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**NEW GRAIN METER**  
**WINNIPEG — (OP) —** A new meter for determining the moisture content of grain is being manufactured here. Adapted from a model built several years ago by the Grain Research Laboratory, it is hermetically sealed and makes a test in less than 30 seconds.

**Two Blight-Resistant Varieties of Potatoes**  
 After 17 years of research and testing in seven out of ten Canadian provinces with over 90,000 different seedlings two new varieties of potatoes have proven to be highly resistant to late blight in all field tests throughout Canada and are now in process of being licensed for sale. They also possess many other valuable characteristics as to yield, earliness of maturity and cooking quality. The variety names given these seedlings are Canso and Keswick, and both are available for distribution this fall to certified seed growers in the provinces in which they were grown under contract this year, namely British Columbia, Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

**Drift Of Farm Labor To Cities Is Reported**  
 OTTAWA, Jan. 5 — (OP) — A drift of farm labor to the cities during the last year is noted in the quarterly labor-force survey of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

**TIMELY NOTES ON TOPICS CONNECTED WITH Silver Fox and Mink Farming**  
 A harbinger of better things to come is the presence here the past few days of two prominent fur buyers, Fritz Weisler of Montreal, whose headquarters is the office of W. Chester S. McLane, P.F., and Harry Rich of Moncton, Manager of the Maritime Fur Pool, Ltd., whose representative here is F. Rankin McLaine. We understand they have been offering good prices and both have expressed confidence in the ultimate return of silver fox to style preeminence.

**FESTIVAL OF BRITAIN 1951**  
 MAY 3 — SEPTEMBER 30

**PROGRAMME EXHIBITIONS**  
 LONDON (May 4—September 30)  
 South Bank Exhibition  
 Festival Pleasure Gardens, Battersea Park  
 Exhibition of Science, South Kensington  
 Exhibition of Architecture, Poplar  
 Exhibition of Books, Victoria and Albert Museum  
 GLASGOW (May 28—August 28)  
 Exhibition of Industrial Power, Kelvin Hall  
 BELFAST (June 1—August 31)  
 Ulster Farm and Factory Exhibition

**FESTIVALS OF THE ARTS**  
 There will be a Special Festival Season of the Arts during May and June in LONDON

Aberdeen	July 30—August 13
Aldeburgh	June 8-17
Bath Assembly	May 20-June 2
Belfast	May 7-June 30
Bournemouth	June 3-17
Brighton (Regency Festival)	July 16-August 25
Cambridge	July 30-August 18
Canterbury	July 18-August 10
Cheltenham (British Contemporary Music)	July 2-14
Dunfermlie	June 24-30
Edinburgh (International Festival of Music and Drama)	August 19-September 8
Inverness	June 17-30
Liverpool (Music and the Arts)	July 22-August 12
Llangollen (International Eisteddfod)	July 3-8
Llanrwst (Royal National Eisteddfod)	August 6-11
Norwich	June 18-30
Oxford	July 3-16
Perth	May 27-June 16
St. David's Cathedral (Music and Worship)	July 10-13
Stratford-on-Avon (Shakespeare Festival)	April-October
Swansea (Music)	September 16-29
Worcester (Three Choirs Festival)	September 3-7
York	June 3-17

Included in the programme are special events in:—  
**SCOTLAND**  
 Edinburgh: Gathering of the Clans and Pipe March  
 Exhibition of 18th Century Books  
 Exhibition of Scottish Architecture and Traditional Crafts  
 Glasgow: Exhibition of Contemporary Books  
**WALES**  
 Cardiff: Exhibition of Contemporary Painting  
 St. Fagan's Folk Festival  
 Dolhennau, Merioneth: Welsh Hillside Farm Scheme  
**NORTHERN IRELAND**  
 Belfast: Royal Agricultural Show, Combined Services Tattoo

**BRITAIN AT HOME TO THE WORLD**  
 Ask your Travel Agent for further details

**VOCATIONAL SCHOOL**  
**FARM MECHANICS (Night Course)**  
 If sufficient applications are received, a night class in Farm Mechanics will be organized. This course will include, among other things, tractor tune-up and minor repairs, as well as care and maintenance of farm machinery. This course will begin on January 15, 1951. Mail all applications to the Director of the Vocational School as soon as possible. Classes will be limited in number to ten students.

**VOCATIONAL SCHOOL**  
**WELDING**  
 If sufficient applications are received, a course in acetylene welding lasting approximately six weeks will be given. The course is limited to 9 students. Applications will be received on a first-come-first-served basis. Mail applications to the Director of the Vocational School. Should the course be given, applicants will be notified of the date on which it will begin.

**VOCATIONAL SCHOOL**  
**BLACKSMITHING (Night Course)**  
 There are still some vacancies in this course which is designed to give the man or boy already on the farm a knowledge of the technique of blacksmithing as well as a skill in making certain simple repairs to farm machinery. Instruction on horseshoeing will also be given. Classes in this course will resume on January 10, 1951. Those interested should send applications immediately to the director of the Vocational School.

**BLACKSMITHING (Day Course)**  
 If sufficient applications are received, a course in blacksmithing lasting from four to eight weeks will be given. This course will be primarily for men from the various farming communities who wish a knowledge of the principles of blacksmithing for use on their farms. Financial assistance will be given to those between the ages of 16 and 30 satisfactorily completing the course. Up to \$6.00 per week will be allowed. This course will begin on January 15, 1951. The course is limited to ten students. Applications will be received on a first-come-first-served basis. Mail applications to the Director of the Vocational School.

Applications for the certified seed of the Varieties Canso and Keswick must be made on prescribed forms. Orders will be accepted for a minimum quantity of ten bushels for one variety or twenty bushels for the two varieties. Applications should be addressed to the Division of Horticulture, Central Experimental Farm Ottawa, Ont. The quantity which will be available of the new varieties cannot be determined until the crop is harvested.

**Historical Notes**  
 Heavy losses from late blight in the Maritime Provinces caused the Canada Department of Agriculture to initiate in 1933 a potato breeding program at the Fredericton Experimental Station in the hope of originating varieties resistant to this disease.

Since the inception of this program, over 90,000 seedlings have been originated for late blight resistance. Although many of them have shown a high resistance to late blight under field conditions, over 95 per cent have been discarded on account of undesirable characteristics of growth, late maturity and low cooking qualities. The remainder have been tested in the areas in the various provinces where late blight is a serious problem.

Expansion of non-agricultural production, largely influenced by rising defence outlays, was given by the Bureau as the chief cause of the shift.

Meanwhile, another D.B.S. survey issued today showed industrial wages at a peak at the start of November. Average weekly earnings in the eight major industrial groups hit \$48.39 compared with \$46 a month earlier and \$43.80 a year before.

The labor force survey — covering persons over 14 available for civilian jobs — showed these totalled 5,201,000 in the week of Nov. 4, just 1,000 up from a year earlier.

Prices of furs such as squirrel, mink, marten and ermine have been climbing the past few weeks. At Little Bros. Fur Sales, Vancouver, B.C. late in December prices for marten and ermine were about 10 per cent higher than last year's openings. Top quality standard mink was \$32; top silverblue went from \$29.50 to \$31, and the best wild mink went from \$55 to \$60. The demand for all items was keen, a complete reversal of the caution that affected opening sales last month when bad news from Korea first hit. In New York the Great Lakes Mink Association offered 19-260 standard mink at the New York Auction Company sale. They were 91 per cent sold at an estimated 25 per cent above the level of the December, 1949, prices.

Ed Stanton writing in Women's Wear Daily, N.Y., states that the raw fur market, ever sensitive to economic and political changes, is currently in a bullish mood and much of this attitude is attributed to the possibility of a long-term cutoff in supply of skins from Russia and China, two of the biggest exporters to this country. Recent action by the United States in placing an embargo on shipments to China has actually established a counter-embargo on exports from that country, merchants here state. As a result prices on such items as Chinese kidskin, kolinsky, and wensel (China mink) have been rising. In fact, there has been a tendency on the part of those merchants holding Chinese goods to sell not too quickly. They feel that values will increase as the current supply diminishes.

Although the import-export status with Russia is not similar, at present, to the Chinese situation, the threat of a general war is a

	December 1950		Av.		October 1949	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Platinums						
Good & Ordinary	604	90	\$15.94	Av. 15%	511	\$13.79
Ordinary & Inf.	622	35	7.38	Av. 5%	756	6.94
Pearl Platinums	329	90	17.01	Av. 30%	343	13.20
W. Mkd. Silvers	697	87	12.06	Av. 20%	1122	10.63
1/2-% Silvers	1253	93	18.03	Av. 20%	886	14.93
Selected Fells	1068	90	17.92	Av. 12%	1616	16.06
Regular Fells	1521	85	15.08	Av. 15%	1589	13.43
Inferior Types	976	68	10.48	Av. 10%	963	10.24
Low Grades	74				222	

In addition a collection of 518 Blue fox was 70% sold.

The highest prices paid on the various types were: Standard Silvers, bright silvery colorphase \$30.50; Platinums, medium colors \$24.00; Pearl Platinums, light, \$27.50; White Mkd. Silvers, \$19.00. A few lots of fresh skins were included in this offering, but most of the catalogue was previous season's merchandise.

Mink, which sold following fox, were in strong demand, all types selling well, with prices showing a further advance over the Dec. 8th market, ranging from 5% to 25%.

Following is a summary of the mink catalogue:

33639 Standards	80% Sold Adv. 5% — 7% over Dec. 8
3511 Pastels	97% Sold Adv. 25% over Dec. 8
8172 Silverblue	100% Sold Adv. 25% over Dec. 8
1981 Breath of Spring	97% Sold No comparison
1498 Miscel types	75% Sold No comparison
1708 Low Grades	
2093 Wild Mink	90% Sold No comparison.

**Methods of testing**  
 To determine their resistance to late blight, seedlings are submitted to very severe tests. First, they are inoculated with blight spores in the greenhouse. Those surviving are tested under controlled conditions of temperature and in a humidity chamber, and then grown in the field and inter-planted with non-resistant varieties and again inoculated. Following this, seedlings not infected are distributed and tested throughout Canada, a uniform method being employed in

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all tests. The same variety of potatoes showing high resistance to late blight in one area and extreme susceptibility in another, this renders the widespread testing of seedlings and varieties very important.

The varieties Canso and Keswick originated in the National Potato Breeding program at the experimental station at Fredericton, N.B. have proven highly resistant throughout Canada while the other varieties were seriously infected and in many cases, completely destroyed. They have shown such resistance, from the standpoint of disease resistance, yielding ability and cooking quality that the Department of Agriculture has decided to name and release them to selected growers. This year, with the purpose of increasing the stock, they have been grown under contract by selected certified seed growers in the provinces of British Columbia, Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. Both varieties will be licensed for sale.

The variety name given the seedling F 391 is Canso and that given to F 431 is Keswick. These are geographical names denoting the Strait of Canso, which divides Cape Bretton Island from the mainland of Nova Scotia, and Keswick being a river in York County, New Brunswick. In this connection, it has been decided that all varieties originated and released from the national potato breeding program will be given geographical place names.

**NEW YORK, Jan. 4 — (OP) —** The Canadian dollar was down 1-16 of a cent at a discount of 4 11-16 per cent in terms of United States funds in closing foreign exchange dealings today. The pound sterling was down 1-16 of a cent at \$2.80.

**Strange Infection Hits Muskrats In Manitoba**  
 THE PAS, MAN., Jan. 5 — (OP) — The prolific muskrat, little marshland rodent whose pelt means more than \$1,000,000 to Northern Manitoba trappers annually, is sick.

Laboratory tests made on carcasses shipped to Winnipeg indicate that a virus infection still unidentified may be the slayer, blamed for reducing the Province's muskrat population by one quarter.

In the season of 1948-49, more than 1,084,000 muskrat pelts were taken at an average price of \$1.30 each. And that was a season hampered by adverse spring trapping weather in the Saskatchewan River marshes.

Game officials here blame the 1948 flooding in the area for this season's decline. Thousands of the rat houses were flooded, drowning or freezing the parents and litters in their mud and straw homes.

Warm weather rotted the bodies and the disease followed, aided by a harsh winter last season.

Food is not the answer because the natural forage of the muskrat is back this year in more abundance than last.

But in any case, Government-supervised trapping for the little animal with the long tail and thick fur is almost certain to be down sharply from last year. The Manitoba Fur Advisory Board meets this month here or at Winnipeg to set quotas.

Winnipeg laboratory workers still are investigating, as well as an unknown disease that struck the beaver population last year. But they report that beaver, along with fox, weasel and squirrel, seem unaffected by the muskrat ailment. Closely-related mice, however, are scarce.

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