

TIMELY NOTES ON TOPICS CONNECTED WITH Silver Fox and Mink Farming

Toronto furriers spurred on by one of the best beginnings to any season in retail fur history are displaying interesting new treatments in fur, trim and color.

Board of Fur Farmers, Willard B. Sheldon, chairman of the statistical department, gave a report on the numbers and production of furs in the United States from which these are extracts.

A feeling that long-haired furs are on the way in, is also evidenced in skunk coats by Schipper-Frederick Co., manufacturers.

However, during the 1948-49 season the tide turned. Prices for mink pelts were off sharply and while 796 new mink ranches started during the 1948-49 season, there were 1,084 pelted out for a net loss of 288 mink ranches.

Dramatic pillow muffs, some four or five skins in width, and made of blue or platinum fur are the accessory features at B. Wollman & Bros., New York.

The 1949 production of mink was under the 1948 figure but not as small as some people had prophesied. There were some 1,876 g states but these were largely offset by increases in other states and by better production on some ranches where disease had taken a big toll in 1948.

The Hudson's Bay Company, Montreal, will hold a special sale on Friday, October 27th. They will offer 8,000 silver fox and mutations, 1,000 blue fox and 8,000 white fox.

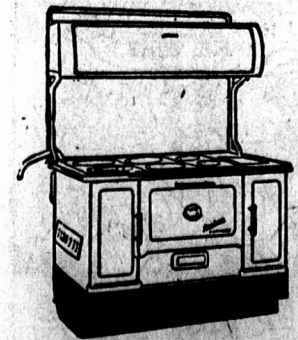
I have been asked questions as to the imports of fox and mink pelts and I can answer that there have been very few imports of silver fox pelts but there has been a very large increase in the import of mink. During the calendar year of 1948 the imports of dark mink pelts amounted to 638,530, while in 1949 there were 1,200,286 dark mink pelts imported into the United States.

Canadian Fur Auction Sales Company (Quebec) Ltd., announces a two-day sale in Montreal, October 23-24. In addition to beaver muskrat, white fox, squirrel and other such furs they will make an offering of silver fox and mutations.

Re the above importation we may say that one reason why there are so many imports of mink into the United States is that there is no duty on any other furs entering the United States with the exception of silver fox and its mutations. This is an increase of 86% in imports in one year and this does not include the 465,195 oriental mink imported in 1949.

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On Way To Historic Meeting



President Truman and Gen. MacArthur are shown as they rode from the airstrip on tiny Wake Island in the Pacific to the small building where they held their recent historic conference. The meeting lasted two hours, after which President Truman left for Washington and the General returned to his urgent business in Tokyo.

W.C.T.U. NOTES

WHY NOT GAMBLE?

What is gambling? Gambling is an agreement whereby the transfer of something of value is made dependent on chance. Some lose what the few win. In the case of the Irish Sweepstakes hundreds of thousands have to lose that a few may win.

Why is gambling called a commercially unsound practice? There are three reasons that justify a man accepting money from another: (1) for services rendered or money earned; (2) for goods received or value exchanged; (3) as an expression of kindness or appreciation. Under which heading should we place the money which changes hands in gambling? Is it passed on as a gift or for value received.

How do Canadian Hospitals receive money from the sweepstakes?

gand this movement to have Hospital Sweepstakes? The Canadian Hospital Council, representing thirteen Hospital Associations in Canada, is opposed to sweepstakes method of financing hospitals.

Do not Service Clubs in Canada finance many charities by gambling schemes.

They have in war years, but this is becoming increasingly rare. In Ottawa, September 20, 1946, the National Advisory Council of the Service Clubs in Canada, representing Rotary, Gyro, Lions, Kiwanis, Optimists, Progress, Zonta Kinmen, and Soroptimist Clubs, passed a unanimous resolution: "It is the considered opinion of the National Advisory Council of the Service Clubs in Canada that the holding of lotteries and raffles—a wide developed practice in the war years—has proven exceedingly attractive from a financial point of view, but has become a promotion not in the ultimate interest of any group or groups in our communities, tending to encourage a false sense of values on the part of the public."

Why is horse race betting condemned?

Horse race betting is condemned because much crookedness has been connected with such betting; also this form of betting tends to become a degenerate habit. A certain enterprising shoe store in a certain city, and as she opened her handbag she said to the clerk: "I've been playing every day for the last three weeks, and you can't fool me: I know my horses." She then ordered new shoes for two small children and in payment handed to the surprised storekeeper a slip of paper which read: "The bearer of this note is entitled to two pairs of children's shoes at \$2 a pair." Signed, Public Relief Headquarters.

What is the danger of the gambling impulse that is so general today?

The chief aim of any gambling scheme is to stimulate in the minds of the public the hope of getting something for nothing. All forms of gambling have a great attraction to those who most need money, as a short cut to increased possessions. Unfortunately, most of those who lose are people who can least afford to lose.

What is really wrong about gambling?

Canon Green says: Gambling is, 1. a sin against God; 2. a sin against self; 3. a sin against society.

Gambling is a sin against God, because God is a God of law. The law of Luck is the very antithesis of the law of God, and subordinates purpose and order to blind chance.

Gambling is a sin against self, because the unhealthy excitement of gambling is destructive of character; he not only loses the old homestead, but his manhood. "Buckaroo" lost his whole inheritance of \$20,000 in a single night, but won his soul through years of earnest labor to support his family.

Gambling is a sin against our neighbour, and against society. This true story will illustrate the truth of such a statement. A grocer in Virginia had customers, who ran weekly and monthly accounts. Usually his credit losses were large, but a "Numbers" game sprang up in his community and it threatened to drive him out of business. Purchases fell off and it was almost impossible to collect accounts. In desperation he went to police headquarters and they took action. A few commercial gamblers were at the head of this strange "Numbers" game, and they cleared out of the community. Soon his business was running smoothly again.

What shall we do about this evil of gambling? Gambling is one of our greatest perils as a nation, and it is spreading like a contagious disease. We may not ourselves be on the way to become gambling addicts, but are we going to use our influence against it? The stand against gambling is not a popular one. In little social groups where gambling is countenanced will you raise your voice against this great social evil in our midst?

They are slaves who fear to speak for the fallen and the weak; They are slaves who will not choose hatred, suffering and abuse. Rather than in silence shrink from the truth that needs must be thought; They are slaves who dare not be in the right with two or three.

Regarded control is difficult because the light pollen may be carried great distances by the wind.

NEWSY NOTES

By Agricola

THE PARULA WARBLER

The northern Parula Warbler was observed by ornithologist Dwight when on the island in the summer of 1892, and that is the last record of the Parula that I have been able to find. It is mentioned as fairly common in the New Brunswick list of 1928 and there is no reason to suppose that it is less common now.

As the Warblers are entirely insectivorous, they contribute greatly to the prosperity of Canada's woodlands. They keep down the various species of moths and beetles which infest and injure the trees.

It is said that the Northern Parula is more brightly colored than the typical Parula, Aou 648. Northern Parula Warbler, Aou 648-a. Summer resident — 1916 list. No later particulars. Male plumage: upper parts blue, a yellow tinge on the back not very conspicuous; wing with two white wing-bars; outer tail feathers with a white patch near the end; throat and breast yellow, more or less marked rufous, a rich brown or blackish mark across the breast; belly white. Female similar but with throat and back patches indistinct or absent. Length of adult 4.5 inches.

NATURE NOTES

The poet William Cowper, whose life alternated between periods of gay humor and deep melancholia, was in his lighter mood greatly taken up with his animal friends. Eight pairs of pigeons were accustomed to sit on his garden wall daily, waiting for him to feed them. His kitten he calls "the drollest creature that ever wore a cat's skin." His devoted spaniel, Beau, inspired his poem, "The dog and the Water-Lily." But his three horses, "Puss, Tiny and Beau" provided him amusement and study in his moods of convalescence. He gave them the run of the house too a rather venturesome proceeding. More than this, he studied their characters and put the results on paper. "Puss" was, in the language of today, an "easy-going" cat, and happy in human society than when shut up with his natural companions. "Was" "Tiny" an introvert? "The kindest treatment had not the least effect: he was however very entertaining in his way... even his surliness was a matter of mirth." Beau was "a hare of great humor and drollery."

Up to a certain point the present writer has some sympathy with Cowper's feelings for birds and animals. In by-gone days, when I was better able to travel, I have seen some very rough treatment handed out to farm animals. Very few of them are unresponsive to kindness, and these were very probably ill-treated in their formative days.

All domestic animals and birds like to be spoken to in a friendly way, I mean — and have various modes of expressing their appreciation. In this matter dogs and cats stand first. Cats interest me much as hares interested William Cowper.

To begin with, cats have the edge on us in the matter of the weather: their behavior often lets me know when a storm or gale is coming. I hesitate to believe, however, as some do, that their presence extends to things hidden from mere men.

Though not demonstrative, cats have considerable affection for those who treat them well. Our oldest cat — we have four — puts in part of her time on the lounge and if I sit down to read, she purrs gently all the while. When I go to get the mail, I say "Are you coming?" and she tags along like a dog. Her grandson, "Tiger" has grown to be a rather big cat. He early learned to climb up the door knob, which he rattled till we let him in. He did this before 5 o'clock one morning last spring, and rattled so hard that we thought it was some neighbor in trouble and seeking help! We were up early that morning!

Turning to other matters, it is noteworthy that the creek (or brook) ceased to flow July 20th, ran for a day (Aug. 2) then failed again by Aug. 4. It showed a little flow again on Aug. 20, but next day it was dry again and so remained till the day I write, Oct. 7. Last year it did not run from Sept. 4th to 14th. These dry spells are becoming more frequent, but I never knew one to last so long. At the same time I read that central Australia, long known as a dry, desert-like region, is

now green with grass, and is used as a great pasture.

We know that great changes of climate have been produced by the slow secular tipping of the earth's axis. Now man himself is introducing other factors which as yet do not seem to have been evaluated. Rivers have been dammed and great expanses of water produced, in place of dry land; irrigation schemes have turned deserts into fertile regions; and more, that subtle fluid, electricity, free in nature for untold ages, has been pinioned and put to work as never before. Think you that these things can take place without changing climate and weather?

A good neighbor has sent in a beetle which I identify as the Silpha Americana, one of the Carrion Beetles. I have a previous record of the Silpha, and also of Silphas surinamensis, inequalis, novboracensis, which do not appear to have popular names. They all merit the title of carrion beetles because they lay their eggs on the carcasses of small animals like mice, etc., and when the eggs hatch the emerging grubs eat the carrion. I have a previous record of the Silpha, and also of Silphas surinamensis, inequalis, novboracensis, which do not appear to have popular names. They all merit the title of carrion beetles because they lay their eggs on the carcasses of small animals like mice, etc., and when the eggs hatch the emerging grubs eat the carrion.

I was glad to receive a "new" plant, that is, new to the Island Flora from Mr. G. A. Leard, of Souris, P.E.I. This is the Angelica lucida of Linnaeus, now known as Coelopleurum lucidum of Fernald. Seeing that it has no popular name we may call it the "Shining Angelica" and thus honor the great botanist. Its locality is given as Norris Pond.

Another enclosure is a well-prepared specimen of Sorbaria sibirica, commonly known as "Faise Spiraea." The leaves resemble those of the Mountain Ash (or Rowan Tree). The flower is a fluffy panicle resembling that of a Spiraea. I have sent this cultivated as a garden plant locally and therefore did not include it in our "New Flora." Mr. G. A. Leard, 1950, says it sometimes escapes from cultivation. It is Asiatic in origin.

There is no affection in using the Latin name of a plant; it is the only way to make sure one is understood. Popular names can be very misleading. When a Scot talks of a "Bluebell" he means a species of Campanula. The Virginian calls the Mertensia his Bluebell, and the Englishman has his Scilla — too — a kind of wild Scilla. On the other hand the Briton talks of the Cornflower, the Canadian calls it the Bachelor's Button, and the Frenchman (of France) says "Bleuet," but they all mean the Centaurea cyanus. Now you see why the scientific name is of such value, and why it should not lightly be changed.

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