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Fromm Bros. silver fox auction sets the standard for the whole of the United States, so it is interesting to receive the final details of their auction which took place at Hamburg, Wisconsin, February 14th to 18th. Of the skins offered 13,154 were sold. Last year over one million dollars worth of silver fox pelts, made up of some 25,000 skins, were imported into the United States, mostly from Norway. The reason these skins were imported was because there was not a sufficient number of bright sparkling silvers in the United States to satisfy the demand.

The reduction of the duty would not mean that low grade skins would go into the United States because they are not wanted there at any higher price than the American product is sold for; but the Americans do want our fine Canadian silver skins, and as it is the richest country in the world and consequently the best market for a luxury class of skins, we should make every effort to have our representatives work for a reduction of the duty.

Harry Kirsch is back again with us buying some fox pelts, which we can take as a sign that there is demand. The numbers offering are limited, just those males that the rancher figures is through with and decides he can get and have that much ready money for financing during the summer. The writer looked over some 40 or 50 pelts at Harry's place of business last week and was particularly struck with the thickness of the fur, the effect of the cold weather of January and February on the animals. When the time comes again—as it surely will—and the cold cycle strikes us and gives us our normal fall weather, there will be little talk of Norway's supremacy in the silver fox field. With a cold November such as happened here a few years ago to the ruination of our turnip farmers, we can place on the market the finest line of silvers in the world.

I had a talk yesterday with a gentleman who has just recently returned from a trip to South America, where he had visited a number of fur merchants and discussed with them among other things, silver fox. Their buyers who had been in London stated that they found Canadian silver fox the best where the grade was good, because it was not so open as Norwegian fox and wore better. The term wore in this case would probably refer to the hairs staying in the pelt. It is a well known fact that the Norwegian pelts in order to have color, pelt a great many of their foxes before they are prime or nearly prime, and these blue-pelted skins when tanned and made up into scarves, capes or coats have a tendency to shed hairs; in fact patches have been known to fall out.

The Black Fox Magazine, published in New York, says editorially:—"Live silver foxes and silver fox pelts are listed by the U. S. Department of State among the commodities which may be discussed in the reciprocal trade agreement negotiations with Canada. The listing does not mean that the present tariff of 50 per cent on silvers will necessarily be changed. The primary object is to get information from interested persons as to whether or not particular products would be included in the negotiations. The fur breeding industry should immediately take steps, both through individual action and through associations, to see that the present 50 per cent duty is retained."

All other American fox and fur officials are waging a campaign to retain the duty, and silver fox farmers are working over-time on their representatives in Congress. It would therefore seem quite a difficult matter for our bargainers to secure a modification. The writer does not believe that it is expedient to have the whole duty removed, but half a loaf is better than no bread, and if the duty can be cut 25 per cent it would be a great benefit to many breeders in this country.

Yesterday afternoon I had a conversation with a gentleman in this city who has had considerable experience in the marketing of silver fox pelts, and in the course of it I asked him for his opinion as to what would happen if the duty on silver fox pelts going into the United States from Canada was modified to the extent of 25 per cent instead of the prevailing 50 per cent. Here is what he said:

"For our blacks, slightly silveries, in fact up to mediums, it would not apply or be of much benefit. In three-quarters and full silvers of good color it would mean a tremendous difference to Prince Edward Island fox farmers, in fact to all Canadian fox farmers. The

argument put up that modifying the duty would cause the flooding of the American market and the consequent lowering of price, which would affect all fox fur markets is erroneous and contrary to the facts. Last year over one million dollars worth of silver fox pelts, made up of some 25,000 skins, were imported into the United States, mostly from Norway. The reason these skins were imported was because there was not a sufficient number of bright sparkling silvers in the United States to satisfy the demand.

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As the above subject is one of great importance to us all the writer thought it would be well to call up Mr. P. G. Clark, Manager of the Prince Edward Island Fur Pool, Ltd., and get his reaction. He was very courteous, and in the next mail I received the following letter and figures below:

"Further to our telephone conversation of Friday last, I herewith enclose an analysis showing comparative selling values of the different classes of silver fox fur on the New York market as compared with prevailing prices in London this season. This information was secured during my recent visit to New York in company with Mr. Fred Burke of the Provincial Department of Agriculture and my son Robert. The Auction Sales were being held by Messrs. Lamson, Fraser, Ruth, Inc., and we were granted the very special privilege of examining the pelts as they were sold and comparing the prices received with prevailing prices for the same class of goods on the London market. In addition to the information contained in the enclosed we were surprised to find a much smaller percentage of inferior and low grade than a similar quantity of Canadian goods would show. We also found a smaller percentage of high class pelts than a Canadian offering would include. The great majority of pelts were in the medium class. We also found that the American pelts are of a more consistent type (regardless of quality) than are our Canadian pelts. In other words, their pelts are of a more uniform appearance. We found that the narrow barred type was even more undesirable than in London, and consequently prices are low comparatively.

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HOCKEY DUNSTAFFAGE WINS JENKINS TROPHY

In a wide open hockey game Dunstaffage Red Wings eked out a 2-1 over Forenchfort Heart Breakers on Wednesday night. Scoring were G. Walkelin 2, D. Rhynes 1, E. Walkelin 1, A. Stewart 1.

LINE UP Dunstaffage Red Wings: Goalie - B. Boswell, Defence D. Rhynes, G. Walkelin, A. Stewart, G. Walkelin, A. L. Stewart.

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CONSTANT PUNISHMENT HAS BAD EFFECT ON CHILD Any sensible mother knows that there are times when it is necessary either to deny a child a privilege or give him an old-fashioned spanking—despite educational theories to the contrary. But she should realize, too, that any extreme of punishment invariably has an unfortunate result.

MIDDLETON SCHOOL Grade IX-1, Wilma Reid, 2. Mal-john Bradshaw, 3. Pauline Wright, Grade IX-1, George Reid, 2. Beverly Bradshaw.

Elmsdale and Vicinity Friends of Mrs. John Wells of Elmsdale will be sorry to learn that on Monday she had the misfortune to fall into the cellar. Dr. Kennedy was called and it is not known if any ribs are broken. All hope Mrs. Wells a speedy recovery.

Mr. Arthur Barrett of Elmsdale who has been employed in St. John for the past few months arrived home recently. Before coming home he had the misfortune of having his fourth finger badly lacerated and later had to have it amputated.

Messrs. Alton O'Brien, Hugh Williams of Elmsdale and Ralph Rennie of Alma left Monday morning to take a poultry course in Charlottetown.

Congratulations are being extended to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hardy of Bloomfield on the arrival of a bouncing baby boy.

Mrs. Dorothy Hardy of Elmsdale is spending some time in Bloomfield.

SUCCESS WOMEN'S INSTITUTE Success: Institute, Grahams Road met at the home of Mrs. Bert McKay Tuesday evening March 15.

The president was in the chair and the meeting opened in the usual manner. The minutes of previous meeting were read and approved and roll call answered with "coming Irish". Nine members and four visitors were present.

The questionnaire on Agriculture was filled in by the convenor, Mrs. Roy MacLeod and papers were read on same, the "Burnt Biscuit", being especially interesting. A very instructive demonstration on flower making by Miss Doris Buntain was much enjoyed by all present.

A hearty vote of thanks was tendered Mrs. Buntain for same. There was some instrumental music by the McKay sisters. Collection 40 cents. Place of next meeting undecided, roll call "a noted Canadian." Lunch was served.

that frame the face, and upon the Marco Polo line, which is the coolie cloche and the smaller cuffed hat with novel tapering crown. For sports, capelines with trimmings of big apples are shown.

Brads are combined with felt or belting turbans for intermediate wear; with excelsa pebble and novelty straws used to develop the wider lines. Stretched felts with casual brims are effective among the cruise and spectator sports versions.

There is considerable emphasis put upon gay scarfs in draped ideas as trimmings, frequently repeated in a separate scarf. These are in sheer woollens or in belting ribbon sewed together in multicolor effects.

COLD WEATHER IS TIME TO SERVE PORK Pork, being a fatty meat productive of bodily heat and

Good quality pork is firm, fresh colored, with solid white fat and a tender rind. It should always be very well cooked. For roast pork allow at least a half hour's cooking to the pound. Some like the flavor of a bay leaf put in the pan with the roast. Leafy vegetables, green peas or beans, sweet potatoes and turnips are particularly good with pork; also apple sauce, fried apple rings or baked apples.

FASHION FLASHES Susy puts a voluminous veil in violet, yellow and green on a straw canotier. On Talbot's boat of navy straw there's a white veil to cover the face and tie at the back. Quite a few of the suits seen in Paris are collarless and trimmed with three rows of buttons all the way down the front. Also unusually attractive are the tailored vestes in contrasting colors.

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