

TIMELY NOTES ON TOPICS CONNECTED WITH Silver Fox and Mink Farming

Commencing Tuesday of this week the Canadian Fur Auction Sales Company (Quebec) Ltd. Montreal, has been holding a public auction...

Two silver foxes will be presented to the Buffalo, N. Y. zoo this year by the American National Fur Breeders' Association...

Trading in raw furs is the oldest existing business in America. It opened the new world to civilization and was the first business undertaken in it...

Today the business of the collector is to receive furs direct from the source, from the smaller collector or rancher...

The operation of the collector in present days has been completely changed by modern high speed transportation: the automobile, the train and the airplane...

largely displaced by the farm boy, by the market owner who traps his own area during the season...

In the far north the natives depend on trapping for a living and their furs are marketed mostly through the Hudson's Bay Company...

At one time the H. B. C. controlled practically all of western Canada but a deal was made with the Dominion government which purchased their rights...

It now requires much capital investment plus good banking credit and financial risks have increased, although physical dangers have declined...

- NEWSY NOTES -

By Agricola

THE PURPLE MARTIN

When you see a picture of a real bird-house, with several apartments, standing on a fifteen-foot pole, then you know that the artist must have had the Purple Martin in mind...

The 1916 Bulletin says that the Purple Martin was common at that time. Later, a careful observer, the late Mr. Ludlow Jenkins of Marshfield, asserted that it was becoming rare in 1933...

Purple Martin. AOU 611 - Rare Summer Visitor? Male: glossy blue-black, wings and tail duller. Female and immature birds: duller parts glossy bluish-black...

Ferns As Food

There is a fern, known and detected in many lands under the name of brake, bracken or bracken. Nothing will grow beneath its shade...

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out a cover. This is said to be a treat! This group of ferns is the Osmunda of Linnaeus.

Concerning the Railway Tracks

It was long a matter for wonder that the Standard gauge of British railway tracks should be four feet, eight and one-half inches. A strange figure it doesn't fit into the table of Long Measure...

That was very satisfactory to the Commissioners, but it will be noticed that it only shifts the question back a stage and does not answer it. Meanwhile, the railway system grew wild England was covered with a network of iron rails...

About half a century later, while antiquaries were excavating a Roman camp, they discovered chariot tracks. These so-called camps were really walled towns, and the chariots, during the 400-year Roman occupation, had worn their tracks deeply into the stone sills of the town gates...

All Roman vehicles, chariots and military wagons were built to that standard gauge. The Romans worked lead and iron mines in the north of England, and coal has been found in some of the guardrooms by the side of the town gates...

The question now was, why did the Romans select that gauge? Well, the Roman army's unit of distance was the "pace", a double stride, left-right-left! And there were 1,000 paces in the Roman mile...

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To Crack Trade Tangle



A team of five Canadian Government officials flew into London for a week's attempt at breaking the log jam between British-Canadian trade. Headed by W. M. MacKenzie, above, Deputy Minister for Trade and Commerce...

and were probably safer from accidents. The hitch was that everything had to be transferred from one train to another at the junction of the gauges. Readers may remember that Hitler and Molotov once had the same trouble...

A "New" Plant

I am indebted to Mr. Harold Messervy, City Surveyor, for a specimen of an Island plant which is new to our records. It is the Great Nettle. The Urtica dioica of Linnaeus...

The botanist, Thunberg mentions that the young fronds of the bracken were made into a soup highly prized by the Japanese; and that the young shoots are used as pot-herbs in various parts of North America...

Brucecellosis (Bang's Disease) Scoury

Canadian stock owners are showing an increasing interest in the Brucecellosis-Free Listed Herd Policy, and recent figures released by officials of the Health of Animals Division show that there are 4,226 herds under supervision...

Seed Growers Continue Sessions

FREDERICTON, June 23—(CP)—Problems of Canada's seed growers were outlined to delegates of the Canadian Seed Growers Association by Dr. C. H. Goulden, Dominion cerealist, Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa.

Discussions this morning were held under the chairmanship of F. W. Townley-Smith, with J. Farquharson, R. H. Cottingham, A. Burgess, W. E. Brecken and L. B. Black taking part.

Emphasis on the importance of adopting the best methods for the production of registered seed featured the talks as the 47th annual convention moved into its second day. Dealing with the "seed bed" Mr. Farquharson stressed the importance of taking steps to avoid any infiltration on the field of the seeds of weeds and varieties that do not belong there...

Farm Briefs

Disinfection Of Aircraft

A new section dealing with the use, cleansing and disinfection of aircraft used for the transportation of animals has been added by Order-in-Council to the Animal Contagious Disease Regulations Act.

Glits And Barrows Compared

In Alberta, Production Service officials of Canada's Department of Agriculture have made preliminary comparative scores of slides from glits and barrows and the average score for females was 80 compared to 66 for males.

Germination Trouble

Seed Testing Laboratories of Canada's Department of Agriculture in Alberta, report the most difficult germination season this year on record, many cars that gave good readings on first inspection proving unsatisfactory when re-examined at a later date.

B. C. Oats For Alberta

Two carloads of commercial seed oats grown in B. C. were shipped this year to Edmonton, probably the first time that this province has made such a shipment to Alberta, according to Production Service, Canada Department of Agriculture.

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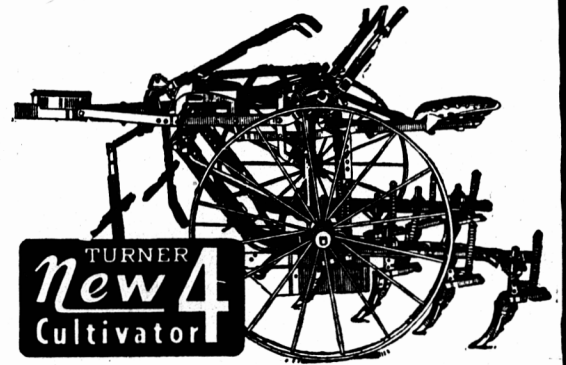
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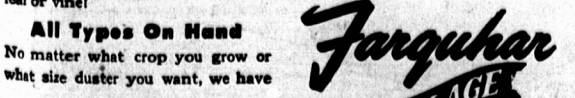


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