

TIMELY NOTES ON TOPICS CONNECTED WITH Silver Fox and Mink Farming

An exhibit showing all phases of the fur industry will be staged in connection with the Festival of Britain this year from June 1st to August 31st. Canada will have a splendid exhibit of furs at this show, many of them made up into garments. It is predicted that at least thirty millions of people will visit the exhibits in the three months they are on display.

The total number of foxes offered was 8,000 with 13,000 mink and 20,000 muskrats. Standard and color phase foxes had top prices of \$28 for platinum, \$22.50 for full silvers and \$16 for white fox. Top price paid for mink were \$32 for standard males, \$28 for standard females, \$18.25 for mixed standards, \$36.50 for mixed platinum and \$41 for pastels. The collection was of mediocre quality, shipments of better quality goods holding for the May sales.

Potato Fertilizers

OTTAWA, May 16, 1951—Fertilizer formulae studies have been conducted with the potato crop for periods ranging up to eleven years on Illustration Stations in potato growing areas of Eastern Canada. This work has been largely concentrated on the Port William and Kenora stations in Ontario, the Peribonca and Luceville stations in Quebec, the East Centreville and St. Quentin stations in New Brunswick, and the New London station in Prince Edward Island.

NEWSY NOTES

The working of the soil with implements is known as tillage. In order to secure good tilth of the topsoil, tillage operations must be associated with the right moisture condition of the soil. Best results cannot be obtained when the soil is either too wet or too dry.

Principles of Tillage The working of the soil by means of implements may have many objects. The ploughing under of manure, stubble and rubbish may be for the purpose of increasing the humus content of the soil, but in the operation the plough performs the important function of tillage.

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Petroleum Output Up In Canada OTTAWA, May 18—(CP)—Canadian production of crude petroleum increased approximately 44 per cent during February, amounting to 2,801,000 barrels against 1,946,000 in the corresponding month last year.

Pasture Investigations On Farm Stations

The need for productive pastures in the livestock areas of Eastern Canada and British Columbia needs no emphasis. Studies of fertilizer formulae and practices in relation to the improvement of permanent pastures have been conducted on Illustration Stations of the Experimental Farm Service in the Maritimes, Quebec, Ontario and British Columbia since 1923.

Destroying Weeds One of the important objects of tillage is to kill weeds, which compete with regular crops for moisture, food, sunlight and air. Weeds like other plants are most easily killed when young and tender.

The usual distinction between harrows and cultivators is that the former are used to prepare a seed bed and the latter to cultivate and kill weeds in row crops such as potatoes, roots and corn.

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At Anning, Chadwick and Kievers' sale in London, May 8th, Russian goods attracted lively American interest in sable, muskrat, white fox and squirrel. Almost all the white fox collection went to the United States at strong prices.

WASHINGTON, May 17—(AP)—An explosion followed by a flash fire on board the United States escort carrier Bairoko in Japan killed five enlisted men and injured 18 May 9, the navy reported today. The cause of the blast had not been determined.

TAIPEH, Formosa, May 16—(AP)—Chiang Kai-Shek today told the Associated Press that his Nationalist forces on Formosa, by a body punch to the mainland, can halt Chinese Communist aggression in Korea.

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SEED BED PREPARATION In preparing a seed bed for cereal crops, there are a number of different types of harrows in general use; the three main types are: the spike-tooth, the spring-tooth, and the disc. Many of these were rigid when some of us started farming; nearly all harrows today are adjustable, for depth or the angle of contact of the disc or tooth with the soil.

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