

FUR FARMING

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poor animals with good ones in one season, but it will require many years to eliminate the bad results thereby obtained.

Many men have started in the fox industry with high hopes of re-creating a comfortable living, and this goal in many cases would have been reached, but the purchasing of inferior grades of animals spelled failure from the start.

We are now pretty well advanced in the fox industry, and far-reaching results and improvements in the raising and breeding of the silver fox, as well as all other fur producing animals, has been made through scientific research, and government experimental stations.

The reliable breeder from whom a beginner may purchase his foundation stock will do all that is possible to assist him to make a success of the venture, assisting him in every way until such time as he himself feel assured that he can carry on without outside aid and advice as to the best methods of operating his own ranch.

A NEW FOX FEEDING DEVICE

Possibly some ranchers may be interested in the following device for feeding their foxes. It is a square wooden box with a hinged lid, and a small opening for the entry and delivery of the food during the feeding time, and another entry from the back for the use of the feeder. It is claimed for this device that it makes for much more convenient feeding, and does away with the usual cluttering of pens after feeding time. A feature of the device is that the feeding pan is immovable.

SANITATION OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE

All those engaged in raising foxes are agreed on one point, and that is that it is essential that the animals should be protected in every possible way, and by every reasonable means within the reach of the rancher against the ravages of disease and vermin. Experiments are being continually carried on with this end in view in an endeavor to eliminate as far as possible much of the mortality that is now taking place on ranches. Especially is it necessary that foxes be watched for hook worm eggs and larvae, and use the proper remedies for destroying them. See that your pens and sheds are properly disinfected as occasion requires. The pupping season is now here, and disinfection will mean the saving in all likelihood of many valuable pups. A very common trouble of these latter is diarrhoea that attacks them, and if they are not whisked under "read" sanitary conditions, losses will almost certainly occur.

QUESTION AND ANSWER (1)

Question—I wish you would tell me what is the matter with one of my litters. The pups are undersized, and thin, and the fur is grey and scanty. The sire is one of the best males I have, and the mother while small, is of good fur and color. Right now her color is still good, and except for the tail she looks almost as good as in the winter.

QUESTION AND ANSWER (2)

Question—Would you please give us your opinion of feeding cooked beef lung to silver foxes? The foxes seem to like the food.

A SHORT CUT

With many flowers and vegetables from two to three weeks can be saved if the seed is started indoors. Indeed, in districts where the growing season is rather short, certain things must be grown in this way if bloom or maturity is to be guaranteed. Among the flowers are pansies, asters, marigolds, zinnias, petunias, cosmos, larkspur, stocks, and snapdragons, and with the possible exception of the petunia and aster in the warmer sections of the Dominion good results can also be secured from seed sown in the open ground. With vegetables there are peppers, tomatoes, cabbage, cauliflower, egg plants, brussels sprouts, broccolis, celery and head lettuce. Naturally, when sown under glass in March, and set out as well started plants in May, such things are away ahead of seed sown in the open ground after the spring frosts are over.

ROSEBUD - "No Arguing - it's the Best"



NEWSY NOTES

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ORCHARD AT SOUTHPORT

The Maritime Farmer of May 1st contains an editorial headed "F. S. Reeves, Successful P.E.I. Horticulturist." This is a well-deserved tribute to a man "who is an Englishman by birth, a Canadian by adoption and British at all times," and in addition stands pre-eminent in his vocation. Mr. Reeves graduated from the Ontario Agricultural College with the degree of B.S.A. and was for some years on the staff of the Experimental Station at Vineland, Ontario, where he was instrumental in originating many new varieties of fruit. The Vicking Raspberry and the Vanguard Strawberry concern us chiefly since these have proved varieties eminently suitable for our somewhat un-pleasant climatic conditions. We all know the proverb about the early bird, and when we know that the Vanguard Strawberry is (according to the season) from two to ten days earlier than the old standard, the Senator Dunlop, we can easily see where the big money comes in. It was in 1929 (time flies) when I visited the Southport orchard, and while there I was much taken with the sturdy appearance of a large "plantation" of the Vanguard, with its thick and stout leaves. The editorial states that Mr. Reeves is supplying the market with this variety in quantities from a dozen plants up to eight or ten thousand. The time is at hand when strawberries should be planted, so don't forget the Vanguard! Mr. Reeves has about 400 cherry trees on four acres of his orchard, and (in line with what has already appeared in these notes) he is disappointed to think that the long-continued extreme cold of the winter will have played havoc with the prospects of the crop, especially that of the sweet cherries. Last year Mr. Reeves set out a new planting of 700 Macintosh apple trees, and this is an addition to a very large orchard of apples (Lobo and Melba), plums, pears and cherries in full bearing. If you wish to see what a real orchard looks like, go to Southport.

Red Raspberries

(The Cultivation of Small Fruits)

Soil—The raspberry succeeds best in a deep, rich, loamy soil, well drained.

Preparation of the land: The better the soil is prepared before planting the better the results will be. Deep ploughing and liberal manuring are important. A hoed crop the previous year will help make suitable conditions for rapid growth.

Plants—Red raspberries grow from the same root year after year, although on different canes. The canes which grow one year bear fruit the next and then die and new ones take their place. The best plants for a new plantation are the suckers which spring up around or near the old plants in the spring. These are allowed to grow throughout the season and are then dug up and planted the following spring.

Planting: Spring is the best time to set out a new plantation. Plants are set in rows 6 feet apart, 2 to 3 feet apart in the row and from 4 to 5 inches deep. In setting the plants the earth should be tramped firm, around the roots.

Cultivation: Clean cultivation is still the most common practice, and should consist of thorough and frequent tillage throughout the summer.

Training and pruning: A number of different systems of training are common throughout the country. One of the best is the hedge-row system, in which the canes and

Ladak Alfalfa

(Experimental farms notes)

Much interest is being taken in new variety of alfalfa, which comes from the Province of Ladak in northern India. Grown on those high, dry plateaus where the summers are extremely hot and the winter cold this variety has developed a hardiness which makes it suitable for the dry land areas of the Western States and the Prairie Provinces of Canada.

For some years Ladak has been tested in different parts of the United States and has given very promising results as compared with Grimm, Hardigan and other commonly grown varieties. It has proven to be a long lived alfalfa being highly resistant to drought, frost and bacterial wilt.

In 1927, seed of Ladak was obtained from Montana by the Dominion Range Experiment Station at Manly, Alberta. Small plots were seeded to eight different varieties of alfalfa, including Ladak and Grimm, as a test of hardiness. For the years 1927 to 1931 inclusive to be the hardest of all the eight varieties in the test.

In the spring of 1932 the Forage Plants Division, Ottawa, distributed seed of Ladak of the Dominion Experimental Farms in both Eastern and Western Canada in order that this variety might be tested under a wide range of soil and climatic conditions.

Results obtained at four of the western stations are as follows: At Beaveridge Ladak outyielded Grimm by 392 pounds per acre from one cutting of hay. At Indian Head Ladak outyielded Grimm by 833 pounds per acre from two cuttings. At Lethbridge the crop was grown under irrigation and heavy yields were obtained. Here Ladak considerably outyielded Grimm in the first cutting, and slightly so in the second, giving a total difference of 1300 pounds per acre. At many-berries a small amount of irrigation water was applied. Ladak outyielded Grimm by 838 pounds per acre in the first cutting. Grimm, however, made a much quicker second growth than did Ladak and outyielded it by 789 pounds per acre in the second cutting. There was

How To Make Aluminum Mix

The aluminum mix spray has been used on wet foliage of apple trees and on hot humid days without causing any appreciable injury, days when Bordeaux or lime sulphur, if applied, would have resulted in severe injury to foliage and fruit. Directions for making the mix are as follows: On commencing to fill the tank with water, dissolve in the tank with the agitator running 9 pounds of aluminum sulphate to every 100 gallons of water to be used. Then add 1-2 gallons of concentrated lime sulphur. Follow this with 2-1-2 pounds of calcium arsenate to each 100 gallons used in a spraying before full bloom. In the calyx and later appli-

Applications use the same proportions

of aluminum sulphate and lime sulphur but cut down on the calcium arsenate to 2 pounds on the calyx spray and 1-1-4 pounds on the 100 gallons of later sprays.

"If any of you have never tried this material and are dissatisfied with your present spray results on McIntosh," says J. F. Hickey, Plant Pathologist, Dominion Laboratory, Kenilville, in the annual report of the Pomological and Fruit Growing Society of Quebec. "I would suggest a trial on a small area of your orchard. The use of one tankful on an area at each application should give you a fair idea of its effect under your own conditions. But if you do use it please follow the directions of mixing it carefully and use the quantities of materials called for. Some who have not followed the directions have encountered trouble. Above all, keep your nose out of it. It is impossible for you to determine the results of your own spraying. The gas has a very repellent odour and is poisonous if heavily inhaled."

While we cannot draw definite conclusions from a single year's results tests conducted in the United States and Canada indicate that Ladak is a very promising variety for the Prairie Province at least, and that it is deserving of further trials. Until further tests are made it would not be advisable for farmers to grow Ladak in districts where Grimm is being grown for seed production, as crossing would likely take place and the two varieties would become mixed. In general appearance these two varieties are much alike although Ladak has a higher percentage of yellow flowers. Seed it not available in Canada at the present time.

TRAINING GIRLS AS WIVES

LATEST IDEA IN GERMANY

BERLIN, May 11—Importance of training girls as wives was stressed by Nazi authorities today. The Federal Employment Bureau appealed to housewives to take graduates from public schools into their homes for one year, training them in cooking, house-keeping and care of children.

Most of the 600,000 girls being graduated this Spring would be eligible for such training.

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GOOD LAWN

Good Lawns, and these alone should be considered cannot be built in an afternoon. Hastily created affairs will be a constant source of disappointment. The ground must be level and this means that it must be thoroughly cultivated several times before the seed is sown. Good soil is essential and the more free from weeds the less trouble later. To get rid of these pests it is splendid idea to cultivate the proposed lawn, then let it lie idle for a week in order to encourage weed seed to germinate. During this time, too, low spots will settle and the owner is given an opportunity to deal with these before the seed is sown. The latter job, to be successful must be done early as grass likes cool weather and makes its most rapid growth in early spring or the fall. Only the best seed should be used. Low price seed is liable to contain weed seeds and it is made up of a blend of the cheap grasses like timothy, which makes a fair show the first year, but proves an eye sore in the season ahead. It is advisable to sow on a quiet day, using plenty of seed and scatter both lengthwise and across in order to insure an even distribution. In covering rake one way only and roll.

LAKE SERPENT IS TREE TRUNK

KINGSTON, Ont., May 11—Lake Ontario's "sea serpent" has turned out to be a water-logged tree trunk. The supposed monster, which appeared to have several heads, was found three quarters of a mile offshore. It was a bobbing tree trunk on which several loons had perched.

Minard's great White Liniment

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