

TIMELY NOTES ON TOPICS CONNECTED WITH Silver Fox and Mink Farming

Dr. L.J. O'Reilly, Wausau, Wisconsin, who has been president of the American National Fur Breeders Association and a leader in the fur farming industry, has announced that he will retire from active management of the organization he has so ably led for nearly thirty years.

In 1927 he established orderly marketing and in 1946 founded the American National Co-operative Fur Auction so that ranchers might have their own co-operative marketing organization.

In his final address to the Association he sounded a note of caution on the possibility of over-production of mink. The crop of 2,850,000 mink in the United States this past season together with imports of 1,660,000 skins, will be consumed quite readily due to excellent economic conditions, but he warned that the price level must go higher if the ranchers are to be protected.

Raw fur production in Canada exclusive of Newfoundland, was valued at \$23,250,000 for the 1949-50 season. Ranch raised pelts accounted for about 34% of the total. Ontario with a value of pelts of \$6,200,000 maintained its lead among the provinces as a producer of furs.

NEWSY NOTES

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HAYMAKING

The record of haymaking activities of the past week is known as a very ancient practice and developed from very crude beginnings. It is probable that when man domesticated animals and took them with him on journeys or excursions to better himself, he took grass or other forage plants, to feed them when crossing barren areas.

Man, however, cannot claim the idea of making and storing hay. There is strong evidence that the cony or pika, a rodent of the rabbit family, now common in Colorado, cut, cured and stacked grasses and other forage plants, before man had any use for hay.

Under favorable weather conditions it is better to cut only a limited acreage ahead of the curing operations. It is also well to cure as much of the hay in coil as possible until weather conditions improve.

Mink ranchers of Springdale, Newfoundland, report the best fur farming season they have experienced with kits numbering about 1,000 which breeders estimate will bring them about \$20,000 after pelting time.

ture of paraffin and rosin. It is well to put an eyelid in each corner and attach about two feet of soft galvanized No. 9 wire to each eyelid. In placing the cap on the coil, the wires are shoved into the hay to prevent the cap from being blown off by the wind.

Curling Hay

The principles of hay making are similar for all hay crops. (1) The green forage must be dried to contain from 10 to 18 per cent of moisture. The average moisture content of green timothy is about 80 per cent, while green alfalfa generally has over 75 per cent of moisture.

(2) The fermentation that takes place in the early stages of the curing process is produced by enzymes, which usually develop a desirable aroma. When hay is cut it should be dried quickly to prevent oxidation of its valuable sugar content by these enzymes, which act quickly in moist heat, but cease their activity when hay is dried out.

(3) A third feature that occurs in curing hay is the loss of green chlorophyll by bright sunlight. This undesirable bleaching is greatly increased when the hay, in swath, is wet with dew or rain. If these conditions continue for days the hay is injured so that it is of little value. It will lose not only its color and leaves but almost all of its water soluble nutrients.

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Teachers Attend Garden Party

LONDON, July 20 — (CP) — Twenty-two high school teachers from New Brunswick, here on a tour of Britain, Friday attended a garden party at Buckingham Palace.

About 100 other Canadians also went to the palace for the second and last garden party of the season. Guests also came from overseas members of the Commonwealth, Britain and the United States.

Foreign Vehicles Entering Canada On The Increase

OTTAWA, July 20 — (CP) — Foreign vehicles entering Canada on traveller's vehicle permits rose 23 per cent to a high of 292,264 during June, compared with 237,867 in the corresponding month a year ago.

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Appointment Of Food And Drug Inspector Officially Announced

OTTAWA, July 20 — Arthur A. Cantwell, Charlottetown, has been appointed food and drug inspector for Prince Edward Island, the minister of National Health and Welfare, Hon. Paul Martin, announced here today.

Under the federal Food and Drugs Act certain standards of purity for food and of purity and strength for drugs have been set up, the minister explained, and it is the responsibility of local inspectors to see that these standards are maintained.

Mr. Cantwell was born and received most of his education in Charlottetown. He graduated in biology from Acadia University, Wolfville, N.S., in 1949 and spent several months with the Ontario Department of Health before joining the federal food and drug directorate.

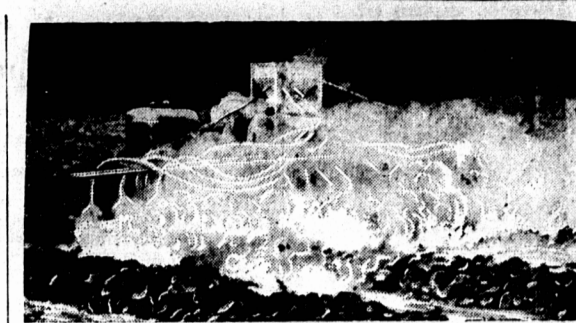
Mr. Cantwell succeeds J.C. Sullivan who has been transferred to the Ottawa office of the food and drug inspection services.

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NOTICE TO CATTLE EXHIBITORS

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Ontario Farmers Suffer Losses Ontario farmers counted their losses at several million dollars from a series of electrical storms which swept across Ontario Wednesday night and Thursday morning.

Says Donkey Meat Is Being Sold

LONDON, July 20 — (AP) — on the menu in some British restaurants it says "escalope of veal". But it's donkey meat, Maj. Guy Lloyd Conservative member for Renfrew, told a startled House of Commons today.

"In view of the fact that the amount of donkey meat being sold at the present time is exceptional," Lloyd said. "In view of the fact that most people who order escalope of veal are getting donkey meat, will the Secretary give an assurance that the Government is taking the matter very seriously?"