

NEWSY NOTES

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TRIP TO LAKELAND

The morning of February 4th hour late, this was made up and at Charlottetown was clear and cool, there was no snow on the streets or pavement.

Sight Seeing

On our journey we saw one American flag at Westerly on the border between Rhode Island and Connecticut; then two flying in Bridgeport, and then only a glimpse of two more in New York City.

Fellow Travellers

In the seat across the aisle from us there were two ladies who had been to their aged mother's funeral at Antigonish, one was from Boston and the other from New Bedford, Mass.

Visiting by Telephone

The stops at Moncton, Saint John and Boston were sufficiently long for us to contact by telephone our friends at each place and exchange family news.

The Weather

The morning was fine when we started, then snow began to fall as we left Cape Tormentine, N. B.

The South Eastern States

We had travelled at night through half of New Brunswick and most of Maine and from Baltimore, Md., to Savannah, Ga. From there there were many fine stands of southern pine; some had been sacrificed for turpentine and other pine products.

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Women's Institute Meetings

SPRING VALLEY W. I.

Mrs. Chas. McLellan was hostess to the members of the Spring Valley W. I. for their February meeting. The meeting opened with the ode and creed in unison.

ALBANY VILLAGE W. I.

The regular monthly meeting of the Albany Village Jubilee Women's Institute was held on Friday, February 6th at the home of Mrs. E. V. McLeod.

RED POINT W. I.

On February 3rd the Red Point Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. Russell Garrett with the president, Mrs. Charles Ching, presiding.

HIGHFIELD W. I.

Mrs. Ralph Gay was hostess to the Highfield Women's Institute for the February meeting. The meeting opened with the ode and creed in unison.

SOUTH GRANVILLE W. I.

The February meeting of South Granville W. I. was held on Thursday, February 5th at the home of the Misses Keir.

MEADOW BANK W. I.

On February 2nd the members of Meadow Bank W. I. were entertained at the home of Mrs. Ivan and Elmer Clow.

STANHOPE W. I.

Mrs. Bruce Ellis was hostess when the members of the Stanhope Women's Institute met at her home on February 3rd.

MAYFIELD W. I.

The February meeting of the Mayfield Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Edly Cole.

ALEXANDRA W. I.

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The Creed in unison, and 15 members and one visitor answered roll call. Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

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TIMELY NOTES ON TOPICS CONNECTED WITH Silver Fox and Mink Farming



The latest issue of the Black Fox Magazine, New York, features an article by Frank Gohler entitled, "How to Select Mink Breeding Stock."

My 35 years breeding mink, going to show, marketing of the pelts meeting young breeders from coast to coast, both in the U. S. and Canada.

Eleven years later the National show of the U. S. was at Virginia, Minnesota, I had two Sweepstakes mink at this show, one of which I figured to be the most valuable I ever owned as he was the beginning of my learning to judge mink fur and quality.

My contacts with the auction companies in New York, working with the best graders in our associations of mink breeders for over 30 years, conversations with these men, some who have worked in the grading of wild mink for 50 years, will tell you that they still have much to learn.

One of the hardest descriptions to make is by word of mouth and in plain words the finest qualities to look for in the selection of breeders taking the dark mink first, stressing symmetry and type — one that is wide between the eyes, no sharp pointed nose, wide head, large bright eyes, full thick large neck combined with heavy bone, short tail with a glistening gloss and sheen, and full rounded body combined with the correct flow of fur.

Articles needed for the school were obtained by the school committee, and treats for the sick were taken by the sick committee. Bills were paid to the amount of \$3.56 and cards sold to the amount of \$5.25.

The March meeting will be at Mr. Delbert Raynor's with Mrs. Robert Moore, Mrs. Robert Williams and Mrs. S. Moore on the lunch committee. Roll call is to be answered by something for an auction. The same committees will act as last month for school, sick and program.

All colors of mutations and dark mink should be a sharp color, distinct, with a clear sheen both top and bottom, not a touch of bar on guard fur or under fur. Many breeders are good enough to select their own breeding stock. These facts are on the increase and I think one of the main reasons why mink are at the top of the fur world today and the most popular fur is because we have given the trade what it wants and demands in fur. By selection and cross breeding new mink has given a lively

Breath of Spring type one should look for the soft, even texture, sharp and clear, free of the ticking or white hairs running through the guard fur. Select a mink with the least white on the belly. These are generally in the same class with the Stewarts at many of our shows and they must compete with a more solid under fur color of the Stewarts both at shows and on the market. In some cases, it has proved the Breath of Spring gets beat by a Stewart and it will bring more money than the Stewart on the market. It is possible by selection to narrow the white stripe.

Sapphires — a delicate color in great demand the past few years. Color should be the major quality in selecting for breeders. No one will be able to get by with this mink but the finest color. Naturally, a brownish off-color does not show up in Pastels as it would in Sapphires. So to keep this mink in demand, I think your associations should pass strict laws to have herds of Sapphires culled desperately for off color and allow no culls to be marketed. This would be the finest work any association could do if it is done in time.

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The rose-breasted grosbeak is one of the most beautiful birds and best songsters in Eastern Canada. Of more than 75,000,000 people in the Dominion of Pakistan, about 85 per cent are Moslems.