

**TIMELY NOTES ON FUR TOPICS**

Mink production in the United States for 1958 registered a 12 1/2 percent increase over the previous year, hitting a record high for the U.S. of 5,078,000. Also there was evidence in the report of the National Board of Fur Farm Organizations of a big increase in so-called "back door" dealers and avoidance of the auction companies.

The National Board states that the price averages for the past season had been based on the sale of 4,233,684, through the nation's four major mink auctions. This included, of course, private sales prior to or after the auctions by the auction companies.

According to the above report, and the mink production report of over 5,000,000, the above figures would indicate that approximately one fifth, or 20 percent, of the 1958 crop were sold directly off the farm. The number of mink sold in the country in 1958 exceeded the numbers sold in that fashion in 1957, when the total production was just in excess of 4 1/2 million.

**MINK TRENDS**  
Turning to the production picture for the past three seasons, the most conspicuous trends are:  
1. Pastels continue to dominate the mink picture despite a slight percentage drop in that shade's share of total production. In actual figures, 1.9 million pastels were produced, representing 37.6 per cent of the total output. Pastels should hold up well in production in the forthcoming season, it is felt.  
2. Sapphires rose conspicuously about 10 percent—to 885,000, maintaining its No. 2 position. Every indication is that ranchers will cut back on this figure in the coming season.  
3. Darks bounced back in production, but not sharply. They

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1958, the total was 70,000 for whites. Pearls more than doubled, but this was to be expected. Second year production was 196,000, compared to 91,000 the previous year. Pearls may rise again. Whites will decline, either this or the next season.

The above report, by Ed Gold, must have taken a great deal of time and effort to compile, and it will, we are sure, be read with interest by fur farmers as giving a picture of the popularity of the various types. It will mean that ranchers can cut down on types that are not favorites with ladies, and enlarge their numbers of breeding females in the types that are more popular.

**AUTHORITY**  
Ed Gold is, without doubt, the world's greatest authority on mink and his writings are familiar, not only in the United States and Canada, but also in all countries where furs are popular.

A despatch from Tokyo, Japan, states that exports of mink skins to the United States were up in August, compared with shipments in July. Exports in August consisted of 22,850 mink; shipments in July had comprised 12,200 mink. Figures for July, 1958, showed 3,166 mink shipped from Japan.

A despatch from Copenhagen, Denmark, states that a considerable increase in the export of mink skins from Denmark to the United States is predicted, according to an address given by the Danish ambassador to the U.S. before a group of businessmen in Chicago. He stated that while the mink breeding is a relatively new industry to the Danes, it has increased so much that exports to the U.S. last year totalled over \$8 million in value.

**CANADIAN-BRED**  
Canadian Mink Breeders Association, in a special bulletin to members last week from Montreal, states that with the termination of its EMBA marketing agreement it is making plans for the marketing of Canadian-bred mink as a Canadian product.

Noting that after July 1, 1961, Canadians will not be able to hold EMBA sales in Canada, Lindsay, French, of Calgary, the president, said that there is no reason for alarm or panic on the part of any Canadian mink rancher. "You

**WELLINGTON**

Friends of Mrs. Albert Ward will be pleased to know she is recovering satisfactorily after undergoing surgery at Prince County Hospital.

Mrs. Lloyd Ferguson is still a patient in Prince County Hospital; also Clarence MacCausland. Both expect to be home soon.

Mrs. Howard Barlow is able to be out following her recent illness at home.

Mr. Peter MacLaurin, Augusta Maine, was a recent visitor in Southwest; also other points of P.E.I. Mr. and Mrs. MacLaurin left for their home recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Arsenault and family of Chelsea, Mass., who have been visiting in Sum-

merside and St. Raphael have returned home.

Mrs. Flossie MacCausland was a recent visitor of relatives and friends in Massachusetts.

His many relatives and friends regret to learn of the illness of Mr. Herman Ferguson at his home in St. Raphael.

Miss Florence Arsenault, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donat M. Arsenault, who recently visited relatives in Boston and Chelsea for two weeks has returned to her home here.

Mrs. Malvina Gaudet, Chelsea, Mass., accompanied by her two

nieces, Peggy and Donna, have returned to their homes after visiting Abel Arsenault and Donat M. Arsenault, St. Raphael.

Miss Aldine Wedge, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sylvère Wedge is continuing her studies in the convent at Magdeleine Islands.

Mrs. John G. Gallant recently visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Toussaint Gallant.

Misses Andre Richard and Omer Poirier who are employed in Ontario, recently visited their homes here.

Mr. and Mrs. Rene Wedge, St. John, N.B., spent a few days at

the home of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Wedge.

Mr. and Mrs. Sylvère Wedge arrived home from a two weeks vacation in St. John, Montreal and Ontario; also Boston.

Mr. Expedit Gallant has accepted a position as mail courier for Wellington, Route No. 2 and began his duties October 1.

The monthly meeting of the Canadian Legion Ladies Auxiliary was held in the Legion Home recently with an attendance of eight members. Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted. A brief business period took place

and a report was read on the executive meeting held in Charlottetown. Meeting then adjourned and lunch was served by the ladies.

Friends of Mr. Leo MacNally of Richmond regret to learn he is a patient in P.C. Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Gillis of Ipswich, Mass., recently visited Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wedge. Also a visitor of Mr. and Mrs. Wedge was John F. Arsenault of Urbanville.

Mr. Wilfred Buhme, Toronto, recently visited relatives in St. Gilbert and St. Philips.

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**IN OUR COMING WEEKEND MAGAZINE**

**Do-It-Yourself Mountaineers**

Six intrepid mountaineers this year assaulted 19,850 foot Mount Logan, the highest peak in Canada. Our Weekend Magazine tells about their exciting adventures in a three-part series, beginning this week.

**Undeliverable Mail**

It's a headache to the Post Office, but undeliverable parcels and letters provide a value-filled annual auction for the public. Weekend's story captures some of the atmosphere of this fun-packed bargain fest.

**French Can Be Fun**

Educators are becoming convinced that French language classes in English schools should start in the first or second grade. Weekend's article tells about the Tan-Gau method of teaching languages, which is now being used successfully in Oakville, Ontario.

**Red Cross Traveller**

Pretty Anneli Korvenkari found that the Canadian countryside is much like that of her native Finland. She was a delegate to the recent Junior Red Cross International Study Centre in Toronto. Meet this vivacious young tourist in the coming issue of our Weekend Magazine.

**It's Not Their Fault**

Canadian athletes should not be blamed for Canada's poor international record, says U.S. Athletic Director Vic Obeck. In Weekend's regular sports feature he puts the blame where he feels it should be, and suggests some possible solutions to the problem.

**Gals Play the Market**

Another stronghold of the man's world falls to the ladies as female stock investment clubs increase in popularity in Canada. The ladies make the clubs pay too, and show keen business sense. Read the details in the coming issue of our Weekend Magazine.

**Embassy Couple Wed**

The most colorful wedding ever seen in Ottawa took place recently when two Indonesian embassy employees were married in the traditional Javanese way. Weekend's story, with photos by Malak, shows some of the highlights of the ancient ceremony.

**The Carpenter Priest**

"Building is my life's work," says Father Philip Ruh. He came to the Canadian West in 1914 and since then he has helped to build 30 Ukrainian Catholic churches. Weekend introduces this hard-working priest in a photostory this week.

**Rock 'n' Roll Soldier**

Elvis Presley, the king of rock and roll says he needed to "prove myself a good soldier" and his commanding officers proudly claim that he has done just that. Fans will be interested in our Weekend Magazine's story about "the new Elvis" and his future.

**Sarge Drills Civies**

Retired Regimental Sergeant-Major Ronald Brittain is once again making nervous recruits jump at his command. "Tibby" isn't drilling young soldiers though; he's helping tired businessmen who want to keep fit. Don't miss Weekend's photographs of the "Old Sarge's" new rookies.

Your best reading value is your week-end newspaper!

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