

TIMELY NOTES ON FUR FARMING

Employees in Montreal's fur dressing and dyeing industry made a claim on employers for reduction in the work week from 45 to 40 hours without any pay loss and a 20 per cent wage boost. Nine plants employing about 700 workers in the Montreal area are involved. The contracts expire December 1st. The Union also asks for improvements in the hospitalization and vacation plan and also additional paid holidays.

A large and varied collection of mink valued at over \$1,000,000 is being offered at Morton's "Million in Mink" sale at Boston, Mass., advertised savings of from 20 to 50 per cent. Morton Godleman, vice-president of the specialty store, said the promotion has attracted more customer interest and buying activity than last year when the large-scale mink event was held for the first time. Items ranged from \$395 stoles to \$6,500 coats. The greatest concentration of sales unit-wise is said to be in stoles and cape jackets priced from \$1,000 to \$2,000. Intensive advertising is being used to promote this sale.

Fur industry gross insolvency losses in the United States for ten months of 1955 are running at about \$600,000 under the losses for the same period of 1954. The American Fur Merchants Association last week reported that total losses for the January-October, 1955, period were \$3,045,424 as compared with \$3,649,327 for the ten months of 1954. The above figures will give our readers a good idea of the enormous amount of furs that are sold in the United States when the industry can absorb losses of such proportions.

SCANDINAVIAN MINK
United States Fur Exchange says the chances are that Scandinavian mink will enter the United States in the coming season in greater quantities than ever before. Last year it is estimated at least 90 per cent of Scandinavian mink production was imported by the United States. In actual numbers the figures were probably well over 60,000 skins.

Women's Wear Daily of Wednesday, Nov. 9, is showing three popular fur capes and jackets. Natural white is the leading type for formal wear, natural mutation blue fox and black-dyed fox are popular for day. Also noted of late is the large-scale mink event. Among more interesting styles worn during luncheon and shopping hours: (1) three-tined piece of black-dyed fox with big satin bow worn as a shoulder warmer over matching wool sheath. (2) New length cape with vertical skins grown on or a slight curve for clean contact with blouse in neck area. It is contrasted with a soft brown dress. (3) Waist length jacket with skins in vertical arrangements including crooped sleeves. Seen in natural mutation blue fox and worn over navy dress.

NEW YORK TRADE
Fur traders in New York look for mutation mink to open up 15 per cent higher than last year's initial price levels, or very firm as compared to current market. United Fur Brokers forecasts opening levels 15 to 20 per cent higher than last December for pastels, sapphires and other fine mutations. Silverblues are expected to open up 25 per cent higher, standard mink unchanged, according to United Wild mink are expected to open up 10 to 20 per cent under last year's initial levels, with northern section wild mink 10 per cent under a year ago and central and southern section pelts 10 per cent under last year, according to United.

First report from the country indicates that collectors are paying \$21 and \$11 for Wisconsin wild mink, which is about 20 per cent less than the \$24 and \$14 paid a year ago. On muskrats, United comments: "Since there is a fairly large carryover of muskrats, it is expected that opening prices will be the same to 10 per cent less than the low starting prices of last November." An early shipment of Wisconsin muskrats is reportedly being quoted here at \$1.30 for an XL, L and good medium assortment, and at 75 cents for ordinary mediums and smalls. Last year comparable, but slightly lesser quality, assortments were quoted at \$1.25 and 70 cents.

Strong demand and firm prices are forecast for the new auction season starting Dec. 3 in Montreal. Wild mink, on the other hand, is expected to open at lower levels. View of price resistance during the latter half of this year. These views are given by Arthur Frenchie, manager, Canadian Fur Auction Sales Co. (Quebec), Ltd., in special letter to fur shippers. Prediction for beaver is that European demand for better quality and color types is to continue with prices about the same as last season's opening levels. Other furs, should open strong, as demand has picked up recently, it is

Not Guilty Of Murdering Wife

VERNON, B. C. (CP) — George Kramer, 26-year-old fruit grower, was acquitted of murder Thursday in the killing of his wife Barbara Ruth Kramer here Sept. 6. Testimony at the trial said Mrs. Kramer died after her husband put his arm around her neck as they lay in bed. The jury deliberated 90 minutes. "If a person, through an act which is lawful, causes death by accident and without negligence he is guilty of no crime," said Mr. Justice Harold McInnis in his charge to the jury. Causing one's wife was a lawful act, the judge said. Doctors testifying at the four-day supreme court trial said they were unable to determine what stopped Mrs. Kramer's heart action. A statement submitted as evidence by RCMP investigators quoted Kramer as admitting he strangled his wife as they lay in bed at their Summerland, B. C., home.

Marjorie Pound) a daughter, weight 5 lbs., 12 ozs. **HOENIGS** — In Geneva, Switzerland, Nov. 8, 1955, to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph E. Reynolds, (nee Louise MacLeod, formerly of Kinross a daughter, Jacqueline Francoise. **KING** — At the Kings County Hospital on Nov. 13, to Mr. and Mrs. Donald King, Georgetown, a daughter, weight 8 lbs., 11 ozs. **DAWSON** — At the Moncton Hospital, Nov. 8, 1955, to Mr. and Mrs. James P. Dawson, (nee Kristine Huestis), a son, Reginald Stephen. **RANKIN** — At the P. E. Island Hospital, Nov. 17, 1955, to Mr. and Mrs. Norman W. Rankin (nee Annie Gill) Bethel, a son, Donald William. **CALLAGHAN** — At the Prince County Hospital on Nov. 13, 1955, to Mr. and Mrs. Desmond Callaghan, Kinross, a daughter, Patricia Lee, weight 9 lbs., 3 ozs.

MARRIAGES
TAYLOR-BERTRAM — At the Hunter River United Church on Oct. 22, 1955, by Rev. C.R. Moore, B.A. B.D., Elizabeth Joyce Bertram, B.A. B.D., P. E. I. to Pte. Frederick Blaine Taylor of Granville, P. E. I. **DOCKENDORFF-MACKAY** — At St. Andrews United Church, Sydney, N.S. on Nov. 4th, 1955, by Rev. S. G. MacQueen, Gordon Warren Dockendorff, Dundas, and Joyce Elaine Mackay, Sydney, N.S. **HOWATT-WEEKS** — At the Frederick Christian Church on Saturday, Nov. 5, 1955, by the Rev. Bryer R. Jones, B.D., Eleanor Ruby Weeks, Fredericton, P. E. I., to John Josiah Howatt, New Westminister, P. E. I. **MACDUGALL-FRIZZELL** — At the home of Mrs. Roland Buchanan New Haven, on November 12, 1955 by the Rev. Donald Nicholson, Velma Joan Frizzell, New Haven, P. E. I. to John Malcolm MacDonald, Springhill, Nova Scotia.

DEATHS
CONDON — Suddenly as a result of a heart attack in Port Arthur, Ont., Ralph T. Condon, 39, formerly of Charlottetown. **MARTIN** — Suddenly at 176 Sydney St., Charlottetown on Monday, Nov. 14, 1955, John Philip Martin. **STORDY** — At her home in Brookvale, Lot 30, on Nov. 14, 1955, Mrs. John Stordy, aged 86 years. **GALLANT** — At his late residence 426 North Market St., Summerside, on Friday, Nov. 11, 1955, Joseph Walter Gallant, aged 44. **PATON** — At his home in Rollo Bay on Nov. 15, 1955, Andrew Paton in his 71st year. **HENDERSON** — At Peter Bent Brigham Hospital, Boston, Mass., on Tuesday, Nov. 15, 1955, James Frederick Henderson formerly of Charlottetown in his 60th year. **COADY** — At Arlington, Mass., on Tuesday, Nov. 15, 1955, Mrs. William Coady, Sr., formerly of North Wiltshire. **FRASER** — At Springfield, Mass., Nov. 16, 1955, Broderick Fraser

NEWSY NOTES

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EARLY CRICKET GAMES.

The origin of cricket, like most of the games that are played with a ball, is lost in obscurity. There is some evidence that "Club-ball" that was played in England in the 14th century, may have been the parent of cricket. The game of "Cat and dog" mentioned in the 16th century, and "Stoll ball" referred to in the 17th century, probably evolved into the earlier forms of cricket.

The newspapers in those days did not record games or other sports, so that it was not until March, 1700, that a notice was found of a two-day cricket match that was to be played on Clapham Common, as follows: "These are to inform gentlemen, or others who delight in cricket playing, that a match of cricket: of ten gentlemen on each side, will be played for 10 pounds a head each game (five being designated) and 20 pounds the odd one."

John Nyren is describing the glories of the Hambledon Club in their match against All England in 1772 wrote: "There was a high feasting held on Broad-Hallpenny during the solemnity of one of our grand matches. Oh! it was a heart-stirring sight to witness the multitude forming a complete and dense circle round that noble green. Half the county would be present, and all their hearts with us - Little Hambledon pitted against All England, was a proud thought for the Hampshire men. Defeat was glory in such a struggle - Victory indeed made us a little lower than the angels... whenever a Hambledon man made a good hit worth four or five runs, you would hear the deep murmurs of the whole multitude baying away in pure Hampshire 'Go hard - Go hard - Tick and turn'... but I cannot call to remembrance an instance of the stopping a ball that had been hit out among them by one of our opponents. Like true English men, they would give an enemy fair play."

Unfortunately betting rose to fantastic sums in the South of England so that at one match, with side bets among players and spectators, totalled 20,000 pounds. The game became the chief medium for national gambling and was in great danger of ruin. Book-makers attended the matches and called odds as the fortunes of the sides fluctuated; this led to bribery and cheating. During this period, Miss Milford, an ardent supporter of the game wrote: "I anticipated great pleasure from so grand an exhibition. What a mistake! There they were - a set of ugly old men, white haired and bald headed (for half of Lord's were engaged in the game, players and gentlemen). Mr. Ward and Lord Frederick, the veterans of the green, dressed in light white jackets, with neckcloth primly tied around their throats, fine janned shoes, silk stockings and gloves, instead of our fine village lads

with their unbuttoned collars, their loose waistcoats and the large shirt sleeves which give an air so picturesque to their glowing bounding youthfulness, there they stood, railed in by themselves, silent, solemn, slow playing for money, making a business of the thing, grave as judges, taciturn as chess players, a sort of dance without music, instead of the glee, the fun, the shouts, the laughter, the glorious confusion of the country game, but everything is spoilt when money puts its stupid nose in - so be it always when men make the noble game of cricket an affair of betting and hedgings and maybe cheatings!" This mania of making money out of cricket led to free fights, fatal accidents and lawsuits that lasted until purged early in the Victorian era.

A legal document in the 'Hullford Records states that: "John Derrick a gentl" sworn on oath in 1565, "being fifty and nyne yeeres or thereabouts... that hee being a scholar... that hee schoole of Guleford, hee and diverse of his fellowes did runne and play there at Creckett and other plaies..."

This indicates that cricket had been played during the reign of Queen Elizabeth I. The cricket formed a complete and dense circle round that noble green. Half the county would be present, and all their hearts with us - Little Hambledon pitted against All England, was a proud thought for the Hampshire men. Defeat was glory in such a struggle - Victory indeed made us a little lower than the angels... whenever a Hambledon man made a good hit worth four or five runs, you would hear the deep murmurs of the whole multitude baying away in pure Hampshire 'Go hard - Go hard - Tick and turn'... but I cannot call to remembrance an instance of the stopping a ball that had been hit out among them by one of our opponents. Like true English men, they would give an enemy fair play."

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Santa Listed As Tradesman

TORONTO (CP)—No need to fit the next time a little hand clutches your sleeve and a small voice asks: "Is there really a Santa Claus?" The National Employment Service says yes. Not only does it confirm Santa's existence, but it declares his position as a recognized tradesman. He's unskilled. After years of gnawing doubt in the minds of children and nimble verbal side-stepping by parents, it turns out that the service has had Santa number and classified in its list and occupational titles for a long time. In 1909, when we were removing a Hawthorn hedge that extended from where the present round poultry house stands at the Experimental Station west to the railroad, we learned that the level area below the hill was the former cricket field that had been used for many years by the cricketers of Charlottetown.

OTTAWA (CP)—Canadian workers earned \$8,338,000,000 in their first eight months of this year, the bureau of statistics reported Thursday. This compared with \$7,838,000,000 for the corresponding period of 1954 and represented an increase of about three per cent per worker.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND FEDERATION OF AGRICULTURE COUNTY ANNUAL MEETINGS

PRINCE — SUMMERSIDE, BAPTIST HALL WEDNESDAY, NOV. 23 AT 8 P.M.
QUEENS — CHARLOTTETOWN, LEGION HALL FRIDAY, NOV. 25 AT 8 P.M.
KINGS — MONTAGUE, HIGH SCHOOL TUESDAY, NOV. 29 AT 8 P.M.

The programmes of these meetings include the showing of slides by Archie S. Johnstone on Old Country Scenes, and a panel discussion on Potato and Turnip Marketing, chaired by W. R. Shaw with D. A. MacDonald, E. D. Reid and Roland MacDonald.

Invitations have been extended to Premier Matheson, Hon. Mr. Cullen and Officers of the Potato Board.

Federation members and all school district chairmen and secretaries are urged to attend.

These meetings are the place to discuss farm problems—have your resolutions prepared and plan to attend.

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A genuinely fat Santa might disqualify himself. The determining factor in selecting the man is whether he fits the Santa suit. Any deficit can be padded. **TOUGH WORK** Of the 4,800 or so men the service places in jobs in Toronto each year, about three are Santas. Most companies and groups take Santa from their own ranks.

It's not always easy to find one. The pay is low. The position is seasonal and temporary. It's also tough. There have been no calls for Santa this year. There are some applications. As far as service officials are concerned "Santa Claus is just another man looking for a job." But don't tell the kids that.



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Spare Ribs, 4 lbs. 59c

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