

TIMELY NOTES ON TOPICS CONNECTED WITH Silver Fox and Mink Farming

Silver Blu mink prices were surprisingly strong at the September 29th sale of the New York Auction Company. The collection was a small one and it was 86 per cent sold at prices estimated at 10 per cent higher than the recent Silver Blu auction at Lampton, Fraser & Hunt's, Ranch mink on the other hand met with price resistance in the afternoon and only a small percentage of the 35.0 skins were sold. A very good attendance was on hand for the sale of the Silver Blu which also included small quantities of other mutations. The top price was \$44.80 for the approximately 6,800 skins. Sale prices were stated to be about \$3. higher than those at the recent Lampton mutation sale of mink and about \$1. higher than the August sale of the New York Auction Company.

In contrast to this ranch mink with differences of opinion in shippers limits and buyers desire to pay. In the goods that were sold most, strongest competition was for females and for cheaper minks which is in line with the recent auctions of ranch mink. The market continues slow this week as it has for a number of weeks. Manufacturers apparently are not in a position to stock upon skins of any quantity. This applies particularly to Persian lamb. All over the United States there is the same cry that September fur business is off. In some places the difference from a year ago runs as high as 25 to 30 per cent.

Howard A. Fox, President of I. J. Fox, Inc., in a recent interview tells that prices of quality furs must be reduced in the present downward trend of the present retail fur business is to be arrested. The retail fur business could be very good this season, said Mr. Fox, if prices were lower. Big consumer interest is being shown in the season's new styles both long and short, but high prices and the 20 per cent excess tax are proving strong deterrents to sales. He attributed the recent softening of wild mink prices and the apathetic response on the retail level to these causes. Mr. Fox said he has no doubt that mink, especially wild mink, will come down in price in the near future. A definite indication of the extent of the consumer's flight from high fur prices is seen by Mr. Fox in the volume business being done throughout the country on cloth coats and on tax free fur-lined and fur trimmed coats.

The silver fox offering for the London sales which opened in London, England, October 11th will include 31,500 silver fox, 2,500 pearl platina and 1,500 platina fox. These are distributed as follows: Hudson's Bay Company, 20,000 silver fox, 1,500 pearl platina, 1,200 platina; Anning, Chadwick & E'ever, Ltd., will offer 6,500 silver fox, 1,000 pearl platina and 350 platina; Eastwood & Holt, Ltd., will offer 1,000 silver fox.

London appears to be the strongest market for pearl platina. Montreal has been very cool towards them but some fairly good prices comparatively have been received for skins sold in London in recent months, although the quantity which London can absorb is not great.

Next Monday Herbert A. Neman & Co., will offer 10,000 silver fox and 200 pearl platina at the New York Auction Company. It will be interesting to see how these sell. If they are bought in good quantity and got at too ridiculously low prices it will be a very encouraging sign.

The Seattle sale of mink, fox and other furs show declines of 10 per cent for ranch and wild mink and white fox. Less than half the offerings were sold. Ranch mink was 40 per cent sold with ordinary skins bringing from \$10. to \$17; wild mink was 20 per cent sold with skins bringing \$12. to \$20; Blue fox was 66 per cent sold with Aleutians bringing from \$8. to \$15 for best and poor grades \$4. to \$7; Silver fox was 42 per cent sold with selected skins bringing from \$14. to \$18; mink \$11 to \$15. Three-quarter, \$7. to \$10; Platina silver fox was 17 per cent sold, all colors brought from \$16 to \$20; White face silver fox was 62 per cent sold bringing \$10. to \$14 for all colors. The quantity of fox offered was small.

The Oslo, Norway, September sale of silver fox and mink showed a small percentage sold. Of the 8,102 silver fox offered only 23 per cent was sold and of the 6,652 blue fox only 17 per cent was sold. The official report said only few foreign buyers were present and the market was weak. The collection of silver and blue fox was described as under medium quality. Platina fox was

Ellen's Diary

By an Island Farmer's Wife

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This day. It was delightful to be in "Aunt" Bet's mind. It indicated so much and was such a privilege. It meant shared bits of news and chuckles; it meant encouragement and sympathy and understanding.

And the old house, settling low on its foundation, though most comfortable was a place out of heaven to those who entered its peaceful, welcoming portals. Little remains of it now, and the two are names added to a stone in a country churchyard. And the place? James would be sure to ask that. A neighbor bought it, someone told me, for a mere song to make pasture land for his flocks and herds, and for wood and lumber. But comes the last of September's days, I am sure to recall it as the anniversary of "Aunt" Bet's birthday.

But October this is, cool and damp as James had suspected when last night's cloud hid the stars. And the sun at noon coming really out of "the anywhere." "Shure an' wasn't I comin' in anyway?" he smiled broadly in answer to James' hearty: "Come in!" "In a little lak the fellow," he said, hanging up his cap, "now whatever was his name? My mind's gettin' that queer. I can't trust it at all, at all. Brother to Dinny Fogarty's wife he was. . . . Morphy! that's what it was—Terence called after his old grandfather he was, him that came from Orlend long years before—a little man he was with a white whisker, I mind him well, he settled over there ferntest the Church. Knowed the old lad well, I did, an' man's the yarn an' laugh we had together. I mind wavin' givin' him a day at the potatoes, blues they were, an' they came out av the new land there as clean as clean an' as long as your foot, I'm tellin' you now. . . . And James drawing a chair for the table for Pat to join up at dinner asked, "What wages would be going those times, Pat?" "Wages, is it? Isn't that what I was just goin' to tell you about? When it came knockin' off time—'ud had a bate to ate earlier—and I was just turnin' for home, he said: 'Thank ye, kindly for the life an' I may come over an' mak ye an' 'sayer' some time.'" We laughed. "But that wasn't the story you commenced to tell, Pat," I reminded him.

"Nather it was now, Ellen. I do get to ramblin' now don't I? Well this Morphy—not the old lad but his son, that was brother to Dinny Fogarty's wife, for it was there he spent his last days, well one day when he was quite old he fell down the stairs there—indeed he mate have been killed entirely, I don't know whatever saved him. A miracle I guess it was for he fell from top to bottom of the stairs—'ud be a nervous-lak creature she was, and near-cryin' asked: 'An' are ye bad hurted, Terry?' An' he said, meek-lak for a nace lad he always was, 'Not a bit an' I was comin' down anyway'."

And when James had gone with Jock to "run" cement at Rob's in place of the threshing this showery day, Pat dug in his pocket, and from a miscellany of necessities—a button, a nail or two, a round of binder twine, some chaff and grain for the threshing and some sawdust from the potato-digging he has been lately engaged in, and a bit of his precious terbacky, he produced this clipping. "I tuk it out of a paper, and saved it for you thikin' as how you mate lak it, Ellen. There's pretty words to it, I'm thikin' an' a lot av truth to it too. Indeed it would be a better world, if we cud all follow what it says, now don't you think so yourself?" And I liked it, since it happened to be an old, old friend of my schooldays.

"Just to be tender, just to be true, Just to be glad the whole day through; Just to be merciful, just to be mild, Just to be thoughtful as a child, Just to be gentle and kind and sweet; Just to be helpful with willing feet, Just to be cheery when things go wrong, Just to drive sadness away with a song, Whether the hour is dark or bright, Just to be loyal to God and right, Just to believe that God knows best, Just in His promises ever to rest, Just to let love be our daily key— That is God's will for you and me." Until Tuesday . . . Diary . . . Good-night.

IN TORRID ZONE Brazil lies almost entirely in the torrid zone, though large sections have a temperate climax.



Elizabeth Benson Guy—Soprano of Bridgeview, Nova Scotia, winner of top award for 1948 on "Singing Stars of Tomorrow" program. Miss Guy will give a recital on October 14th, in Prince of Wales College Hall, under the auspices of The Kirk Auxiliary.



Scout News and Notices

3rd. Charlottetown (Kirk) Troop

Monday night's meeting was cut short to allow the Troop to visit the City Fire Station as part of Fire Prevention Week activity. Mr. J. S. Walker showed the Scouts the many types of apparatus and equipment and explained their use and employment at the scene of the fire. Mr. Walker offered his further assistance to any Scouts wishing to qualify for their King's Scout Fireman's Badge. (Our thanks to Mr. Walker for his assistance and interest. P.H.C.)

1st O'Leary Group

Tuesday evening of this week your Provincial President and Field Commissioner attended the reorganization meeting of the Boy Scouts Association in O'Leary Legion Hall. Most enthusiastic representation of interested boys and parents were present and after a few remarks on Scouting were heard the meeting appointed a Group Committee to look after the interests of the Boy Scouts and Wolf Cubs in O'Leary. The newly formed Group Committee met at the close of the meeting and appointed Mr. Jack Matthews who was Scoutmaster of the O'Leary Troop which had such an excellent record before the war, as acting Scoutmaster with Mr. Peter Paule, chairman of the Group Committee, as assistant. The Cub Pack will be led by Miss Marcia Fate assisted by Mrs. Fred Champion and Mrs. MacLean.

1st Lennox Island Group

Your Field Commissioner was out to Lennox Island Wednesday afternoon and spent a very enjoyable time while there, through the courtesy of Rev. Father McInnis and Chief Jada. The boys were brought together and, after a short explanatory talk, were divided into a Scout Troop and a Cub Pack. The Scout Troop was divided into two patrols: the Seagull Patrol with Patrol Leader Jack Rueben Tuplin and the Squirrel Patrol under Patrol Leader Jack Sark. The Cub Scouts divided into the White and Blue Sixes with Joseph Jada Sixer for the former and Fred Scully Sixer for the latter. A variation of King's game was played indoors, after which two games were played in the school grounds outside. Chief Jada

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COME TO the Charlottetown Hospital Bazaar, Monday, October 11th-16th, at the Annexe. Many new games. Opens at 8 P.M.

VISITING CITY—A visitor to the City recently was Mr. James ("Jimmie") Steele, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Steele, of 15 Alley Street. Since returning to Moncton where he is employed with a bricklaying firm, Jimmie was elected financial secretary of the Hod Carriers Union, Moncton local of the A. F. of L.

MacMILLAN-LAMONT WEDDING—The marriage took place on Thursday, Sept. 16th at 2:00 p.m. at St. John's Anglican Church, Truro, of Shirley Faye daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Lamont, of Truro, to Leith Maxwell MacMillan, son of Mrs. J. W. MacMillan and the late Mrs. MacMillan of West Covehead, P. E. Island. Baskets of gladioli and autumn flowers were arranged in the church for the ceremony, which was performed by Rev. G. A. Thomson. Miss Jennie Leban presided at the organ, and the choir rendered beautifully "O Perfect Love". The bride was given in marriage by her father and wore a suit of grey worsted with accessories in pink and black her flowers being a corsage of pink Sweetheart Roses. Miss Violet Penny, friend of the bride, was bridesmaid and wore a dressmaker suit of blue wool with matching accessories and corsage of pink roses. Mr. Cecil Lamont, brother of the bride, supported the groom. Following the ceremony a reception was held to the immediate family and friends, after which the happy couple left on a honeymoon tour of the Cabot Trail. A host of friends join in wishing Mr. and Mrs. MacMillan a long and happy wedded life.

JUNIOR LEAGUE MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Junior League of the Charlottetown Hospital was held Tuesday, Oct. 5th at the Nurses' Home. The president, Mrs. John Connolly presided. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved and the following items were read: letters, notices, including sweaters, socks, mitts, bonnets, booties, etc., were turned in for the club's booth at the Hospital bazaar next week. The members were asked for each one to bring a small gift to the Student Nurses' Certificate table at the bazaar. The sewing committee reported sixty-one articles had been turned in during the month. The members arranged some of the final details for the cabaret dance to be held near the end of the month. There being no further business the meeting adjourned on motion of Mrs. Ed Gallant, seconded by Mrs. Carl Green. Tea was served by Mrs. Howard McToms and Mrs. Wm. MacDougall.

MEN IN HIGH PLACES SHOULD NOT DRINK

The failure to realize the psychological effect of taking small doses of alcohol is a source of danger to the country. Alcohol depresses the higher function of the brain first. That means that the first drinks taken are the ones which are most serious in their effects upon men who must use their intelligence in discharge of their duties. It is not only theoretically, but practically, possible for an American statesman to make commitments in diplomatic conferences without compensating guarantees, while under the influence of moderate doses of alcohol, which will lose the world to free men and bind our children to political slavery for generations. All that has been accomplished by the death of millions of patriots fighting to ward off the threat of totalitarian despotism, can be lost in one hour of drinking around a conference table. A battle can be lost by befuddled thinking caused by doses of alcohol which do not cause drunkenness. The fruits of victory can be taken away by the one who drinks drinking troops—boys—who, at home, we abstain from intoxicants, we're-mannered and consistent in their abstention.

The Kirk Pack

The Kirk Pack held its first meeting of the season on Monday at 5 o'clock and will have a meeting this coming Thanksgiving Monday. Three new Chums were introduced to the Pack and we hope they will soon become full fledged Scouts. The New Chums are Gerry Watta, Paul Warren and Derek Buntain. Part of the meeting time was spent in organizing the Sixes and under Sixer Peter MacNutt is going to be the first Six to have the requirement of Six Cubs. The Blue Six of Alex Murchison is ahead in the Inter-Six Competition. The Cubs are reminded about working on their Collector's Badge and their First Star. Don't forget, Cubs, you can't wear your Proficiency Badge until you get your First Star. The Pack feels particularly fortunate in securing the assistance of two Patrol Leaders of the Kirk Troop to help with instruction and it is a good sign for the future progress of the Pack and Troop to have these P. L. assist us. The P. L.'s are Bob Nelson and Brian Chandler.

W.C.T.U. NOTES

THE HOUSE OF LIFE

To be happy a boy or girl needs a healthy body as his or her House of Life, so children should be taught about the body, the way it works and how to take care of it. The body is made up of millions of tiny living cells, so small that they must be magnified to be seen at all. Look at the inside of an orange, and what do you see? Many small separate parts like a tiny teardrop of juice in a fine skin covering. That is what a cell looks like under the microscope. These little cells are of many different shapes and kinds to fit them for all the different kinds of work they have to do.

Also different kinds of food must be given the body for different body needs: For GROWTH food must be converted into bone and muscle; For STRENGTH food must be changed into energy by body processes; For WARMTH food must be combined with oxygen by other body processes.

For REPAIR of body tissues, on account of the wear and tear of activity, food is necessary and also the rubbish left by the work of the cells must be removed.

But the cells do not require much attention, for they go about their work so quietly and efficiently that the owner of the body does not even know they are there at all.

The primary needs of the body are: pure fresh air, and to have unwanted waste matter carried away. Also the body must be protected from injury by accident or poisons.

CANADIANIZATION MEETING

At a very fine meeting in Grace United Church on April 23rd, when Rev. R. E. Spence presided, the programme was arranged by Mrs. Geo. Bellon, Superintendent of Canadianization and Citizenship. The visit of an S. C. M. group to an Ind on reserve was described by Miss Jasmine Lund of the Student Christian Movement. There are hungry minds in Canada as well as in Europe. Miss Lund showed us how eager the Indian people are to co-operate. A fine description of the activities of the new Chinese Church in Winnipeg was given by a member Mr. D. Pines. There is no delinquency among the children of this congregation. Some impressions of Canada, as it is at present and what its influence among the Nations would be in the future, were given by an English university student, who intends to make his home in Canada. A fine description of the activities of the new Chinese Church in Winnipeg was given by a member Mr. D. Pines. There is no delinquency among the children of this congregation.

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DOROTHY DIX SAYS—

(Continued from Page 2) foretell that it won't be long before Friend Husband will be looking around for someone who is easier on the eyes. NO CALORIE-COUNTING is curious enough, however, while men lay such stress on women being spick-and-span, they do not, as a sex, feel called upon to change their habits, or go to the trouble of beautifying themselves in order to please the feminine fancy. Millions of women, for instance, go hungry in order to keep thin, but there is probably not one man in a million who counts his calories so that he may retain his boyish figure. Nor do men consider it necessary to doll themselves up to make themselves attractive to women. If they are clothes-conscious, they like themselves out like Solomon in all his glory. But if they get so attached to a shirt they can't bear to change it, they go about looking like ragamuffins. Plenty of girls are ashamed to be seen out with their whole married life wondering why she married a man who spends her home in his stocking feet and whose clothes are reminiscent of everything he has had to eat for a couple of days. Daintiness is also included in every man's dream of fair women. He wants his Girl Friend, or his wife, to know how to comb her hair the newest way and for her to wear gay, pretty dresses and to be redolent of Chanel No. 5, but he thinks she is a fussbudget if she doesn't want to be seen out with him when he has a three day's stubble of beard on his face, and if she doesn't get a thrill out of being kissed by him when his breath smells of a mingling of whiskey and tobacco and onions. Why men think that women, who care more for the small amenities of life than they do, are indifferent to men's personal appearance, no one knows. Perhaps it is because men think that they are so attractive just as they are, that to dress them up would be like gliding the lily and painting the rose. Or maybe women intuitively know how many fine men are wrapped up in mussed suits and they have sense enough to grab them.

ALARMED OVER RESULTS IN PENNSYLVANIA

"Seventy-one licenses were lost in the September 9 local option elections in Pennsylvania. That statistic, more than any of the others emerging from the recent balloting, will hammer home to licensees the seriousness of the dry threat and the importance of guarding against it. "No previous elections saw such intensive preparation by trade forces. There was no lack of literature or leadership or enthusiasm in industry ranks. The work of organizing the campaign went well and, with the usual exceptions, licensees in the field did their jobs. "Still 71 licenses were lost."

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