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Int Nickel	35
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Noranda	50 1-2
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Anglo	76
Arjon	25
Armistice	51
Astoria	11
Aunor	3.40
Bagamac	15
Bankfield	14 1-4
Bear	38
Beattie	1 59
Bidgood	39 1-2
Bobjo	09 1-2
Bralorne	11 1-4
Brit Dom	39
Broulan	69
Buff Ank	3.40
Buff Cdn	08 1-2
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Chester	1.54
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Denison	03 1-2
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East Cr	14
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Falcon	4.00
Francouer	34
Gillies	06 1-2
Gods Lake	18
Goldale	17 3-8
Gold Eag	03 3-4
Gold Gate	11
Gunnar	13
Gypsum	7 1-4
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Halliwell	04 3-8
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Kerr Add	9.55
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Kirk Town	10
Lake Dufault	87
Lake Shore	16 1-4
Lamaque	5.85
Lapa Cad	06
Lebel	03
Leitch	1 17
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Macassa	3 80
MacLeod	2.32
Madsen	1.38
Malartic	3.55
Maralgo	06
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McWatt	20
Mining Cpn	2.10
Moneta	38 1-2
Negus	65
Nipiss	1.65
Noranda	50 5-8
Norgold	03 5-8
Normetal	1.04
Nor Star Oil	1 70
Obrien	1.07
Okalta	70
Omega	52 1-2
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Pamour	1 23
Partenan	55
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Texas Corp	49 7-8
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U S Steel	54
Vanadium Corp	20 1-2
West Union	36 7-8
West Elec	96 1-2

Yesterday's Market

Broccoli, bunch	15c
Cauliflower	15-20
Boiling meat	20-25c
Tomatoes, lb.	19c
Beef, qr.	20-24c
Steak, lb.	35-38c
Butter, dairy	40c
Eggs, doz.	50c
Roast Beef,	25-38c
Cream, qt.	40c
Spring Lamb,	32
Carrots, lb.	8c
Potted Plants	25-45c
Head Lettuce	2 for 25c
Grapefruit,	2 for 25c
Chickens, lb.	36-38c
Potatoes, Green Mountains, pk.	36c
Fresh Cod, lb.	10c
Mackerel, each	25-30
Haddock, lb.	20c
Herring, each	6c
Radishes, bunch	8c
Rhubarb lb.	4 for 25c
Onions, bunch,	10c
New Onions, bunch	9
Melons, ea.	25-30-35c
Honeydew, ea.	50c
Blueberries, qt.	20c
Plums, qt.	20c
Plums bsk.	$1.25
Turnips, ea.	5c
Peas, qt.	45c
Peas in pod	3 for 25
Beans,	2 lb. 15c
Cabbage, each	10-15c
Corn Beef	20-25c
Beets,	6 lbs. for 25c
Roses, bunch	25c
Melons, each	25-30c
Cucumbers, each,	5c
Pepper, green	3 for 25c
Apples, pk.	30—40c
Onions, lb.	3 for 25c
Squash lb.	6c
Spinach, lb.	10c
Plums, 6 qts.	90c
Plums, 11 qts.	$1.40
Peppers	4 for 25c
Blackberries, pt.	20c

Perron	85
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Pioneer	2 45
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Quemston	56
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Shawkey	03
Sheep Ck	93
Sherritt	89
Siscoe	55
Sladen	87
Slave Lake	03
West Pete	25
Steep Rock	2 33
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TIMELY NOTES ON TOPICS CONNECTED WITH Silver Fox Farming

The New York Auction Company held a sale of silver fox last week. There were about 6,500 pelts catalogued, of which 5,500 were full silvers. It is estimated that between 65 and 75 percent of the offering was sold. Prices were unchanged as compared with the last sale in July, and held firm as compared with open market levels. Competition was keen for the better grades of a somewhat average offering. The top price for full silvers was $120 with ceilings reached in this article more often when the "ranchers" goods were offered rather than "private" goods.

A small offering of platinums, white face, ring necks and other color phase foxes was quite well competed for. Top price was $225. for a very beautiful platinum skin. A feature of the sale was the fact that the demand was more for the better quality skins while at the previous sale in July the demand was strongest for the medium and cheaper goods.

We do not know how we missed it but we did, and that is giving publicity to the fact that at the Canadian Fur Auction Sales Company's September sale of furs muskrat hit a new high for recent years of $4.90, and beaver reached a top price of $76. A despatch from Montreal to the Women's Wear Daily, New York, re the sale states: "$4.00 looked like a low price for Quebec spring muskrats. A catalogue of 51,326 skins included a variety of sections eastern and western but none from Nova Scotia. The choicest were from Quebec from the James Bay District and Northern Ontario. A top price of $4.90 —a new record— was paid for a lot of Quebec Spring, and for Northern Ontario Spring top price was $4.80. A large number of strings brought between $4.00 and $4.70.

Beaver consisted of a modest sized offering of 3,750 skins of a sensational quality. The high price of $76.00 was paid for a lot of 18 ones and twos XL from Eskimo Bay, and $74.50 was paid twice for Quebecs and eastern and western blankets. Practically all the large and extra large beaver were taken by New York.

The wonderful prices being obtained for muskrat reminds one of the big jump that took place in that type of fur in the Spring of 1920, which was a little more than a year after the close of the Great War. All furs rose spectacularly on the London and New York markets and muskrat reached a figure of $6.10. The present prices obtained for muskrat and beaver as well as other general furs is an indicaton of course that furs are scarce. This is due to the curtailing of fur farming operations for one thing, and particularly because fewer trappers have gone out into the wilds to collect raw furs and importations from Russia, China, Japan and other countries are cut off.

Whether the rise will communicate itself to silver fox we cannot say. Silver fox is in an unenviable position, being dutiable on importations to the United States where there is a tariff of 35 percent. All other furs go in free of duty. That this is a tremendous handicup is not to be denied and our guess is that nothing spectacular will take place with regard to our product, but that unless something in the line of regulations is promulgated between now and the auctions, a good steady market with prices considerably higher than at the start of last season will be in order.

Canada will come into quite a nice hunk of money because of her share in the 118,00 seal pelts taken under the note of the Japanese by a secret United States Pribiloff expedition. Canada's share under agreement with the U.S.A. is 20 percent. In 1941 this amounted to $212,000. In 1942 only 127 skins were taken. The 1943 kill was record breaking and our share may run to well over $400,000

We associate the name of California with bright sunshine and great warmth or great heat, and it is rather interesting to note that one of the world's leading breeders and ranchers of new type foxes is located in that sunny state. He is Bert Avery and his ranch is at Big Bear Lake. It is high up in the mountains and it is a fact that Mr. Avery grows some of the best foxes in the world. He has been a consistent show winner for twelve years, has won 11 Grand Show Championships, 7 pup Championships and 20 Sweepstakes.

Associated M. & M. Fur Farmers, Inc., who control a great many ranches in the United States and are in touch with many others, state that production averages this year will be at least 20 percent less than last year. The use of silver fox for jackets and scarfs during the past year has been so great, states this circular, that not only has the surplus that was on hand from the previous year been eliminated but the year's crop practically marketed also.

In the Western United States they employ professional hunters to kill certain types of animals such as wolves, coyotes and bobcats that destroy sheep and other live stock, not to mention fowls and small fur bearing animals. One of these hunters, Robert E. Long in a period of nine months ending March, 1943, caught and killed 952 coyotes and 50 bobcats in one section of Oregon. In Texas great quantities of sheep are killed by mountain lions, which are difficult to destroy.

How far afield the McNeill mutation strain of white face foxes has spread may be gleaned from the fact that in a recent American magazine illustrations of these foxes on farms as far apart as Waterford, Pa. to Colorado Springs, Colorado, was shown. Yes, even further west, to Big Bear Lake, California, while many were offered for sale from intermediate points in Wisconsin, Oregon, Ohio and New York state.

Ollie McNeill, Fort Qu'Appelle, Sask., certainly deserves the greatest credit for having pioneered in these very desirable strains. At a banquet held in Denver, Colorado, recently, at which Mr. McNeill was present, a lady who has one of the best strains of pearl platinums in the United States mentioned that a progenitor came from McLure and MacKinnon Silver Fox Farms, Charlottetown, and that gave Ollie a chance to say that his original white face male was sired by a fox from that same ranch.

Curiously enough, a beautiful wide ring neck, white face appeared in the home ranch the same year as it did in Ollie's but it was against the rules of registration to keep it and it was pelted. Ollie had the vision to keep his fox and start the new strain.

Away back in 1914 J. Walter Jones, M.A., now Premier of this Province, advocated the breeding of Karacul sheep here. Some were imported from Persia but the war intervened and the project had to be abandoned. If memory serves us correctly the sheep were sold to parties in the United States. Now states an article in the September Black Fox Magazine: "The experimental stage in raising Karaculs in the United States is passed and the raising of these sheep which produced Karacul and Persian lamb and broadtail fur is not only practicable but profitable. Although Karacul are the oldest breed of sheep on record it was only in 1908 that the first ones reached America. The importation of 1908 and one as late as 1914 were made by Dr. C. C. Young."

Dr. E. Rendle Bowness has a lead article in the September Black Fox Magazine, which by the way is a particularly good number. In it the Doctor reiterates what he stated in these notes some weeks ago and which is well worthy of repetition now. . "A year ago I suggested placing shutters at the bottom of all wire bottom sheds to keep out drafts. Since then I have received thanks from many Canadian fox ranchers for this suggestion. Our experience in Ottawa shows that the fur was of much higher quality where the animals were given this protection from drafts. Since our experiments I am glad to say that this has been confirmed by many ranchers throughout the Dominion.

"To grow a large pelt it is my belief that if pups can be kept going right along and get no setbacks and be properly fed that they will develop into a large pelt almost automatically. I have got quite large pelts from small strains of foxes by this process of development. The things that cause setbacks are lack of sufficient nourishment from the mother fox, worms or parasites in the pups, earmites or fleas.

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- NEWSY NOTES -

BY AGRICOLA

Just a few words.

The new drug Penicillin seems to have run into trouble already, as far as its pronunciation goes; don't neglect that first "i". The mould or fungus from which the drug is derived is a species of **Penicillium**, one of a genus that lives on almost every kind of decaying or damp organic matter.

In Scotland a narrow street or alley is called a chare; and in the older parts of Newcastle, down near the river Tyne, the Scottish influence of former times has left its traces in such names as Pudding Chare, Trinity Chare, and so on. A story is told of a Tynesider who was called to give evidence about a riot he had witnessed, he began—"Aa saa a hubbleshew comin' oot of a chare-foot" —"Stop!" said the presiding Judge "What kind of language is that?" "He means, your Lordship," answered the counsel for the defence," that he saw a disorderly crowd at the foot of the street."

This brings to mind another old word—a "shuggyshew". Long before the days of steam roundabouts, hobby-horses, and the like, the crowds at the village fairs and gatherings, got a kick out of a "ride on the shuggyshew." This was a boat-shaped swing suspended by four ropes from a scaffold. Two persons sat in it facing each other and holding to the ropes. They set it in motion by alternately rising and sitting, until it swung nearly into a half circle. The joker in this was that you paid your twopence for the ride and had to find your own power! But it was good exercise.

Of ancient lineage is the word "oxter" meaning the armpit, a word common to both Scotland and Northumberland when I was a boy. The derivation is said to be from the Anglo-Saxon "oxta", and I hazard the opinion that it is remotely corrupted from the Latin "axilla" which, also, means the armpit. Is the word used here at all?

"Fond" is a word with many meanings. One of these is foolish or crazy. The old folk said "Butter gans fond twice a year," because it is too soft in summer and too hard in winter. If the bairns were making a fearful racket, the mother enquired: "Are ye aal gannin' fond?"

Not so long ago I heard an Islander singing an old song called "Billy Boy." As he sang it each verse ended with the words: "She's a young thing and cannot leave her mother." Properly, this should have been: "leave her minnie", which rhymes (in a way) with **Billy. Minnie** is the old Scottish word for mother, and is a derivation of "mamma."

Everyman's Library (Dent and Sons) has a new English dictionary which has been in preparation for several years. Selling like others of this familiar series, at less than a dollar, the new dictionary is an excellent book of reference for the school or the typists' desk, and the student's table. It includes both the usual and unusual words of the language and the slang terms from all parts of the Empire and from the United States. Pronunciation, however, is indicated only very occasionally, and mostly for foreign words.

Our Choir Concert (2)

We left the choirmaster and the principal basso mocking the police in an ironic song; which was warmly encored. Calling up another tenor, they sang the "Tickling Trio" by Martini. These men were not only good singers, but could have become good actors, and they soon had the audience laughing as heartily as they themselves pretended to. The first verse ran:—

"Don't tickle me, I pray,
Come let me alone I say,
You'll make me laugh that way
Ha, ha, ha, ha, . You'll make
me laugh that way-"

As the parts were caught up in succession by the different voices, this piece of music was a "Catch" which is perhaps derived from the "Round" but is more intricate. When the applause died down the stage was cleared and the curtain swung to.

A short interval and it opened again to disclose an Englishman at a table getting his tea. This was evidently a "sketch" (or dialogue). To him entered the maid, who announced "A gentleman from the Colonies to see you, sir" and was followed by a tough-looking, home-spun sort of fellow who sat down on the other end of the table and introduced himself. This tickled the fancy of the children present, who had all been taught that it was "the height of bad manners to sit on the table" and it added to their enjoyment that the Colonial, when asked "Won't you take a chair?" answered 'I'm not a particular chap!" It is said by some old philosopher, that laughter comes from a sense of superiority, and no doubt we felt that we all knew better than to sit on a table! The rest of the dialogue was above our juvenile heads, and was soon forgotten, but we could see that the Englishman was kept "on pins and needles" by his uncoventional visitor, to our great enjoyment.

Then our basso came on again as soloist in a song very popular at that time —"I fear No Foe in Shining Armor." This was such a good song that it ought to have become a classic, but it is years since I've heard it.

"I fear no foe in shining armor,
Though his lance be tough and keen;
But I fear, I fear the glamour
'Neath thy drooping lashes seen—"

As our singer was a good-looking bachelor with a considerable attraction for the opposite sex, these sentiments were no doubt well received by the ladies present.

It was now our principal tenor's turn, and he gave us a female impersonation in a song called "Chamomile Tea". He was dressed to represent Mrs. Sarah Gamp, who, the reader may recall was monthly nurse in Dicken's "Martin Chuzzlewit." There were no trained nurses in those days; anybody that felt inclined "took up nursing", and moreover took it as easily as she possibly could. The chorus of this song pointed to another habit.—

"What keeps me all right
When I sets up at night,
Is a teapot o' chamomile tea;
For I own I likes me tea,
Me cup o' good chamomile tea;
For I just slips in
A noggin of gin,
Just to flavor me chamomile
tea!"

Maurois tells us that the English love nonsense, and if he could have heard the applause that followed this gem of a song, he would have been confirmed in his belief. There was not a great deal in the words, the time was lively enough, but it was something in the man himself that drew the laughter.

Not to outstay my welcome I leave the concert at half-time. It turned in sufficient cash to give the choir a 15-mile drive in horse-drawn "brakes" to Blanchland Abbey, a romantic ruin, far across the moors.

Didn't Bring Rain

There is an old belief that rainshowers can be produced by causing explosions of gunpowder, etc. But the bombardment of London in 1940, with its terrific counter-cannonade, and the miles-high discharge of explosives in the air from airplanes, made the heaviest assault on the heavens in history. And England in 1940 had one of the droughtiest summers on record! That deals the belief in rainmaking a K.O. blow!

Where did all the rain get to that year? The gardens here nearly perished of drought in 1940. In Australia the winter (our summer) was so dry that thousands of farmers faced bankruptcy, according to press reports.

Concerning Potatoes

The potato crop, I imagine, is going to be better than was expected; the prospect looked pretty black when the blight struck so heavily. But on digging for domestic use I note there is a fair percentage of saleable tubers. There is a consensus of opinion amongst scientists that we should not be in too great a hurry to "dig," since that exposes the tubers to infection from living spores or germs of the blight, which would cause rot in the bins. I gather that digging should be delayed for ten days after the stalks are dead.

There is another matter connected with this crop, that could be handled better than it is at present. It is the custom for shippers to have agents or buyers who collect the potatoe from the farmers. Then, some time afterwards, the shipper sends the cash to the agent who is supposed to deliver it to the farmer. This round-about way of doing business can be

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