

MODERN FARMER



TIMELY NOTES ON TOPICS CONNECTED WITH Silver Fox and Mink Farming

False fur fashioned from nylon is being tested by Air Material Command Laboratories, the Department of Agriculture at Washington.

A shortage of wolf fur used to trim and line parkas, flight jackets and caps for Arctic operations caused the Air Force to turn to synthetics, the Defense Department explained.

The resulting product looks and wears as well as anything "the wolves can turn out," and at one-fifth the cost, it was noted.

Synthetic wool still in the experimental stage is now being tested at 65 degrees below zero.

The Air Force also is testing synthetic mouton, the Defense Department said, adding that this indicated sheep were being out-classed by the laboratories. Thus, critical shortages in either sheep or wolves will not prevent the Air Force personnel in the Arctic from being well clothed.

The synthetic pelts manufactured by the George W. Borg Corp., Delevan, Wis., can be cut in any shape or form and are easier to work with than natural furs, it was reported.

Agent the above, the following letter from W. Chester S. McIure, M.P., received by us a few days ago, shows another slant on the use of nylon in competition with fur.

"What's going to happen to furs? A few days ago I saw a man wearing a very good looking suit of clothes. I remarked about it and when I examined it, he told me it was nylon. As a matter of fact, it was fifty percent wool and fifty percent nylon. Here is what I saw with regard to furs—three ladies' coats, one black, full length 'Persian Lamb', one gray 'Caracul' and one brown 'Persian Lamb' all made from nylon. The imitation of the black Persian Lamb was such that if two ladies were walking down the street, one wearing a thousand-dollar Persian Lamb coat and the other, a hundred and fifty-two dollar Nylon, at twenty feet away one could not tell the difference. If these coats retailed at \$152 are any good at all, you can say good-bye to Joe Stalin's lambskins. However, I don't believe they can imitate the long-haired furs. If you happen to see any commercial traveller offering these for sale, try and have a look at them. I was called in

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Potato Shortage Holding In Canada

The following figures of storage holdings of potatoes on March 1, 1950 and 1951 have been supplied by the Federal Department of Agriculture:

	(000 bus.)	1950	1951
Inland, P. E. I.		5,255	3,742
Inland, N. S.		211	188
Halifax		4	13
Saint John, N. B.		5	3
Inland, N. B.		6,588	5,760
Maritimes		12,063	9,706
Quebec		593	563
Eastern Ontario		76	187
Western Ontario		1,114	916
Prairies		75	75
Br. Columbia		480	764
Grand Totals		14,401	12,211

In addition to the holdings listed in the above tabulation, there were 20,000 bus. of potatoes in growers' hands in the Craven-Lumsden district of Sask. and 768,000 bus. in farm storage in southern Alberta. Three districts were not reported in previous years.

Ask Higher Weight For Fish Trucks

HALIFAX, March 16—(CP)—Eight trucking firms today asked the Highways Department to raise the weight limit for long-distance fish haulers of Nova Scotia.

The firms, in a 10-page brief, asked that the weight limit be increased to 44,000 pounds with the present 10 percent allowance for overweight. Present regulations permit 14,000 pounds for each of the rear axles on semi-trailers and 8,000 pounds for the front axle.

The delegation said if its recommendations—or at least some of them—were carried out it was prepared to suggest increased fines for breach of weight regulations.

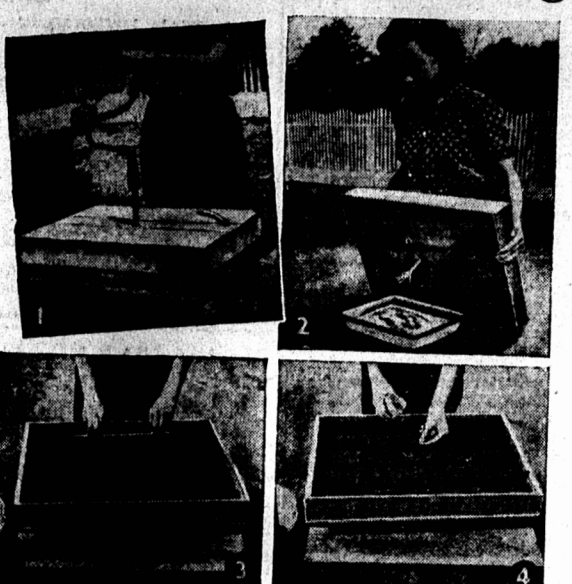
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Seeding plants grown in an indoor seed box may be destroyed in a few hours if the soil is allowed to dry out completely. But by a simple device familiar to all in the lamp wick, water can be supplied automatically in just the right volume, leaving the gardener free to attend to other duties, and even go visiting for a few days.

This has been demonstrated by scientific research into watering practices, and the method is widely used by florists. For amateur gardeners, several methods of automatic watering have been tested, and Dr. Kenneth Post, of Cornell University, who took a prominent part in the research in this field, says the best is wick-watering, by which moisture is

Maintains Value Of Potato Farming

"A man can grow potatoes and still be a good farmer," submitted Mr. George MacKay, Liberal member for Fourth Prince during the debate on the draft address in the Legislature yesterday.

Every man in the Fourth District of Prince is a potato grower and a large one, he stated, but they all carry heavy stock. The production of potatoes provided a nice system of rotation and with applications of manure and lime the farms were kept in a high state of productivity.

Kinkora, he believed, was one of the most thriving communities in the Province. He had seen large herds of cattle in that area and visited one farm the other day where 30 head of cattle were stabled.

He did not think there was one vacant farm in Fourth Prince District. A few were vacated in the depression years, but they have been put into operation since.

With regard to the talk about boys leaving the farms, he stated that boys had always been leaving the farms because they found they did not like or were not suited for the life. "If they did not leave the farms there would be an awful scarcity of doctors and lawyers," he added.

Mr. MacKay maintained that Fourth Prince was one of the most progressive agricultural districts in the Province and related how electricity had been provided to that area during the past four years through the efforts of three private individuals.

Canadian Garden Service 1951

By Gordon Lindsay Smith

FIRST JOBS OUTDOORS—As a general rule it certainly does not pay to rush the season with most gardening operations, and especially in the planting of things that don't appreciate a late frost. For the great majority of seeds started there is little to be gained and considerable risk in getting them in the ground before the soil and the air have definitely turned warm and our long Canadian winters are really over. But, of course, there are some exceptions.

Jobs that might have been done last fall, if the weather or some other reason interfered, are an example. Under this rough classification will come the planting of trees, shrubs, and most lawn work. In this category, too, will be sweet peas, which must be planted as early as possible if they are to do well. This sort of gardening can start just as soon as the last snow has gone and the soil is dry enough to dig without puddling.

SWEET PEAS—With sweet peas one should follow a planting direction closely; that is, sow in the richest possible soil and in a shallow trench. These plants must get growth before the weather turns warm. For their roots they love a good mulch of rotted leaves with some well rotted manure. On top place a few inches of soil. Later on something to climb on must be provided. Best materials for this are some of the branches of the good gardener will be pruning off his trees and shrubbery just now. Normally sweet peas will grow about three to four feet tall, but in Western Canada and some other areas where this plant really flourishes much more than this will be necessary. When bloom starts these should be removed daily in order to encourage long stems and continuous blossoming.

LAWN WORK EARLY—Grass seed is another thing that should go in while the weather is cool. High quality mixtures as put up by reputable Canadian seed houses are much the best. Good seed mixtures cost more than the other kinds because these are the only ones that contain the right proportions of various grasses for permanent results.

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Elmira-East Point	Flus Campbell - Monday
Fredericton	Les MacDowell - Thursday
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Merlin	rice Casey - Thursday
Montague	Sid MacLean - Thursday
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Individual farmers purchasing bulls will have 15% of purchase price refunded by the Association.

Groups of farmers should investigate the Provincial Government bull bonusing policy whereby 50% will be paid by the Department of Agriculture.

We wish to announce that the bull, Braedoon Greatheart recently purchased, is standing at the farm of Atholl Roberts, Southport. Breeders from distant points will be assisted on a mileage basis at a rate to be determined by the directors.

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