



TIMELY NOTES ON TOPICS CONNECTED WITH Silver Fox and Mink Farming

The Provincial Government acted with commendable energy in purchasing a site and commencing the installing of cold storage equipment on Esplanade St., Charlottetown.

A very interesting write up of the Canadian Fur Auction Sales Company January venture at Montreal appeared in the standard February 8th. It is largely an interview with Arthur C. Prentice, the chief auctioneer and general manager.

We were delighted to have a letter from Robert W. Fraser of Lampson, Fraser & Hutch, Inc., New York, recently with reference to the early days of the fur industry here.

One of the hardest things to find out for the uninitiated is how the buyers go about bidding. A casual observer gets the impression that it is done by mental telepathy.

Prentice has had a lot of practice. He was born in England 38 years ago, arrived in New York in 1902 and joined the New York Fur Auction Company in 1941.

The state of Louisiana through their wild life and fisheries department, have sold the entire fur crop of muskrats from state owned game preserves for the remainder of the current trapping season.

Many of our readers will remember Robert W. Fraser and his visits to this Province and also various parts of Canada, where he has acted as judge of fox and mink shows.

The findings of the Board will be submitted to the state department in preparation for international negotiations on reciprocal trade scheduled to begin in Geneva in April.

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Due to the activities and urgency of consignment houses, fur farmers and not excepting our Timely Notes, we understand that the Dominion Government, through its Department of Agriculture will in the near future release some news that will considerably strengthen the silver fox and mink market situation.

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DONKEY AND PONY HIS PARENTS advertisement: Unusual combination is "Smoky", three-day-old son of a donkey mother and Shetland pony father.

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BETTY ADMIRES FURS AT \$3,000,000 SALE

Export of furs from the annual Canadian fur auction at Montreal will be the largest in history, officials report. Here Betty Styrone admires magnificent pelts.

Turkey Eggs For Incubation

(Experimental Farms News) During recent years the rearing of turkeys has increased rapidly and the demand for poultry is always in excess of the available supply.

Some Families of Birds

When notes (such as those above) on many birds, first appeared in this column, they did so in answer to correspondents who had sent in specimens for naming.

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BLIND EYE DOG NOT ALLOWED IN SCHOOL

Blind Pasty Ruth Ferguson, 16, is home with her Seeing-Eyes dog trying to decide whether to give up her high school friends or the only eyes she has known.

Progress of Soil Survey Work

(Experimental Farms News) Soil survey work has been conducted in all of the Eastern Provinces by the Dominion Experimental Farms Service.

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FARMERS' MEETINGS TO BE HELD AT

Charlottetown, Feb. 18 - 20

The Legion Hall GRAFTON STREET

TUESDAY NIGHT—7:30 o'clock—General meeting Hog Producers. Open discussion—Demonstrations. PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND SHEEP BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION—10 o'clock Wednesday forenoon, February 19th.

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