

TIMELY NOTES ON TOPICS CONNECTED WITH Silver Fox and Mink Farming

The Senate of the United States recently passed and sent to the White House a bill putting a 27 1/2% ad valorem tariff duty on imported platinum fox furs or any fur which is a mutation or type developed from silver, black or platinum foxes.

Under the regulations there was no duty on type of fox furs covered by this legislation. The House Ways and Means Committee said earlier that 18,419 platinum and white marked fox furs were imported from Canada, Norway, Sweden, the United Kingdom and Finland in the first half of 1947.

The previous auction record was held by the late Charles Dalton who in April of 1910 sold 33 skins at C. M. Lamson & Company's sale in London, one of which brought \$540, equal then in Canadian money to about \$2,650.

Going back to the December, 1918, sale of C. M. Lamson Co., London, England, \$250 was paid for a silver consigned by the Seal River Company, Seal River, P.E.I., of which William Jenkins was the ranch manager and Benj. Rogers of the Rogers Hardware Company, the Secretary-Treasurer.

Before we drop the price subject we must refer to a pet sold by Edgar Milligan through the Hudson's Bay Company at the 1928 January auction in London. We had arrived there on a Saturday, January 15th, and on Monday, walked down to the Hudson's Bay Co.'s warehouse and after formalities of greeting we were taken up to the pet show room and on the table were some specimen fox pelts, one of them a dream.

The Lands and Forest Department of the Nova Scotia government recently reported in the House of Assembly at Halifax that Nova Scotia's fur industry paid \$723,470 to farmers and trappers in 1947. The province issued 368 permits for ranching silver foxes, an increase of 38 over the previous year. There also were 183 mink ranchers and other farms raising red fox, cross fox, platinum fox, muskrat, raccoon, martens, fisher, fitch and rabbits.

At a meeting of the Edmonton Fur Breeders Association rancher J. Kokolsky was called upon to give an address. He stated that with the high cost of red meat, its general scarcity and the rise in prices of mink cereal feeds, fur farmers might be interested in learning how he had cut the meat and cereal ration safely without jeopardizing production, growth and quality of fur in mink and foxes.

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NEWSY NOTES

By Agricola

THE WORLD TODAY (8)

Dean Inge reiterates that friendship with England was the cornerstone of Hitler's policy. The scornful manner of Der Fuehrer when he met Chamberlain at Munich, and his threats to Ambassador Neville Henderson, do not bear out this supposition.

"England," says a quotation from Clarendon, "should keep entire in her own hands the means of estimating her own obligations. Come what may she should promise too little rather than too much."

The two Great Wars have been called the greatest calamity that has ever befallen the human race and Britain has been the chief sufferer, says the Dean. "England can never be a continental power," said Napoleon, "and in the attempt will be ruined."

Mr. Kokolsky has tried this system for the past three years and found it to be highly satisfactory as to growth, production, and quality of fur. His advice to all ranchers is "Feed your animals a diet that is as close to nature as possible."

Our comment on Mr. Kokolsky's remarks is that there is nothing new about the use of potatoes for foxes. The Norwegians and Swedes have been feeding them for years with gratifying results. We presume it is the fact that we have so many potatoes here that has led us to imitate.

After a three-day trial, Fernand DeKuyper, Toronto dog fancier and proprietor of Samson Perfect Products, Yonge St., was convicted by Magistrate T. S. Elmore recently of advertising claims for a distemper remedy not based on adequate and proper tests. He will be sentenced on Wednesday.

Peter R. L. Charles, advertising executive, told the court that in February, 1946, he accompanied DeKuyper to the Ontario Agricultural College at Guelph where they left samples of the remedy with Dr. Arnold H. Kennedy. He said Dr. Kennedy left them with the impression that tests would be made.

In convicting him, Magistrate Elmore said he did not believe that accused made any real tests of the remedy, much less adequate ones. "There is no known cure for distemper in animals," he said. "The disease is difficult to detect and might involve other ailments such as bronchitis and other such diseases. It is a fertile field for any one to exploit, with so many owning such animals, all the more so with so many mink and fox ranches throughout Canada."

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It is not generally known that the starling may be kept as a cage bird; he becomes so very tame that he can be let out of his cage to walk about the room. An old bird-book says that his natural song is rather poor, but he has a wonderfully good memory and will with great ease learn to repeat tunes that are played to him. He will imitate any sounds that he has repeatedly heard, words or the song of other birds included. He soon knows everybody in the house and is always gay and wakeful, and as docile and cunning as a dog. A very hardy bird, the starling, is said to attain the age of fifteen years, when in captivity.

The Sanderling
This shore-bird sometimes known as the "Sand Snipe" is at once separated from the other sandpipers by the possession of three toes only, instead of the usual four. It is a lively and venturesome bird racing out to where a wave has just broken on the beach, picking up whatever is good to eat, and scuttling back just out of reach of the next breaker. This is a cosmopolitan bird, as common in Europe as it is here. On this continent, it breeds in the Arctic, and winters from Virginia to Patagonia.

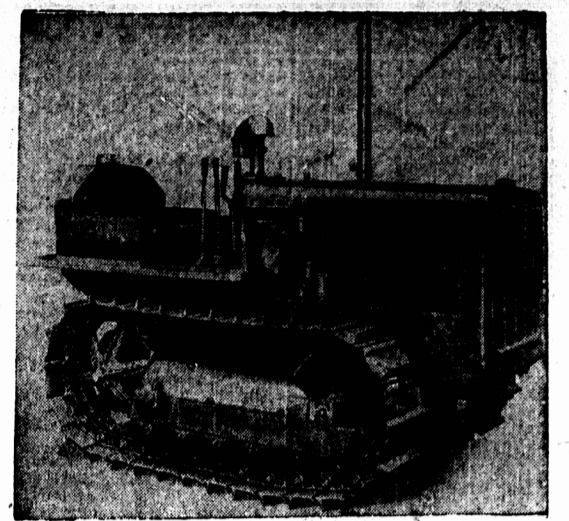
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Russian Embassy Defends Action

OTTAWA, April 8 — (CP)—The Russian Embassy today defended its action asking Lithuanians in Canada to register as Soviet citizens and gave no assurances that in future it would meet Canadian complaints about registration notices. The Embassy, in reply to a request from the External Affairs Department, provided a verbatim translation of registration notices, differing slightly from the Canadian translation. It stated that the notices were similar to those addressed earlier to former residents of Poland, Ukraine and Byelorussia, and reiterated that Lithuania now is part of Russia.

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Table with fertilizer types and prices: Ammonium Nitrate, 33% \$74.50 per ton; Cyanamid, 21% 63.00 per ton; Sulphate of Ammonia, 20% 51.00 per ton; Superphosphate (Granular), 20% 32.00 per ton; Muriate of Potash, 60% 58.00 per ton; 3-15-6 41.30 per ton; 3-15-6 (3% Borax) 44.30 per ton; 4-8-10 38.70 per ton; 4-8-10 (1% M.G.O.) 39.70 per ton; 5-10-10 43.00 per ton; 5-10-10 (1% M.G.O.) 44.00 per ton.

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