

TIMELY NOTES ON TOPICS CONNECTED WITH Silver Fox And Mink Farming

Twelve colors, dozens of models comprise the 1953 Nelman-Marcus mink collection as announced in a two-thirds-page ad last week. The ad's five illustrations ranged from a stole to a full-length coat, with prices from \$2,500 for a new peloro—almost a cape in back, and just waist long in luteia, to \$6,975 for the full length coat—suggestion of fit. The belted wrap-up of almost-black ranch mink. Coat of the year—the longer box was shown in sapphire mink, very slim, \$5,500. A shorter version was slim, small, wrapped. The important miniature jacket of Royal pastel mink, \$2,975. The stole was almost straight and was wild mink to be wrapped and held close, \$3,500. The season's newest mink designs, the world's great mink collection, —N.M., the copy read. "Consistently on the upper strata of selection, good taste and great value. We, as leaders in mink, invite you to see the collection." A fur showing was announced for the following Thursday evening in the store's Zodiac restaurant:—"Our fabulous and famous minks, elegant and nutritious, however, the whole fashion picture—with some special recommendations for college girls."

Paris fashions have much to offer in the way of inspiration for future fur styling, according to Aaron Reiss, president of Reiss & Fabricio, who returned to New York last week from France. The big news in furs at the openings in Mr. Aaron's opinion, was in silhouettes and, more specifically, in new shapes with emphasis on top bulk, which he intends to adapt in his own fur collection. Mr. Reiss was especially impressed with the Dior and Balenciaga collections, which he cites as outstanding for the interpretations of easy, soft lines in a new unbelled, feminine look. Basing his feeling on what he saw at both houses, he sees as newly prophetic in furs, fashions without flared fullness and an almost straight, but graceful, profile look. Grace of movement will be supplied by eased fullness starting from the sides, he adds.

Also important is the lighter feeling in fur which Mr. Reiss noted as significant in the Dior fur collection. Here, too, he liked the flexible features of coats that give almost a stole effect when worn in wraparound fashion. These are styled with top width tapered at the hemline. Adding to top interest in mink is the double width of skins used in sleeves as compared to the width of skins used in the body of coats. More stimulating for the development of ideas in which to combine fur with fabrics are the different ways in which both Dior and Balenciaga combined the two in their collections. Interchangeable fur linings for fabric coats presented at Dior and wool scarves with fox borders featured at Balenciaga suggest new uses for fur this season, Mr. Reiss points out.

Canadian and American mink ranchers will have to take into consideration the fact that a new competitor is rapidly increasing the number of mink pelts produced—Japan. Our fur must be prepared to produce mink in quantity and with quality under the most efficient management in order to compete with the lower prices which the Japanese are prepared to accept. Here is the latest from Tokyo:—"Shipments of Japanese undressed mink in the United States in May continued a running ahead of 1952 after a slow-starting season. Exports to the United States included 66,100 mink, 6,000 squirrel and 7,000 rabbit, all undressed, and no dressed furs. Shipments in April had included 72,300 mink, 15,500 squirrel, 5,000 rabbit and 1,000 others, all undressed; and 4,500 mink and 5,000 rabbit, dressed. In May, 1952, shipments included 41,437 mink, 10,000 squirrel, 10,000 marten and 12,000 rabbit, all undressed.

Albert Leonard of the Purina Fox Company, has a very interesting article in the latest issue of National Fur News, published in Denver, Colorado, entitled, Start Now To Select Your Breeding Stock For The 1957 Kit Crop. "Not long ago a very successful rancher wanting to buy some new breeding stock to improve his blood lines, asked me where he should make his selections. His question reminded me of the question a lady once asked Horace Mann, 'When should I start training my children to become good citizens?' The famous educator's reply was 'When their grandparents are children.' It is literally true that the selection of good breeding stock has to start about two generations back. This means that the rancher should start now to select his breeders for 1956.

In a practical way this breeder should start now to select a ranch that has everything he wants in the way of color, guard fur, underfur, size, large litters, low mortality, health and figure. This should be the ranch from which he hopes to buy a number of fine males in the fall of 1955. If the stock on this ranch is distinctly related to his it is all the better. The next step should be to buy a small number of males this fall, breed them next spring to a limited number of outstanding females. The offspring from this mating of the rancher's own females and the new males he bought should be looked over very carefully in 1954. If everything looks good and no serious faults show up these males should be used a second year in a limited way and some matings should be the offspring of the first year's matings, (preferably not father-daughter matings).

males looks good in 1955 it would seem that the two blood lines are 'nicking' and the new males can be used in a bigger way next year. More males can be bought from the same ranch. If the new males come from the same families as the males purchased in 1953 it is better. The reason for all this caution is that two good blood lines are offspring that is better than either parent. This is what every breeder hopes for. The better breeders in the country are cautious in bringing new blood lines together. The breeders who have spent the most money and have made the least progress are the ones who buy a grand champion or two each year and breed them indiscriminately in their ranch. In a few years the man who uses this system—or lack of system—has a ranch with no particular character and top priced bundles and show champions seldom come from his ranch.

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Murray Harbour North and Vicinity

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Graham, New Glasgow, N.S., are spending their holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Graham's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Graham.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Irving, Spryfield, N.S., Mr. and Mrs. Edward Langille and Miss Betty King, Halifax, N.S., were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Llewellyn.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Vensit and Stewart, Picton, were recent visitors to Peters Road, guests of Mrs. Bessie Graham.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Henderson of Appleton, Ont., are spending some time in Murray Harbour North, the guests of Mrs. Annie Kennedy. Mr. Henderson was a former minister of this congregation and their many friends at Peters Road and Murray Harbour North are pleased to welcome them back.

Mr. George "Bud" Graham of Watertown, Mass., spent several days visiting in Gasperaux recently, guest of his father, Mr. Alexander Graham.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Munro, Malden, Mass., are spending some time at their summer home in Peters Road.

Mrs. Louis Ferguson, Picton, is spending a week's vacation at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Newton Hicken.

Mrs. Jack MacLeod, Cambridge, Mass., is spending her holidays at Peters Road, guest of Mrs. Bessie Graham.

Mr. and Mrs. Myron Jackson and family have taken up residence in their new home at Murray Harbour North.



A \$1,500 gold-plated trophy will be offered for the first world championship plowing match to be held in Cobourg, Ont., Oct. 8 and 9. Entries have been received from Austria, Belgium, Eire, Finland, France, Norway, Sweden, the United Kingdom, West Germany, Denmark, the United States and Canada. The trophy is a model of an 18th century plow.—(CP Photo).

NEWSY NOTES

By J. A. Clark, D.Sc.

MONTCALM BARLEY Montcalm is a six-rowed, smooth-awned barley, with high maturing qualities. It is a heavier yielding variety in the Prairie Provinces than O.A.C. 21, which it has largely replaced in recent years. In Prince Edward Island, it is not so strong in the straw as some other varieties, and, like all other six-rowed varieties, on account of its tenacious awns it is difficult to thresh clean with the machinery available here. It has the bluish tinge in colour so characteristic of O.A.C. 21, and some other sorts of Manchurian origin. It is now the most largely grown registered variety of barley in Canada.

Montcalm barley was developed by the Cereal Division of Macdonald College, Ste. Anne de Bellevue, Quebec, under the direction of Dr. Emil A. Lods, and was acclaimed as Canada's leading barley by J.R. Bell, Deputy Minister of Agriculture or Manitoba at the Canadian Barley and Oil Seeds Conference that was held in Winnipeg. He said: "Montcalm, which leads the preference list for both malting and feed varieties, has done more to check bad mixtures than any other barley, because of its adaptability to soil and climatic conditions" (in the Prairie Provinces) and "in recognition of thoughtful, persistent, brilliant service in barley breeding", he presented Dr. Lods with \$7,000.00 in cheques from the barley growers, handlers and others interested in the barley industry in Canada.

Dr. S. Sinclair of the University of Manitoba, commenting on the great increase in barley growing in western Canada, mentioned that the barley acreage in 1952 was double that of the pre-war period. Those present at the Conference felt that the use of Montcalm barley was largely responsible for this great increase. Canada last year shipped 70,000,000 bushels of barley, worth \$90,000,000.00. This was about one-third of the world's exports of barley.

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Lorne Valley and Vicinity

Miss Christine Shaw, Charlottetown, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Shaw, over the week-end of August 15.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex MacLeod and family of Moncton, N.B., are vacationing on the Island. They are renewing many old acquaintances in this vicinity.

Mr. James McCannell, Dorchester, Mass., spent the week-end of August 15, with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Reuben McCannell.

Her many friends are pleased to hear that Mrs. Alfred Crane has returned home from Prince Edward Island Hospital much improved in health.

Mr. and Mrs. Wellington MacLeod, Uigg, visited relatives and friends in Lorne Valley on August 16.

Mr. Charles MacGrath, Hyde Park, Mass., motored to the province and is spending a pleasant vacation as guest of his uncle and aunt Mr. and Mrs. C. M. MacGrath.

Mr. and Mrs. Reuben MacCannell had as visitors on Sunday, August 16, their son Neil and Mrs. McCannell and daughter, Charlottetown, their son George and Mrs. McCannell and family, Montague, their daughter Mrs. Fred Ings, Mr. Ings and family of California, son James of Dorchester, Mass., and son Grant of Toronto Ont.

A motor party consisting of Messrs. Fred Ings, Neil McCannell, D.M. McDonald and Grant McCannell left on August 17, on a two-rowed, white variety, took all the awards in Classes 703 and 709 in 1952. The Director of Field Husbandry Services for New Brunswick arranged barley exhibits for the 1952 Royal Winter Fair at Toronto and the International Hay and Grain Show at Chicago. These exhibits were all Charlottetown No. 80, and though they were harvested under unfavourable weather conditions, they won nine prizes at Chicago, and 14 prizes in their class at Toronto.

Two-rowed barleys have been consistently heavier yielders than six-rowed, in the Maritime Provinces. Their white colour and high quality may yet prove them to be superior for human food in the world barley trade. Dr. Emil A. Lods, who was honoured at the Winnipeg Barley Conference, was overseas with the Canadian Tank Corps in the First World War. He was loaned to Canadian Educational Services in 1918, and was on the headquarters staff of the Department of Agriculture of the Canadian Khaki University, 1918-1919, at London, England. He had oversight of instruction in Cereal Husbandry in the eighteen Khaki Colleges in England.

We would add our congratulations and best wishes for his continued success in his important Canadian research work.

Says Alcoholism Menace in Canada

OSHAWA, Ont. (CP)—Lawrence E. Smart, youth leader for Seventh Day Adventists in Canada, Thursday called alcoholism a "menace to the youth of Canada." Speaking at the denomination's annual summer conference of the Quebec and Ontario churches here, he called for a civic consciousness to educate youth to see the "scientific soundness of controlling alcohol like any other narcotic which menaces the morals of well-being of a community."

brief visit to Massachusetts.

Mrs. James MacLeod and son Mr. Fred MacLeod were visitors to Bonshaw on August 12, as guest of Dr. A. A. MacLeod.

Lorne Valley School re-opened after the summer vacation on Wednesday, August 12 with Mrs. Sandra MacEachern as teacher, Cardigan Head School has also re-opened with Miss Margaret Lowery teaching.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover MacKay, Strathcona, were guests of Mrs. MacKay's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James MacNeill on Monday, August 17.

Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George MacInnis on August 16, were Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Douglas and family, Head of Hillsboro, and Miss Marjorie MacInnis, Charlottetown.

Friends of Mr. Bert Leard are sorry to hear of the loss he sustained during the storm of August 15. The high wind and heavy rain caused such an over flow of water that it completely washed out the mill dam, causing great damage to the fishing boats as well.

Mr. Munro MacGrath was in Upper Montague on August 16, where he attended the funeral of the late Mr. Melville MacLeod.

Service at Lorne Valley Presbyterian Church was held at 2:30 p.m. on August 16. In the absence of the minister Rev. F. N. Young who is on vacation, Rev. J. R. MacDonald of Ontario, conducted the service and delivered an inspiring message, the theme of his sermon was "Behind Closed Doors".

Mr. and Mrs. Peter MacLeod were recent visitors to Charlottetown. They were guests of Mrs.

MacLeod's mother, Mrs. Annie MacLeod. N.S., spent the August 15 week-end with his wife and daughter who are visiting Mrs. MacLeod's brother, Mr. George A. MacDonald. Mr. Ralph Nicholson accompanied by his mother, Mrs. Angus Nicholson and sister Miss Emma Nicholson, motored to Spring Hill, N.S., on August 16, where they were guests of Mrs. Nicholson's mother, Mrs. MacFarlane. —AM

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