

# TIMELY NOTES ON FUR FARMING

The first sponsored mink sales by Canada Mink Breeders for the coming season have been set for the week of December 5th in Montreal, 5th and 6th in Winnipeg and December 7th and 8th in Vancouver. The Canadian line-up for CMB and EMBA sponsored sales for December is as follows: Hudson's Bay Company, Montreal, December 5th and 6th; Canadian Fur Auction Sales Co. (Que.) Ltd., Montreal, December 7th and 8th; Dominion Fur Auction Sales, Ltd., Winnipeg, December 7th and 8th; Western Canadian Raw Fur Auction Sales, Ltd., Vancouver, December 8th and 22nd. Norman W. Shields, CMB executive secretary, is to make a trip through Canada's eastern provinces after attending a meeting of the executive committee in Ottawa, October 26th. He plans to talk to breeder groups, ranchers and some service clubs on the work that Canada Mink Breeders is doing. CMB also assisted Nova Scotia Mink Breeders Association present a fur fashion show at Amherst, N.S. Winter Fair.

**MINK PRODUCTION**  
Ted Close has a feature article in the October Black Fox Magazine and Modern Mink Breeder entitled: How To Increase Mink Production. These are extracts from it: "The feedings of pure vitamin B-12 and vitamin E in the form of wheat germ oil over a long period of time has proved beyond any doubt that these vitamins are the means of increasing mink production. The over all results have been so outstanding that it will be more than economical to use small amounts of the vitamins in the daily rations. The feeding of vitamin B-12 was started on February 1, 1954 on one of the largest ranches in the east. It has been conducted intelligently and with suitable controls so there is ample proof through a period of 21 months that vitamin B-12 in itself, with a good wholesome diet, will definitely increase production.

"Not only were mink involved, but other fur bearing animals as well, particularly Silver, Blue and White foxes. Since the feeding of vitamin B-12 was not started until February, 1954, it was felt that no concrete results would be proved in the spring of 1954 as far as increased production might be concerned. This was because of the comparatively short time before the breeding, gestation, whelping and nursing periods. However, the results obtained were so superior during the experimental feeding period of vitamin B-12 that it warranted the daily feeding to all the mink and other fur bearers. Enough was learned so there was nothing to lose and much might be gained.

"The feeding of vitamin E in the form of wheat germ oil played a part in the experimental feeding until October 10, 1954. Beginning on this date it was fed to all mink daily. Even so, the comparative over all results between 1954 and 1955 are nothing short of spectacular. The average per female in the Sapphire group in 1954 was better than previous years and this type of mink does not ordinarily produce well even under the best of conditions.

"All the young minks grew better and faster in 1955 than in 1954 and were larger than in any previous year. They were also larger on the average even before their eyes were open. It is apparent that nursing mothers derive much benefit from vitamin B-12 which is passed on to the young during the nursing period.

## W.C.T.U. NOTES

The war against alcohol has been won, so far as the scientific findings are concerned. The chemist defines it as a hazard. The biologist defines it as a hazard. The sociologist calls it a hazard. The economist calls it a deceiver. The embryologist calls it a menace. The criminologist calls it an accessory after the fact in crime. If alcohol had to go into any honest court and defend its case on the basis of its own character, it would lose on every charge.

If we had never before seen a drunken man we would stand in horror at the sight. Except for the fact that the man in alcohol is an ancient one, buttressed by many social precedents, it would be banished by special legislative enactment before tomorrow's sun could rise.

There is, however, a further fact of supreme importance to every person who is debating the question of his first drink. No person now living can tell any person whether or not he will be taken the alcoholic after he has taken the first drink. This means that every drinker is a potential alcoholic, for there is no scientist who can guarantee to any person that, once he has taken his first drink, he will never become an alcoholic. The only guaranteed formula for security against alcoholism is total abstinence.

No mother in her right mind would deliberately expose her son to the danger of tubercular infection nor would she endanger her daughter by knowingly infecting her with malaria. But any mother who serves intoxicants on the dinner table for her young people exposing them to the dangers of alcoholism.

There is a cause to which the church of God must give major attention during the next decade. The influences which are attempting to persuade our boys and girls to drink alcohol are powerful, popular and well financed. They are able to stifle honest, conceal facts and push opposition. There is no other force from which the nation can be helped, except the church. The split and the Church is the only hope.

(Dr. Roy L. Smith)



## PLEASANT FUNCTION AT OTTAWA

Premier A. W. Matheson yesterday was in receipt of the picture from Mayor Charlotte Whitton of Ottawa. It is autographed "To Mr. Matheson - Mayor Charlotte Whitton".

## DOWN BACK STRETCH

Frederick in the free for all trot 2:15.2, which is a pretty nice new record for him. Joe drove two outside horses, Aaron Watts and Ensign Lady and they both won. Mr. Camp shipped some brood mares and colts to Harrisburg and Joe and he are leaving for there next Saturday. I suppose there will be some people from the Island there."

Our friend James L. Read from Truro writes: "On my way to Sackville, N.B. last week I called at Parrsboro and had a real talk with Jerry Gillespie and it is always a pleasure to talk with him. Enclosed is an old write up re the racing mare Jennie Hall which Jerry gave me." The clipping is dated Sept. 20, 1919. Jennie Hall, a bay mare owned by P.A. Belliveau of Moncton, was found with a broken leg in her stall at the St. Stephen fair grounds on Saturday and had to be chloroformed. In the 2:30 class in the opening day of the fair when she seemed to have the race won, then Jennie Hall suddenly went lame and it is now believed that at the time she cracked or fractured her leg. She had to be drawn from the race and since then has been unable to walk.

"This accident is the climax of a chapter of accidents which have followed Frank Boutlier, the well known Halifax horseman, through out the season and is the second serious accident that has befallen his horses at the local track this year. At the mid-summer meeting here Jenny Tregantle 2:22.4, trotting mare owned by Don F. Fraser of New Glasgow, threw out a stifle and had to be retired from the race as a result. Driver Boutlier has arrived here with Brace 2:15.4, the only member of his string that is left for the Fredericton track fall races which commence on Tuesday, but he expects John A. Hal 2:03.4, Moncton free-for-all, to race in the free for all.

Following are the results of the races at Sackville Downs last Wednesday night: AA Pace-Bon-

niemite (MacDonald) 1, Jet Master (L. Walker) 2, Time, 2:13 2/5. Winning owner Roche and MacGregor, New Waterford. BB Pace-Barceña Hanover (Creamer) 1-1, Jean B. Lee (Kennedy) 2-2, Just Rita (Cruikshank) 3-4, Just Barbara (Smith) 5-3. Time, 2:15, 2:15 4/5. Winning owner Miss Lorraine Halliday, Calais, Me. A Pace-Henrie Strong (Rogers) 1-5, My Darling (O'Meara) 8-1, Volon (Harrison) 2-2. Time, 2:17, 2:15 1/5. Henrie Strong is owned by Douglas Rogers Kentville and My Darling by Senator G.H. Barbour, Charlottetown. Race 4, B. Trot-Hi Pat Jr. (MacLeod) 1, Jimmy Flood (Cruikshank) 2, time 2:20. Winning owner, Ed Haley, Antigonish. Race 5, B. Pace-Ableway (Harrison) 1, Brenda Grafton (MacLeod) 2, Dr. Brodie (Connors) 4. Time, 2:15. Winning owner Miss Lorraine Halliday, Calais, Me. Race 8-CC Pace-Reed's Cardinal (J. MacDonald) 1, Inkus Truax (Lewis) 2. Time, 2:19. Winning owner Lloyd McAulay, Sydney.

An old time and popular harness horseman, Frank "Buster" Murphy, passed away at Halifax at week end. He was one of the most enthusiastic followers of the sport and knew horses back to the high wheel era and could tell high wheel tales of the races he had witnessed. He was the owner of the famous trotter Silk Girl that held the Halifax track trotting record of 2:08 1/2 and also set up a new track trotting record at Charlottetown August 21, 1936 with the following summary: Harvest Melody (MacKinnon) 2-1-1, Silk Girl (Boutlier) 1-4-3, five other starters. Time, 2:09.4, 2:10.2, 2:11.5.

Thanks for the above clipping and we would like to add that on July 20 of the following year at

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# THE WEEK AT S.D.U.

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body, the second general meeting of the year, this Monday. At this meeting, all the various delegates that have been recently returned from their respective diplomatic missions will be called upon to give an account of that stewardship entrusted to them by the student body. We are looking forward to some very interesting reports to supplement those unofficial ones that have already been circulated among certain elements of the student body.

The executive of the Students' Union, incidentally, has voted unanimously to support the A.A.A. in their round-robin hockey series with an additional grant of \$500 to be taken from the reserve fund should the present budget of the A.A.A. prove to be inadequate in meeting the expenses involved in the series. This means that the Saints will definitely be on the ice against the other Maritime colleges this coming season. In an effort to help meet these expenses as well as the others that will be incurred during the unfolding of the remainder of the athletic tabloid, the A.A.A. is sponsoring a dance this coming Tuesday, November 8, at the Rollaway Club. The Saints will be there: why don't you join us and show us that you are supporting this valuable part of the training that Saint Dunstan's is giving the Island boys?

**TECH TODAY**  
Those intricate meshes that constitute the college grapevine have finally been disentangled enough to ascertain that the Saints Rugby squad will meet the engineers from Nova Scotia Tech today on their own field; they did not tangle with them last Saturday as was predicted, but ventured over to Wolfville instead and handed the Axemen their first defeat in four starts with a score of 5-4. The engineers will now have their opportunity to avenge themselves of the defeat that was presented to them two weeks ago here on the campus field. We all feel quite certain that the mane of the red

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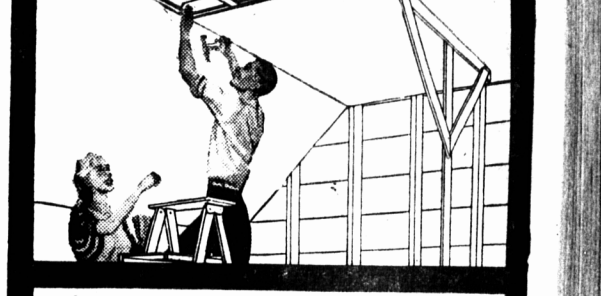
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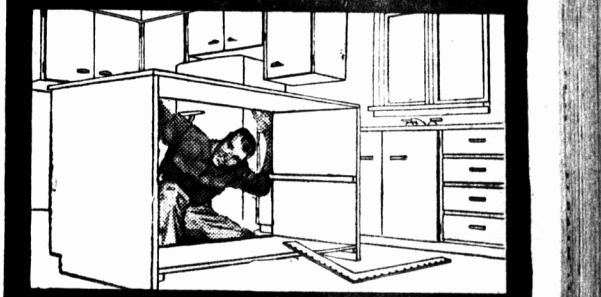
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So, until next week, greetings from Saint Dunstan's.

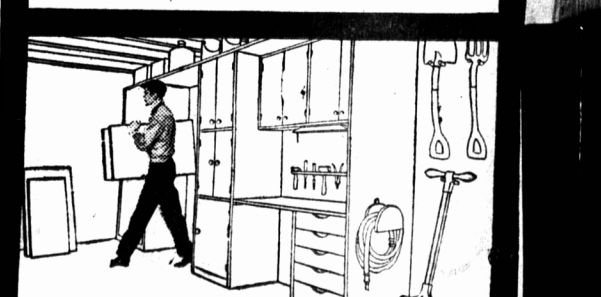
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