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She is the seventh Jersey cow in Canada to produce over 1,000 lbs. of fat, and is a daughter of Favorite Volunteer, recently awarded the first medal of merit certificate ever awarded a Jersey bull in Canada, and the fourth imported medal of merit sire of the breed.

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### NEWSY NOTES

BY AGRICOLA

#### AMONG THE BULLETINS

The Department of Mines and Resources has just put out "The Edible Roots and Berries of Northern Canada" by A. E. Porciss. There are about a score of plants illustrated and described in such a fashion as to be readily recognized by the merest tyro in botany. They are to be found in their greatest abundance in Arctic and sub-Arctic Canada and the bulletin is evidently inspired by the fact that every once in a while, some aviator, prospector, or other wayfarer, is thrown upon his own resources till he is rescued from the wilds. If he can "live off the country" till this happens, so much the better.

Two or three of the plants, however, are not confined to the North, nor even to Canada. I can recollect the story of the villagers in Garrigill, Cumberland, Eng., eating the mysterious "Easter-ma-giants," which turned out to be the early leaves of Polygonum bistorta, boiled for spring greens; perhaps the name was Easter-mangant, Easter eating. It is the rootstock, which the traveller in the tundra is advised to cook. The Vaccinium vitis-idaea, or Mountain Cranberry, is found on both sides of the Atlantic, but reaches its greatest perfection to the north "where in some years the vines are red with the fruit." In the Canadian Field Naturalist for October, 1937, the sand dunes at Tracadie are listed as a station for this plant, which is new to our flora. The Bake-apple, or Salmon-berry, is another northern plant which just gets a footing in the province, being found as far as I am aware, only at Black Banks, Lot 11. This particular bulletin is to be had from the Agricultural Department, for the small charge of ten cents.

Circular 121, Division of Botany, Ottawa, is free for the asking. It is "Keys to the Goldenrods in Canada and Newfoundland," by Prof. E. W. Hart, Junior Botanist. I have always "shied" when anybody said Solidago (Goldenrod) or Asclepias, for they are rather difficult genera to deal with; in fact the average farmer lumps the goldenrods together as "yellow-weeds" and lets it go at that. Mr. Hart's "Key" is an excellent introduction to these plants and contains a tabular list especially adapted to the Island. There is an exception which must be noticed: the "Late Goldenrod" (S. Scortchii) of MacSwain's list, is said to have been inserted in error; and its place is taken by S. nemoralis, which we may call the "Wood Goldenrod." A capital bulletin for the student botanist.

I have also received a copy of "The Natural Vegetation of Arizona" published by the University of Arizona. The general conditions of that State differ greatly from those of our Province; since the surface ranges up to 12,600 ft. in the San Francisco Mountains, and includes forest regions, grassland, and desert. As a consequence the vegetation is much different from ours, though species of pines, Amelanchiers, and Junipers are found. Some interesting references are made to the "Century Plant," an expressive term for a plant which grows many years before it produces a flower stalk. Its native designation is the Agave (Agave Americana), and the bulletin tells us that the Indians obtain food, drink, medicine, soap, wood, fibre and even needles, from this one plant. Pulque is a beer-like drink, rich in vitamins, the natural fermented product of the agaves. Mescal is a distilled liquor made from the leaf-bases after they have been roasted and allowed to ferment. Redistillation of mescal gives tequila, one of the best known brandies of Mexico.

#### A HOST OF NEW PLANTS!

Professor John Adams, of the Division of Botany, Ottawa, made a short visit to Brackley Beach and Summerside last August and collected a goodly number of plants previously unknown to our flora. Mr. Adams has contributed his discoveries, in the form of a supplementary list, to the October number of the "Canadian Field Naturalist." His researches were principally among the Caraxes, a particularly difficult genus; and the species recognized are here given, with their popular names as found in the Manuals of Britton and Gray.

Carex acuta L. (Not given in the Manuals).  
C. aenea Fernald, "Bronzed C."  
C. albicans Willd, Whitish Sedge.  
C. arcuata Boott, Drooping Wood-Sedge.

#### Fox Farm Choppers

READY FOR THE UNDERTAKER. Forty-five years ago four men used to take four drinks each form a quart and warble "Sweet Adeline." Now, two drinks make them think that of their favorite, "Shall We Gather At The River?"

To help pave the way for larger litters and high-priced pelts, "Nicholson's Fox Health" as a condition is the BIG APPLE on the bough, and here is the proof. The two highest priced pelts 445 sterling each (\$230.00 apiece) of some 150.00 pelts sold in London the season of 1934-35 were taken off Foxes fed some of Nicholson's Fox Health. The same season a Rancher near Charlottetown started feeding this powder to his breeders at the beginning of the mating season, fed it right through till the pups were two months old, he had 55 litter that counted 273 living pups. There was one litter of 10, one of 8 and 5 of 7. Three sisters, pups of 1934 had 22 pups. There is no way by which you can appreciate the wonderful merits of "Nicholson's Fox Health" unless you give it a trial—it will do its own talking after that. When attending the Fox Show don't forget to take home a supply for your Foxes. This powder is put up fresh as ordered. Price 3 1/2 lb. box \$1.50 delivered free, if you mention this paper.

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#### TIMELY NOTES ON TOPICS

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### Silver Fox Farming



A few days ago in company with W. Chester S. McLure, the writer had the pleasure of visiting the Johnstone Bros. fox ranch at Long River, and looking over many beautiful pups which they have raised this season. They have built a new shed and in it encased in immaculately clean straw were litters from some of their best sires and dams. The color and fur attributes seemed excellent, and we understood that quite a number will be exhibited at the Fox Show at Charlottetown next week.

From the Johnstone ranch we drove to Roy Woodside's, about six miles from Kensington, and every-where was humming there. Large flocks of ducks and poultry and a wonderful lot of pigs and cattle showed the varied farming activities that Roy and his father practice; but it was the foxes we were interested in, so we walked over to the ranch and found Roy busy with a couple of customers. Their stay was just over, however, and they had our look-in. We looked over the pups very thoroughly and they assuredly were a nice bunch, good color, good markings and well furred. Then Roy took us out and showed us the Grand Champion and a number of two-year-olds and yearlings, some of them that will be at the Show next week. Needless to say they were as slick as a kitten's ear. Not the least pleasurable part of our visit there was the meeting with Roy's father, who is very proud of Roy and the praise we had for his foxes.

The first fox show of the season—the Provincial at Charlottetown—starts Monday, November 1st. Classifying will take up the entire day with Messrs. Burke, Cass and Bell officiating. Superintendent Gordon MacMillan will allot the fox crate positions, and the seating will go from Mr. Woodside's father, who is very proud of Roy and the praise we had for his foxes.

Tuesday morning at nine o'clock judging will commence, with the extra dark classes first. They won't take up a great deal of time as the ranchers do not breed many darks now, concentrating mainly on the lighter colorings. By Wednesday the judge will have moved along to the medium and then the big classes will go on the table—25, 30, 40, possibly 50 or more foxes when they get to light mediums will not be uncommon. With such an array of sparkling silver and glistering black before him, it is a wonder that the judge does not get bewildered. It is a case for a cool head and a keen appraising eye, aided by intense concentration. In my opinion it is one of the most trying tasks that can be set before anyone.

The first live fox show of 1937 and also the first ever to be held in Sussex, N.B., opened in the Agricultural School there last Tuesday and continued Wednesday. Record breaking crowds were present to witness some seventy foxes being judged by Stephen J. Taylor of Little Shemogue, N.B., a grandson of Robert Gaulton, co-founder with Charles Dalton of the silver black fox industry. The show was open mornings, afternoons and evenings and the evening attendance was very large.

The Kings County Fox Exhibitors Association, an organization of fox clubs recently formed, will stage what will be designated as the Kings County Educational Fox Show, at Montague, November 16-17. There will be four classes as follows:—Foxes showing up to 30 per cent. silver, 30 to 50 per cent. to 70 per cent. and over 70 per cent. These will be subdivided into four sections, adult males and females, male pups and female pups. Judging will be on the group system, modelled after the Norwegian plan. There will be no championships. There may be four or more first prizes in each class, or seconds or thirds, according to the quality of the foxes. The show will be held in Wright's store, which will be fitted up properly for the occasion. Foxes are to be received and classified up until eleven o'clock the morning of the 16th. Judging will start at two o'clock and continue throughout Wednesday.

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The officials of the Kings County Fox Exhibitors Association are as follows:—Honorary Directors, W. H. Dennis, Minister of Agriculture, Mayor L. H. Coffin, Montague, Mayor J. J. Condon, Georgetown, Mayor P. E. Holland, Souris Honorary President, R. W. Stewart Brunerell, President, George McIntyre, Montague, Vice-President, H. H. Cox, Morell, Secretary-Treasurer, W. A. McLaggan, Montague, Directors (one from each fox club in the County), C. E. Pratt, St. Peters, Lloyd Cox, Morell, Eddie Reid, Rollo Bay, Wallace McKenzie, Dundas, Laurie MacLeod, Murray Harbour North, William Hume, Murray River, Peter Murphy, Cardigan, A. F. Campbell, Montague.

What may possibly develop into a big annual affair will be tried out at Charlottetown, Saturday, November 6th, the day following the completion of the silver fox show. Six prominent silver fox breeders have rented the fox show room at the Exhibition Building, Charlottetown, for that date and will hold an auction of registered silver foxes beginning at 1.30 p.m. The animals will be on exhibition in the show crates from ten o'clock in the morning.

It seems to the writer that this offers an excellent opportunity for breeders, particularly the smaller ones, who desire one or more good animals, to secure such a class of stock. It will obviate the difficulty of moving around from ranch to ranch, the expense and loss of time, and will give a really better opportunity to exhibit the animals than would probably be afforded in a ranch. It is understood that all the stock will be approved as suitable for breeding by the Department of Agriculture Fieldman.

The Sun-Glo fox meeting held last Monday evening in the reception room of the Club, Spring Street, Summerside, was a most interesting one. Tom Fraser of C. M. Lamson Sons, said that the London markets were practically bare silver fox pelts and that all types were in good demand with price prospects about the same as last year. Mr. Fraser also stated that half silvers improved on the recent New York sales. He believed that the Norwegian skins were of a better color than Canadian skins, but the fur quality of the Canadian skins was better than the Norwegian.

John S. Wright of the Dominion Fur Sales, spoke of pelt marketing and the preference full silvers have had on the markets when made into garments and of the price obtained for three-quarters when made into scarfs. He regarded the firm prices obtaining for half silvers as an omen of price improvement in better quality of furs with good necks. He agreed with Mr. Fraser that poor color was one of the most serious disqualifications held against our pelts.

Asked if he had any knowledge of foxes having gone off color and later becoming clear again, he said he did not know of any such case. C. B. Rogers of Linkletter, said that he was not in favor of starving foxes at any time in order to save color. E. M. Young, who besides ranching foxes also has quite a number of mink, spoke in favor of wire bottom pens, saying that pups advanced faster on them than on board floors. The disease which struck the foxes in Fredericton, N.B., was only a local one and is now completely stamped out.

On the subject of disease I have heard recently that the trouble in Alberta ranches which caused the death of so many foxes, was not distemper but para-typhoid, a mild form of typhoid fever. It is usually caused by drinking water from a contaminated source, or milk, the receptacles of which have been washed in contaminated water. In this column I have very frequently pointed out the necessity for precaution in regard to drinking water for foxes. Wells in which there is seepage of water from manure piles or other impure sources are very often the cause of para-typhoid. Just a few years ago two children from

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A survey of silver fox ranches in Norway and Sweden with the expected number of pelts that will approximate from each country, gives the figures as 240,000 silver fox skins from Norway and about 75,000 from Sweden. The increase which is about 20 per cent. greater than last season, is due to good breeding results and absence of serious epidemics which prevailed a last season and to the larger number of foxes farmed. Quality is said to be good this season and it is expected that a larger percentage of full silver skins will go on the market due to the increasing demand for this color and the good prices which have been paid for bright foxes.

Silver fox pelt auctions will be held in Oslo, Norway, November 11th and 12th, December 8th and 10th and 15th of January, 1938. Auctions will also be held in Stockholm, Sweden, December, 1937, and January and February, 1938. Other farm bred furs in Scandinavia will approximate about 50,000 blue foxes in Sweden and about 20,000 mink. Finland will have about 2,000 blue foxes.

By the way, blue foxes will be farmed in Prince Edward Island this fall for the first time since 1913. Then, our readers will remember, the late Crisp Moore, Westmorland, was successful in breeding blue foxes, raising a litter of thirteen, I believe, but as the whole fox market went to pieces L-1282-1week

with the advent of war and blue fox pelt prices were very low the venture was discontinued. Parties in Summerside have recently imported blue foxes from Greenland. These are slightly smaller type than the Alaskan blues and are very fine quality. If they can be persuaded to breed here they should be profitable because of their extreme prolificness, litters of 10, 12 and 14 being not uncommon, and there should be no danger of off-color troubles developing, which torments the silver fox farmer.

The Banquet Committee in connection with the Silver Fox Exhibition report everything in readiness for next Tuesday evening at 7.30 at the Canadian National Hotel. The menu is the finest that celebrated hostelry has ever offered the foxmen, and the Entertainment Committee will spring some surprises with their program, which is in charge of Lowell Hancock. A feature of it will be a sing-song conducted by the inimitable Lowell. Reservations have been coming in from all over the province and a large attendance is assured. Tickets are available from Secretary Walter Shaw at the Fox Show, and also at the Canadian National Hotel.

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## FOX AUCTION SALE

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where an Auction of Registered Silver Foxes will be held beginning at 1.30 p.m.

The animals will be on exhibition in the show crates from 10 a.m.

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