

# Highlights Of Queen's County Plowing Match Held At Pownal This Week

Pictured on this page are some of the highlights of the first annual competitions of the Queen's County Plowing Association, held at Waterside, near Pownal, Wednesday, October 4th.

(1) (Left Top). Mr. Elliot Robertson, Pownal, (left) President of the Queen's County Plowing Match Association, and Mr. Harold P. Smith, Pownal, Secretary.

(2) (Left Centre). Mr. Bus Jones, Southport, winner of the nine entries in the tractor, 3 sod, competition.

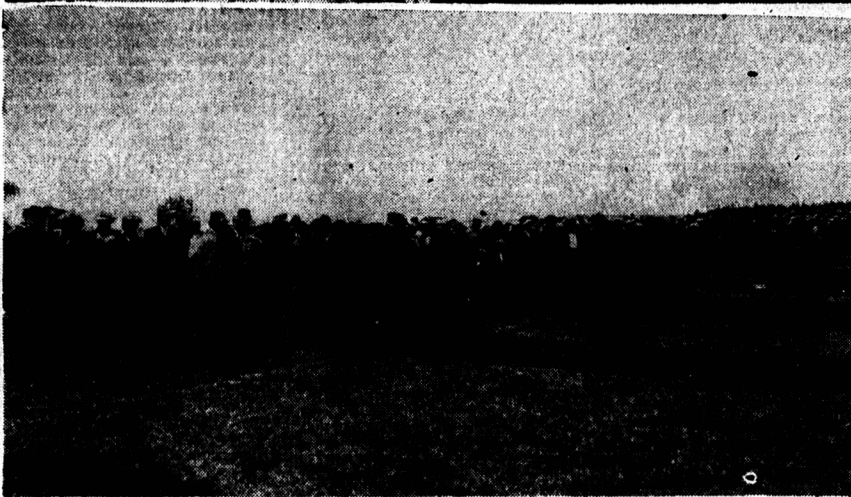
(3) (Left Bottom). Wallace Smith, Pownal, 15-year-old junior champion (3 sod) at the wheel of his tractor, and his coach Mr. Elliot Robertson.

(4) (Centre Top). One of the most popular spots of the day; the refreshment booth sponsored by the Pownal Hall Committee.

(5) (Centre Bottom). A section of the large crowd watching the tractor, 3 sod, competition.

(6) (Right Top). Left to right: Albert Brace, Supervisor; L. W. Roper, (assistant plowing judge); Livestock Fieldman Dominion Department of Agriculture, and O. C. Hicks, (plowing judge) Director of soil and crops division, Provincial Department of Agriculture, New Brunswick.

(7) (Right Bottom). Four of the leading athletes in the sporting events. Left to right—Bobby White, Charlottetown; Malcolm MacFadyen, Charlottetown; Joe Steele, Charlottetown, and Fred Furness, Vernon Bridge (all-round high point winner).



## TIMELY NOTES ON TOPICS CONNECTED WITH Silver Fox and Mink Farming

The annual fox and mink show of the P.E.I. Fur Breeders Association will be held the week of the 13th of November. Preparations are under way to make this an outstanding show for both mink and fox. It is hoped to have all the fox and mink breeders throughout the Province present and as many as possible to exhibit. There are signs that the industry is perking up quite a bit and it certainly will be helped by a display of enthusiasm here. Fox shows came into being in 1920. The first was held in Montreal, early in November of that year. W. Chester S. McLure and P. J. Drolet were the judges. It was a nice show and a lot of good foxes changed hands.

attended. Activity on fox confirms the general belief that it is returning to popularity among customers, states the president, Dr. J. L. O'Reilly.

Glancing through the fur magazines and Women's Wear Daily we note silver fox featured very much more than a year ago. There seems to be a marked tendency to return to this fur and in fact other long-haired furs in demand.

There will be two sales of silver fox this month, one by the Hudson's Bay Company and the other by the Canadian Fur Auction Sales Company, Ltd. Should there be good demand at each of these the quantity of skins now on hand would be very greatly reduced and it might be possible that a complete clean up could be attained before the new season's goods appear. The number of silver fox and its mutations which will be available when pelting time comes around this year should not exceed 50,000. We know of a lot of fox farmers in this province who will add considerably to their ranches if the future seems more hopeful.

We had a short conversation with Ernest Mill a few days ago. Ernie had been one of the top exhibitors for several years and this season has over 200 silver fox from less than 80 females. We asked him what he fed during the winter and he said he got some carcasses of horse meat, had them frozen hard and then chopped them up, throwing hunks in with pieces of the bone, alternating with fish every second day and pellets on Sundays. About the first of March he changed over to ground feed, using horse meat, tripe, cereals and some vegetables. Ernie is a strong believer in fish and uses a lot of it during the summer. The waters near his home are an easily available source of herring and these he has quick frozen and keeps in cold storage, thus a cheap supply of good nutrition feed is available at all times.

The September issue of the Beaver, a magazine of the north published by the Hudson's Bay Company, has just been received. There are some wonderful articles in it with a lot of history of the old west, such as The Canadian Metis, a magnificent study of the western half-breeds by W. L. Morton. There is a reproduction of a painting by Paul Kane showing half-breeds Never Was, by Margaret MacLeod, shows that if the original plans of Governor George Simpson of the

## Urges Co-operation In Eliminating Fire Hazards

"The co-operation of all citizens throughout the Province in a campaign to eliminate fire hazards not only during Fire Prevention Week but every week of the year as well," is sought by Provincial Fire Marshall T. A. Campbell.

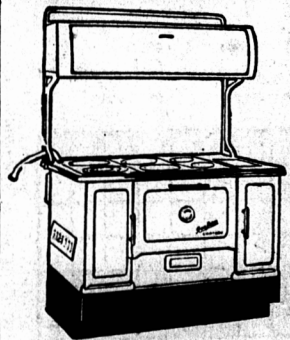
However during the next week special emphasis will be placed on fire prevention. Mr. Campbell has many suggestions for those anxious to co-operate in this important program.

Hudson's Bay Company had been carried out after the flood of 1926, the city of Winnipeg might have been built on dryer land eighteen or twenty miles further down stream. The first building to be erected by the H. B. C. at Fort Gary—now Winnipeg—in the fall of 1892, is still in use. There are many other articles and magnificent reproductions of the north taken from the Company's collection and historical records.

One by one the ranks of the founders of the silver fox industry of this Province are passing away, the latest being Fred L. Rogers, who was born in Alberton, June, 1884, the son of the late Hon. Benjamin Rogers, former Lt.-Governor of this Province, and his wife Susan Hubbard of Charlottetown. Mr. Rogers was an ardent listener to the tales of the pioneers and knew all about the early struggles of Dalton and Oulton which were finally crowned with success when they established their ranch on Cherry Island. He realized the possibilities of fox farming and founded one of the first and most successful companies—the Silver Fox Ranching Co. Ltd. of Alberton. His keen mind and good judgement enabled him to pick out superior animals as breeding stock and in a very few years stock from the Silver Fox Ranching Company was in great demand and pelts which they sent to the auctions in London brought very high prices. He was also one of the founders of the Silver Black Fox Breeders Association of Prince Edward Island and was active in founding the registry part of the Association. He continued his interest in silver foxes for many years and he was the one man who could have given a really authentic and interesting account of this unique industry, which created so much excitement not only in this Province but elsewhere and grew in volume so that from a few pups bred by the late Hon. Charles Dalton it spread to various parts of the world and culminated in the production of hundreds of thousands of pelts in 1939. Mr. Rogers was a gentleman in every sense of the word and the thousands of friends he made in his journey through life will regret his passing.

He urges merchants to provide extra cardboard cartons in their places of business. They should also have their employees see that any fire hazards are not allowed to gather in basements, lanes and other parts of their premises. "The children can also help," said Mr. Campbell, "They can do this, by helping to gather up any rubbish or other litter around their yards. "School teachers throughout the Province can also contribute greatly to the Fire Prevention Week program. They can emphasize the importance of preventing fires which can result in great loss of property and sometimes in loss of lives. "Boy Scouts, Girl Guides, and even Wolf Cubs and Brownies can also pitch in to help in this work. The Fire Marshall would also like to see service clubs take a part in the program. Salvage organizations and garbage collectors can also do their share.

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