

TIMELY NOTES ON TOPICS CONNECTED WITH Silver Fox and Mink Farming

Last week President Truman signed a proclamation in Washington, D.C. which will exclude more than \$6,000,000 worth of the annual amount of Russian fur imports to the United States and halt all imports of seven types of furs and fur products from Russia.

Many have come from that country and its of race and family have been strong. This blow will be felt very much more, we believe, than is realized at this time.

Now the question is what is the Hon. Mr. Abbott, Minister of Finance, going to do? We have not noticed anywhere where Canada is banning, or thinking of banning, Russian furs.

We notice where there has been considerable losses in mink ranches throughout Canada. As far as we know there has only been one ranch in this Province that has been severely and the cause has not been established as yet.

Cleanliness of utensils is also important. It is very little credit to a rancher to have a good turnout of foxes or mink and then lose them through the critical months of July, August and early September.

There is this to remember also that these furs, representing many millions of dollars, would when manufactured and placed on sale probably retail for treble the amount of other goods as raw furs and they are to that extent displacing other furs such as silver fox, red fox, etc. that will be no doubt utilized to a greater extent and will certainly be more beautiful and acceptable to the public.

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NEWSY NOTES

By J. A. Clark, D.S.

The unfavorable weather in May and June 1951 delayed the seeding of many of the cereal crops. The growing season has been favorable and there are prospects of excellent crops of wheat, oats and barley.

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Harvesting Of Oats Many farmers cut their oats at a much earlier stage than they cut either wheat or barley so that the straw will be of more value to their stock when fed.

Harvesting Factors Three factors of a general nature should be considered in harvesting grain. First, variety characteristics — a variety that is known to shatter or shell out its grain readily in heavy wind, if ripe, should be cut much earlier than other varieties which do not shatter.

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Junior Farmers and Junior Club News

The Riverside Calf Club of Alma and Montrose were recent hosts to the Sherbrooke Calf Club at a picnic held at Montrose River, July 14.

The Sherbrooke Club visited the Tignish Co-Operative during the afternoon before returning to Montrose. The evening was spent in games and everyone had a fine time.

The Busy Bee Club of Head of Hillsboro and vicinity raised \$18.60 by selling ice cream and fudge at a public meeting held in Douglas' Warehouse, Douglas Station, on Thursday, August 9.

On Tuesday, August 7, the Selkirk Ayrshire Calf Club held their regular study meeting in Armadale School. Morris Deacon, Fieldman, was present and gave them instructions on showmen and discussed other aspects of club work.

The Bedeque Freetown Junior Farmers' held a weiner roast at Pearson Shore, Chelton, on Tuesday evening, August 7.

The Clermont Grain Club attended the Illustration Station Field Day at William E. Johnstone's, Long River, on Wednesday afternoon, August 8.

The "Abiteau" Calf Club of Tryon recently held a successful

Ice Cream Social, at which, besides ice cream, bananas and cake were also sold. The Club realized \$9.75 profit on the evening's social and just have \$2.26 more to make up for their prize money at their Achievement Day.

The Prince Edward Island Junior Farmer Clubs have a fine reputation in public speaking at the Maritime Winter Fair. Since this aspect of the Rural Youth Program was inaugurated a few years ago, the island representatives have done very well.

Donald Lord has been appointed Secretary-Treasurer and is to replace Mrs. Vernon K. Lord.

The Sherbrooke Club invited the Riverside Club to Sherbrooke for a picnic and dance on August 1. Due to inclement weather, the picnic was not held but the evening was enjoyed by dancing.

National Film Board Films were shown by Morris Deacon, Fieldman. There was a large attendance of over a hundred people.

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As a first year club, the President, Mike MacKinnon and Secretary, Gerald MacInnis do an excellent job of officiating at the meetings.

Judging classes were recently held at the homes of Jim Donald, Montrose and Blanche Colwill, Northam.

Ruth Wright Searletown and Miss Katherine Harris placed second and third.

The responsibility of choosing the representatives of each Maritime province is left with the Departments of Agriculture of each province. Because of this fact the P. E. I. Department of Agriculture holds each year a Public Speaking Competition which this year is being thrown open to all youth under 26 who are members of rural clubs.

The deadline for entries is August 15 and consequently, entries should now be coming in. Any one thinking of entering this competition should make immediate enquiries of the Department of Agriculture. Who knows what latent talents you may have. You may be an excellent speaker. The art of public speaking is very important to everyone. Your ideas may be excellent and valuable but still worthless unless well expressed. This art will not develop unless put to use.

CHURCHILL PLANS TRIP

LONDON, Aug. 10 — (Reuters)—Conservative leader Winston Churchill will leave England Aug. 16, for a private visit to Anney, France, it was announced yesterday. He will work on the new volume of his war memoirs while there.

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