgative principles.

### KEY TO THE SPECIES

- (A) Inflorescence elongated-oblong (length in fruit 7-12cm); berries with few (9-14) seeds, borne on black red pedicels which are not hollow; fruits white . . . (1) *A. pachyoda*.
- (B) Inflorescence an ovoid raceme (length in fruit 3-7 cm); fruit with many (11-17) seeds, borne on long slender pedicels which are hollow and generally greenish.
- Berries red . . . (2) *A. rubra*.
- Berries white . . . (3) *A. alba*.

### DESCRIPTIONS AND NOTES

(1) *Actaea pachyoda* Elliott. Thick pedicelled Baneberry. Stalk 30-40cm. long; leaves petioled, ternate, with divisions once-bipinnate; leaflets very finely lobed and serrated; teeth sharp-pointed; raceme elongated-oblong, length in fruit 7-12 cm; white berries with few seeds; on pedicels, solid and thick, (same diameter as the pedicel and peduncle). Flowering in Spring, (one week after *A. rubra*). West and centre of Quebec, absent around the Gulf of St. Lawrence. Note: This is the plant which has been commonly called *A. alba* in the flora of America. It is now certain that the type of *A. alba* was a plant with white berries and slender pedicels, coming from some locality around the Gulf of St. Lawrence. *Silvatica* does not extend to that region.

*Actaea rubra* (Mill.) Willd. Red Baneberry. Stalk 30-40cm. long. Red berries petioled or the upper ones sessile; raceme, with divisions once bipinnate; leaflets very finely lobed and serrated; teeth sharp-pointed; raceme elongated-oblong, length in fruit 3-7 cm; ovoid; red berries with numerous seeds (11-17), borne on pedicels 10-20mm. in length hollow and generally greenish. Flowering in Spring. Rich woods in all Quebec.

Notes: This is the most common of our *Actaea*s; it is found in our rich woods, and it appears to hybridize with the west of Quebec with *A. pachyoda*. It is very common in the east of Quebec; occasional elsewhere.

NOTE: See the Note under *A. pachyoda*. Although unable to detect any variety of *A. rubra* except the color of the fruit, we provisionally maintain this plant in the rank of a species because of certain considerations of a phylogenetic order. It is probably a fertile mutant of *A. rubra*. Years very truly, H. A. Messervy for his interesting letter, which gives me another interpretation of this *Actaea* genus. Britton in his 'Manual' (1907) recognizes only two northern species *A. rubra* and *A. alba*. As a Gray ('Manual' 1906) gives *A. rubra* with red berries, and a variety of it *Neslecia* with the berries and green pedicels; and *A. alba* with white

## CONSERVATION

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

### LEE R. HAYDEN In Our Dumb Animals

Without considering our foreign policy, we are, in a sense, at war. Six million Americans with guns in their hands are the "enemies"—game birds and animals. We broke off diplomatic relations on October 1. Ever since, the ominous thunder of gunfire has roared over the land.

Let no one righteously deny that America is an aggressor nation. From the time our ancestors dispersed the Indians from their native haunts, we have harried and slaughtered the wild creatures of the woods. We say we have been the "victims of aggression." It is argued that the pheasants injure the farmers' crops and the bears wantonly attack garbage pits. But don't the mourning doves eat pesky weed seeds? What is our gratitude? We shoot them off their feet, and then we have them serenade us with his cheery song during the mating season, but when in the autumn he becomes exhausted by these duties, we cheerfully massacre him and his family as we flatter about the hedgerow.

Can we be sincerely angry about the rights of a moribund duck? The poor old wood duck is certainly a sad minority in the duck tribe. Many Americans have never even seen one. Yet authorities have given the command to "shoot!" So, let the minorities look to their wings. The wood duck and his wild friends have never heard about the word sport, of course. They don't know that those funny-looking creatures with tip-toe feet and modern artillery really aren't mad at them. Heavens, no! They just want to have some fun. If too many ducks, pheasants or grouse succumb in this year's offensive, the gentlemen with guns will strive to see that the breed is kept going by artificial restoration. They'll hunt them from their incubators. They won't stem from the gun, but seated interest in our natural fauna, but simply so there will be an

## Weekly Live Stock Market Report

Summary

Another heavy offering of cattle, mostly of inferior quality, brought about a further decline in prices on nearly all killing classes, and the stockers and feeders. Exports to the United States were again a little lighter and shippers are being asked to alleviate the situation. It is noteworthy that the better quality offerings were the best sellers during the past week. Calves, hogs and lambs continued to be in demand, at last week's levels of prices.

**Eastern Cattle Markets**

The heaviest run of cattle for the year to date at Toronto met a dull trade and some 2,000 head were left unsold. Best butcher material and fed calves held steady in price but other killers were 25c to 50c lower. Although there was a tendency toward a little more firmness at the close, weighty steers sold at \$7.50 to \$8.25, as a rule, with a top lead at \$8.50. The market was brought \$8.50 to \$8.75. The undertone was slightly firmer on steers at Montreal with good ones at \$8.75 to \$9.50. With good steers at \$7 and a top of \$7.25. The Maritime market was very drab with only plain cattle on offer. Best steers were quoted at \$8.75 to \$9.75.

**Western Cattle Markets**

It was a disappointing cattle trade at Winnipeg with all killing classes 25c or more lower except for a few well-finished offerings. Fed killing steers sold above \$8 and principal interest centred around slaughter steers at \$7.50 down to \$6.50. With reports from the east, stocker and feeder demand tapered off. Good kinds of stockers sold at \$6 to \$7.50. Calgary had a heavier run and finished at lower prices. Medium to good butcher steers made \$7 to \$8. Similar conditions prevailed elsewhere. The top price at Edmonton was \$9. Prince Albert \$7.50, Moose Jaw \$7.50, Saskatoon \$8, Regina \$8.25 and Vancouver \$9.

**United States Market**

There were no Canadian cattle sold at Buffalo during the past week. Sales of low grade to good cows of Canada origin at St. Paul made at \$4.50 to \$7, medium to good bulls at \$7 to \$8.25 and good to choice veal calves from \$9 to \$11.50.

Statements of Canadian cattle to the United States during the past week included 4,062 beef cattle, 550 dairy and 511 calves. Exports to date this year, with corresponding figures in brackets, are: beef cattle 131,636 (109,444); dairy 18,056 (12,811); calves 58,752 (65,111).

## Foxes For Sale Or Trade

A number of Standard Bred Males and Females also a few good quality white face silvers. Priced to sell.

M. W. WOOD, Southport.

## Colpitts' Platinum Foxes

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## TIMELY NOTES ON TOPICS CONNECTED WITH

### Silver Fox Farming

The 12th Provincial Live Fox Show has passed into history. It ended with the official presentation of prizes in the Paton Pavilion yesterday afternoon at one o'clock. Notwithstanding the large entry list comprising some 60 classes, with groups, herds, etc., the whole program of judging was completed in three and a half days. For this great credit must be given George A. Callbeck, who was the sole judge of the foxes, and Walter B. Shaw and staff, as well as others who assisted in keeping the show running in high speed from Tuesday morning until Friday noon.

It is doubtful if any show except the first one or two, evoked more interest, and that interest was due in a large measure to the introduction of new types of marked silvers and platinum. Whether this will eventually mean less attention paid to the breeding of silvers we cannot say, but it would be a great pity if it does. There is room for all these different phases, particularly since it has been demonstrated that our pale and extra pale silvers, crossed with the new types, produce a very beautiful pelt. The platins, too, will find their niche, and a definite number now but will likely be quite well represented next season.

Our congratulations are extended to the winners of the various sections and to all prize winners. To Raoul Raymond, Southport, for having won the Grand Championship for Silvers. . . . Stewart and Lewis, Summerside, for carrying off the honors in the platinum class. Other winners have all been chronicled in the pages of this paper and are familiar to its readers.

The career of Mr. Raymond is an inspiration to everyone who has to do with fox farming. Coming to this province a complete stranger some fifteen years ago, but possessing those characteristics of brains, patience and perseverance inherited from his Huguenot ancestors in Switzerland, he and Mrs. Raymond have gone through the various fortunes attached to Silver Fox farming, mostly in a depression period. Not discouraged by the low prices which all of us had to accept and the untoward conditions, they had courage to go out and blaze new trails through the introduction of the McNeill and LaForest white-cherries and the honor of being them and to anyone else, under like circumstances, reaches the pinnacle.

We must also pay a tribute to Gordon McMillan, Cornwall, one of the most unobtrusive of our fraternity, who has also trod the road to fox fame by his wonderful showing in the Silver classes. Gordon has a litter of seven pups that were remarkable for the length, depth and quality of fur, as well as size and general appearance. He was a frequent winner all through, as a glance at the summaries will show and had the honor of being awarded the aggregate trophy for most points in the registered silver classes.

Distribution of the silverware to the recipients was made by the Vice-President at the suggestion of Walter R. Shaw, and Walter had good reason for this departure from regular precedent as could be seen when the beautiful cups commenced to be dealt out in profusion to Lowell Hancock, President of the Association, whom no one envied and everyone praised because he is the best booster we have.

Recognition, tardy and all too slight, came to Walter Shaw at the very last minute of the show, when the chairman called for three cheers for the "spare pup" of the Exhibition. They were rendered with a will by those present, and a tiger added for good measure. Honestly, I don't know of anyone whose shoulders can bear the weight of detail and do it so well as our

## FOXES! FOXES!

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Membership and the Championship and Reserve Championship for adult foxes. In the white-face platinum type Mr. Colpitts' entries took the Championship and Reserve Championship for both male and female adult classes. Colpitts Bros., Calgary fox farm also cleaned up, especially in the Platinum, White-face classes, taking the major awards of the show. They also took first place in the class for white-face platinum female pups, getting both the Championship and Reserve in this class.

Other winners we note on the list are Walter Craig for Reserve Championship pup and Montgomery Bros., who won the Championship for white-face silver fox pup. These ranchers are at Wetsaskiwin and are former Islanders. Congratulations to the gentlemen above who have so ably represented the Maritimes in western competition.

Russian sables have been exported to the United States in quantities this season. This is the first time that these high-priced and very attractive furs have been marketed in quantity. One firm in New York imported 1,434, of which 450 arrived in October. Two other firms received approximately 1,000 skins each. The total to be received within this year will be close to 4,000 skins. States a New York firm. . . . The embargo on Russian sables which is claimed to have been in effect until recently was lifted several years ago. While the crop this year will probably be larger than in recent years the production in the last few years in Russia was in the neighborhood of 3,000 skins annually and most of these found their way to America.

## War—25 Years Ago Today

(By The Canadian Press)

NOV. 15, 1916—French lines attacked on the Somme, Germany gained ground at Pressuire and Saillies. Ostend and Zeebrugge bombarded by British naval planes. Allied conference held at Paris.

NOV. 16, 1916—French retrieved losses on the Somme. Bulgarian defeated near Kessali. Allies drawing closer to Monastir. Austro-German forces penetrated Torzburg and Vulcan passes.

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