

FOR FARMER, STOCKBREEDERS and GARDENERS

TIMELY NOTES ON TOPICS CONNECTED WITH Silver Fox Farming

Jim Donald of the Hudson's Bay Company, Winnipeg, was a visitor here this week. He is attached to the naval volunteer reserve and is training on H.M.S. vessel Venture...

States and Canada owe a debt of gratitude to Women's Wear for the consistent manner in which they have featured silver fox over a number of years...

For quite a while interest seemed to shift from silver fox to mink, but lately the mink boom has taken a bit of an amuse because it was found very difficult, even in the highest class stores...

While mink prices have declined, the humble muskrat has advanced a bit. Muskrat, as you know, does not make fox and is used in a variety of ways that turn out very attractive fur garments...

However, the Russians do grow some very fine furs as you will note that ermine brought \$1.90 for good grades, while the top price for ermine at the New York auction on practically the same date was \$1.80...

Muskrat was the highlight at the Seattle Fur Exchange sale July 13th. A collection of 60,000 and 80% skins that would have fetched 7% over last month's price. Selected lots of fresh northwestern brought from \$1.00 to \$1.10...

A collection of 2,000 red fox was 80% sold, prices ranging from \$5 to \$10. Light muskrat blue fox brought \$80 early and rubbed \$10 to \$14. Northwestern ranches one and two brought \$20 to \$30...

Women's Wear, which is probably the most authoritative journal in its line in the United States, in a write-up Monday, July 17th, says: "Buyers who overlook silver fox trimmed coats because they are featured in popular price collections are making a mistake..."

On the contrary, good prices on silver fox this season are going to make it possible for a smart buyer to do a wonderful job on them. There will be more real values in the market on these silver fox than for years...

The breeders of the United States are showing in "values" affecting its high style standing. This is in fact an early market opinion that since silver fox is so advantageously priced this season...

Don't forget that the hot weather of the fall will be very short. Don't neglect disinfecting, waten out for earmites and fleas. An ounce of prevention will be worth a pound of cure...

CATERPILLAR PLAGUE IN MANITOBA The Pas, Man., July 21 (AP)—An army of caterpillars is eating its way over the Lake Athabasca region, 40 miles north of The Pas. It was learned here today, stripping trees and foliage and leaving large areas devoid of green vegetation...

NEWSY NOTES

WHAT IS IT THAT

A correspondent, who gives me a hint that he desires to remain incognito, has seen a bird which he supposes to be either a bittern or a heron. The books he has consulted do not help him to decide the question...

An Hundred-fold. A few years ago I was growing the yellow-eyed bird of the exclusion of other varieties, for winter "baking". By chance I purchased a little rarer variety, which proved to be more tender and more quickly cooked than the yellow-eyed variety...

The Rock Garden. The little rockery was commenced as an attempt to control this "weed" in the snowbanks melted in Spring. Part about half was completed and planted last year, and the rest this Spring...

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Odds and Ends

A personal note. My philosophy of life has been, consistently, to be an observer of, and not a participant in, the social events of the day; and, doubtless, reflections on these events will have a value to coming generations!

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Weekly Livestock Market Report

Ottawa, July 13. Summary

Cattle markets to the south province too attractive this week, but nevertheless the Toronto trade succeeded in marking an advance of 10 cents to 15 cents on steers and bulls. The week's market in the West, however, prevailing hot weather and the consequent restricted movement of heavy and medium weight steers...

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U. K. Market Unchanged

A fair attendance of buyers were on hand for the sale of 161 Canadian steers ex S. S. Sulara at Glasgow on July 13. Prices averaged 20 pounds 1/2 per head or roughly about 91 2 cents per pound live weight. Also included in this shipment were 112 dairy cows which sold at an average of 225 per head...

Veal Calves Steady to Firmer Veal buying served to strengthen the veal market at Toronto and Montreal to former selling choice veal at \$8.25 to \$8.75, and the latter at \$7.50 to \$8.00...

Lamb Prices Lower Lambs sold generally at \$11 with some at \$11.25 for good ewes and weathers at Toronto out closed down 50 cents at \$10.50. Montreal had a range of \$9 to \$9.50 for good lambs...

Cattle Markets Toronto sold 4,536 cattle, 10 cents to 15 cents on steers and bulls, and steady on other slaughter cattle. Exporters took 265 good choice weighty steers for overseas...

Hog Markets The Dominion hog run was 54,606 compared with 40,154 in the same week last year. Totals to date this year 1,887,420, last year 1,749,313...

Sheep and Lamb Markets Toronto lambs generally steady at \$11 and some \$11.25, but owing at \$10.50. Bucks discounted 1 per cent. Medium lambs \$10 to \$10.50. Sheep \$2 to \$4. Montreal paid \$9 to \$9.50 for good lambs and \$2 to \$4 for sheep...

Overseas Cattle Markets To date this year... Beef cattle 378 Dairy cattle 1,241 Last year Beef cattle 22,433 Last year Dairy cattle 358

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A BUILDER OF AERIAL TUNNELS

(By Howard Barnes in Conservation) In the Pine Barrens of New Jersey we were strolling along one of those delightful old roads which touch the level of the surrounding country by generations of horse-drawn rigs, when we noticed a grayish tube, about a quarter an inch in diameter, extending from the shoulder of the low cutbank at the edge of the road to the twigs of a dwarf huckleberry, a height of approximately three inches. To the suggestion a limp silk stocking hung from a line. The gray color we found, was imparted by the coating of the tube was elastic and frail, suggesting a limp silk stocking hung from a line. The gray color we found, was imparted by the coating of the tube was elastic and frail, suggesting a limp silk stocking hung from a line...

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Good Roads Convention

MONTRÉAL, July 21—The wide range of important subjects of current interest to road authorities, discussed at the twenty-fifth annual convention of the Canadian Good Roads Association at Québec, in which the aerial tunnel was attached, and that there were two tubes leading to the ground. In making discoveries, it is advisable to tread lightly. Inquiry among entomologists, our new acquaintances, was not among the first things we had never stumbled upon a rather un-

Highway structures such as bridges forming an integral part of the roadway, under-passes and over-passes for grade separation at highway intersections, will be one of the main subjects discussed. Data will be given which will indicate the point where it is justifiable in the interests of safety, economy and rapidity of circulation to install such passes in preference to traffic circles or signalized intersections. Lectures on bituminous and concrete pavements, the location and design of rights of way, provision for divided highways and, practically all the details to be ascertained that which will best serve the general public interest.

The lack of uniformity in road signs, signals and pavement markings is one of the problems that the tourist meets with as he rapidly travels from one part of the country to another. Highway signs will be a part of the program to be discussed in the discussion of this subject. They have been appointed a special committee by the Association to formulate and recommend to the provinces and the Dominion provinces which it is hoped will be brought into inter-provincial and international use.

Proper soil stabilization and frost heave prevention, winter maintenance, and ice control, are other subjects that are included in a comprehensive program of information on these subjects sought by provincial highway departments. The convention is to be held at the Chateau Frontenac, Québec, on September 12, 13 and 14. As this famous hotel in the capital of Old Québec can be reached by rail, road and air without any difficulty, the attendance of delegates is expected to set a new record for the silver jubilee gathering of members of the Canadian Good Road Association.

common and probably little-known insect in adult form it is a cream, brown and bronze moth about an inch long, known as Pteromalus nebulifer. An account of it is given in Entomological News for January 1905 by Erich Dacke of Philadelphia. Mr. Dacke kept Pteromalus captive and observed some of his ways. Among other things he records that the caterpillar never showed itself; that the tube or hose was always built around a leaf before the leaf was eaten; that the tube was extended at the rate of between one and two inches per day; and—perhaps most striking—that when food was exhausted on one bush the caterpillar did not see where he was going. The account does not explain how the sand gets on the outside of the tube. Our experience was on June 23. Mr. Dacke's specimen emerged as a moth on June 26.

Imagine a farmer, desiring to pick apples, doing so by constructing a canvas chute from his house to the orchard, then extending the contraction from one tree to another, creeping back through the tube to the cellar of his home with his apples, never altering a pin or a screw in his anatomy to his neighbors or to passersby. That would be roughly the human counterpart of what Pteromalus does while in the caterpillar stage. Which makes me wonder sometimes if the entomologists, after all, do not pursue the most fascinating of all callings.

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CROP REPORT

WINNIPEG, Man., July 21—Hot dry weather is reported from practically all districts in the western grain growing area during the past week. In Southern and Central Saskatchewan rain is needed to prevent crop deterioration and some points in Manitoba also report that the recent hot weather will tend to reduce the yield of field barley cutting has commenced on the Portage-Brandon division and it is expected that wheat cutting will start towards the end of this month. Grasshoppers are numerous particularly in southern districts but no extensive damage is reported so far. Producers are pointing to bumper crop although hot dry weather has also prevailed very little damage of any kind is apparent according to the weekly crop reports of the Department of Agriculture Canadian National Railways.

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