

JUDGING IN WORLD'S GREATEST FOX SHOW

Careful Breeding Of Quality Animals Most Important

FUR FARMING

(By Ewen Cameron in the Maritime Farmer)

When the profitable business of fur farming first made its bow to fur farming enthusiasts, little attention was given to value of pelts on any animal's back. It mattered not about quality in those days so long as Mr. Reynard was able to breathe, had three or four feet, a little wool on his back and a tail. Such was the early history governing quality of fur on most all breeding foxes.

During the early stages this quality fox was neither pelted nor

questioned. Eager buyers sought producers' output with results that to this day thousands of so called silver foxes and their progeny are being used for breeding purposes when they should have been on the stretcher board long ago. During those days breeding stock proved to have a rosy path to wealth.

As time went by the increased number of breeders brought about a change which to this day has continued to increase. Competition demanded a discrimination in fox quality.

During those early days men of intelligence, whose foresight led them to distinguish quality in the

animals, had kept their best grades and today the real breeders of this country can almost be counted on your fingers.

Naturally we have a great many raisers of foxes who ignore breeding problems and aim for nothing but quantity, but the true breeders of foxes today realize full well that it is not an easy task. He realizes that it takes years of hard work, careful study and close observation to produce the kind of pelts which today are bringing worth-while prices.

The job of the fox ranchers of today is to study and feed the foods wherein all vitamins are contained which go to make a perfect balanced ration. This feed, coupled with the most important thing, namely breeding of quality animals with a line of record pedigrees behind them, gives you your real start in the breeding of foxes.

A majority of the fox ranchers of today seem to feel that their animals should not be inbred. This theory, however, is wrong as it has been proved through years of experience by the foremost breeders that there is but one way to build up your herd and that is by securing quality animals to start with and continuing to line breed. It is true that if inferior grades of animals are line bred they continue to go down the grade year by year, while, on the other hand, quality stock will improve yearly. The difficulty confronting the average rancher who breeds foxes or is about to engage in the industry is that he does not familiarize himself with the family history of the foxes he has or is about to purchase. Few men know anything about the blood lines back of the animals they purchase. They get a pedigree which may not be much more than a list of names. They get their registration papers which signify that the animal has come up to certain definite requirements and been passed by a duly authorized inspector of some association and that's as far as it goes.

It must be borne in mind, however, that foxes with worth-while records behind them cannot be purchased at low prices as these animals have cost the real breeders large sums of money as well as many years of toil, both as to selection of quality and prolificness. Suffice to say, however, that the man who purchases such animals will be able to continue where the real breeder has left off and reap the harvest he has a right to expect.

Feeding of foxes, which always considered a very important subject in connection with fox ranching, has within the past years been given more consideration than formerly, as it is now a well-established fact that feeding is one of the chief things on which depends success or failure of a fox ranch. It is a difficult thing to establish a set rule for all fox ranchers to follow in so far as feed goes. Climatic conditions, as well as localities, differ and ranchers are generally dependent on a large portion of

Large List Of Entries For Show

More Than Sixty Breeders Are Exhibiting This Year. Keen Competition Expected In Various Classes.

About 600 foxes, entered by more than sixty breeders, will compete in the annual Fox Show, which opens today. The classifying of the foxes continued yesterday till dark, and will be completed this morning.

The Show will be opened to the public at 1 o'clock this afternoon. There is every evidence that this year's show will be the best held thus far, under the auspices of the Prince Edward Island Fox Breeders' Association.

Competition will be particularly keen, and there is no question that the claim of Prince Edward Island to the world's greatest fox show is a just one. It has been noticed that from year to year the average quality of the exhibits has been improving. Only the very best foxes are now exhibited.

Following are the exhibitors: Robert Baker, North Bedouque; Ray Carr, Stanhope; Ira D. Carr, Union Road; H. G. Judson, Alexandra; Geddie MacLeod, Bonshaw; Annie L. Beers, Bonshaw; Gordon MacMillan, North River, R.R.; B. Graham Rogers, Summerside; Frank Hamm, Charlottetown, R.R. 5; Blake Wood, Southport; F. H. Copp, Port Elgin, N.B.; Alex. Kennedy, Southport; B. L. Howatt, East Royalty; Walter S. Brown, Charlottetown; F. G. Kennedy, Southport; L. H. Kennedy, Malpeque Road; Helen M. Wood, Cross Roads; M. W. Wood, Cross Roads; Ernest S. Johnson, Fortune Bridge; T. Humphrey, Kensington; H. J. Kennedy, Southport; Maritime Black Silver Co., Summerside; Duncan Robertson, North River; Dr. J. C. Houston, New Glasgow; John B. Roper, Charlottetown; F. H. Roper, Charlottetown; Clarence Murchison, North River; Cecil Stewart, Hampshire; W. L. Brenton, Charlottetown; Brown Bros., Stanley Bridge; L. W. Hancock, Summerside; Jos. Sheen, Kensington; Douglas Bell, Borden; C. C. Baker, Kensington; P. G. Clark, Summerside; Arthur Dawson, Albany, R.R. 1; R. G. T. Hitchman, Ojawa; J. H. Judson, Alexandra; John A. Lea, Summerside; H. G. Muttart, Summerside; C. B. Rogers, Summerside; C. H. Stewart, Summerside; Stewart & Lewis, Summerside; Kildare Cape Fox Co., Summerside; Roy Woodside, Malpeque; R. S. Humphrey, Kensington; W. W. Brown, Charlottetown; C. E. Clark, Summerside; Geo. E. Brown, Margate; Ernest T. Mill, Kensington, R.R. 4; Johnson Bros., New London; Cudmore Bros., Charlottetown; Samuel R. Johnston, Fortune Bridge; John A. Dawson, Summerside, R.R.; Edwin C. Johnson, Charlottetown; John and Clark Baker, North Bedouque; Brenton Clark, Summerside; Walter Gregor, Braokley Beach; J. Walter Jones, Bunbury; J. R. Lockery, Hamilton; Muttart Wright &

Clues Lacking In Recent Theft Of Black Foxes

Animals Stolen Were Not Branded and Identification Would Be Difficult.

ACQUAINTANCE WITH PREMISES APPARENT

No Developments in Local Case—No Caretaker at Ranch at Time.

FREDERICTON, Nov. 6.—Royal Canadian Mounted Police are seriously handicapped in carrying on investigation into the \$1,000 fur robbery from the Maritime Black Fox Ranch on the Old Woodstock Road which took place early last week due to the lack of clues from which a start may be made. Nineteen foxes in all were taken Monday night or Tuesday morning.

How To Prepare Foxes For Pelting

E. H. Rayner

Hundreds of thousands of dollars are lost to Canadian ranches by carelessness in handling their foxes and preparing their pelts for market. Now is the time to begin getting your pelts ready for next winter. Every fox that you expect to pelt should be thoroughly combed and cleaned off so that knots of old fur will not appear in the new coat that Mr. Fox is growing for next winter. Take some time with your foxes and as the old hair loosens pull it out and burn it and let every fox start his new coat clear

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FOX RANCHERS ATTENTION

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Modern feeding science has taught us that in order to get the best results with any kind of livestock, the food supply or ration needs to be nicely balanced to suit the requirements of each class, both for maintenance and production. A ration to be properly balanced therefore must almost inevitably be a blend of various classes of feeding stuffs. Apart from these scientific reasons there are also sound practical advantages in having mixtures of foods rather than trusting too much to any individual feeding stuff, however, well known and popular it might be. We need not mention the element of palatability, an all-important factor where heavy rations must be consumed, and which is more easily ensured through a complex mixture of foods than with simple substances.

The real benefits of the balanced ration, however, can be acquired only if it be consumed as a whole, the fox being left no option to select certain ingredients and reject others. This is almost impossible of attainment unless all the ingredients are reduced to a mealy condition and then intimately mixed together. It has been the usual practice, therefore, to supply these balanced feeds in the form of meals and feed them as such.

The advantages of SILVER TIP fox cubed feeds from the practical point of view may be briefly summed up thus:

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From the scientific viewpoint also there is much to be said in favour of SILVER TIP Fox Cubes. In the first place efficient mastication and admixture of the food with saliva is secured. With ordinary meals the food is either swallowed with so little mastication taking place that digestive troubles are apt to ensue or else the animal takes so much time chewing each mouthful of meal that it cannot eat its daily allotment of the heavy rations required for high production. SILVER TIP FOX CUBES bring the teeth effectively into play and secure a manner of eating closely comparable with that imposed by natural foods.

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