

Island Station Has Key Role

SUMMERSIDE — Although a festive note will rule at RCAF Station Summerside on Wednesday as Air Force Day is observed, the ordinary concern of the station is with highly serious business, the defence of Canada.

It is so serious that construction activities due to cost a total of upwards of \$12 million are under way, to strengthen the functioning of the station as the Operational Training Unit of the Maritime Air Command of the RCAF.

Headquarters of Maritime Air Command is in Halifax. It is responsible for directing the activities of the R.C.A.F. in the field of anti-submarine warfare.

DANGERS INCREASE

The development of a large Russian submarine fleet and the threat of subs capable of launching guided missiles have stimulated intensive training in this work.

Canadian air and sea forces must be prepared to protect coastal towns and cities from missiles launched out of the ocean depths. In addition, they are also responsible for keeping the shipping lanes free from enemy attack.

Increased operational and training activity together with the use of more powerful sub-killers is the RCAF's answer to the submarine threat.

The introduction of new aircraft with greater detection and attacking capabilities provides Canada with an anti-submarine force designed to locate and destroy the enemy before he can inflict damage on vital shore-based installations or sea lane convoys.

RESCUE FUNCTIONS

Aircraft of MAC patrol the waters off both East and West coasts. Planes stationed at Greenwood, N.S., operate over Atlantic waters. RCAF Station Comox, B.C., is the home of aircraft which participate in exercises in the Pacific, anywhere between Alaska and Mexico.

Aircraft for Maritime squadrons are trained at 2 (Maritimes) Operational Training Unit, at the Island Station of the RCAF, at Summerside, P.E.I. Here they learn the basic principles, procedures and tactics employed in the complex Maritimes operations.

In addition to its vital anti-submarine operations, MAC plays an important role in search and rescue work. Units at Torbay, Newfoundland, and Greenwood, assisted when needed by

Summerside, function in the Atlantic phase of this activity.

SUMMERSIDE ROLE

At Summerside, the aircrew for MAC squadrons undergo their training for Neptune aircraft. The crews reporting in at Summerside have been through an intensive nine month flying training program in Western Canada, and are ready for a 16 week course at Summerside on Maritime operation procedures and tactics, as well as a concurrent program of operational flying.

While the operational training unit at Summerside devotes its energies to training purposes, it has an operation capability which could be utilized in an emergency.

During their course at the OTU, students attend the joint Maritime Warfare School, Halifax, to study further tactics and strategy employed in anti-submarine warfare.

Tactical problems are demonstrated by the use of model ships, submarines and planes to make the work of destroying submarines and protecting convoys more realistic.

HUGE AREA SERVED

From the operations room at Halifax, the position of aircraft on patrol or operational exercises off the east coast may be ascertained at a glance. During combined operations of the RCAF and RCN, the operations room is staffed with an integrated

staff of air and naval officers.

Seriously ill seamen, lost hunters, survivors of missing aircraft — all have been rescued by MAC search and rescue units from Greenwood, Summerside and Torbay. Answering alerts on over due aircraft, evacuating seriously ill persons, or searching for missing aircraft, boats, fishermen, hunters and children, these units work within the framework of an approximately 200,000-square-mile territory including the Atlantic Provinces, Labrador, part of Quebec, the southern part of Baffin Island, and the Atlantic to 30 degrees west.

HUGE PROGRAM

Gigantic construction programs to provide facilities for the Argus are now under way at both Summerside and Greenwood. A total

of \$16,211,000 has been approved for construction expenditures on these two stations within the next two years, during which new hangars will be constructed and runways extended. Subsequent programs of expansion are now in the process of being approved.

The retirement of Air Commodore Martin Costello, OBE, CD, as air officer commanding of MAC and his succession by Air Commodore W.I. Clements, OBE, on 11 July, 1958, marked the end of one important era in MAC operations and the beginning of another.

Air Commodore Costello had directed MAC through its use of

Lancasters and Neptunes to the advent of the Argus.

Air Commodore Clements assumed his duties at a time when crews were being converted from the Neptune to the Argus at Greenwood. Air Commodore Clements is also deputy commander Atlantic, Read Admiral Hugh F. Pullen.

ENORMOUS RANGE

The Argus has just completed its initial year in service in Maritime Air Command. With its combat range of over 4,000 miles, it can cover those deep ocean areas which were out of reach of air cover during most of World War Two.



AS AIR FORCE DAY and Dominion Day are observed together at RCAF Station Summerside on Wednesday, one of the most exciting features will be the 25-minute display by the RCAF's "Golden Hawks" precision aerobatic team, pictured in action above. This precision-perfect team of fighter pilots flies gold Sabres in close formation while presenting some of the most thrilling parts of the demonstration. The lower pic-

ture shows the briefing of the "Golden Hawks" as Squadron Leader Fern Villeneuve, Ottawa, leader of the group, uses sign language to describe an aerobatic manoeuvre. Team members, left to right, are: Flight Lieutenant Jim McCombe, Fred-erickson, N.B.; Flying Officer Ed Rozdeba, Bienfait, Sask.; F.L. Ralph Amis, McAdam, N. B.; S-L. Villeneuve; F-L Jebb Kerr, Welland, Ont.; and F.O. John Price, Knowlton, P.Q.



TIMELY NOTES ON FUR TOPICS

Retail fur sales in specialty stores in New York are reported as holding firm in May and June. Small mink pieces, mostly pastels, pearls and gun metals have been reported in good demand. Predictions are that the fall sales will be better, and prices stronger than in 1958.

A great deal of this is due to stock market boom, which is giving a feeling of optimism to everybody in trade and commerce.

In the latest sales in New York, ranch mink numbering 15,000 sold at unchanged prices. In the largest lots, stand dark males brought from \$24 to \$35 and females \$14 to \$18. Sapphire males brought \$21 to \$27, and white males \$20 to \$29. Muskrat was 100 percent sold, with black muskrats bringing a top price of \$2.20.

MINK AHEAD

And here is a prediction, which is part of a discussion on the fur situation in the next few months. It is entitled "Mink Ahead"—"It deserves repeating that mink will lead the pack once again, and by a wide margin. Pastels, despite price rises, are the most popular, with gun-metals and ranches extremely strong, particularly in better houses.

In the so-called fancy-shade category, EMBA entries, such as Tourmaline, Arc turus and Aeolian have given renewed prestige to high colors. Tourmaline, in particular, seems to have caught the fancy of the couture houses.

In Denver last week, the fur business was reported better than last year. Small mink caplets were retailing at around \$495 plus tax in sapphire and Norwegian blue. Conventional stoles and capes in mink have been selling well at prices around \$395 to \$750, with pastels No. 1, ranch, and pearl following.

The United States government is getting right after furriers who publish false or misleading advertising. Hy Fishman, Inc., 7th Avenue, New York, has been warned to stop deceptively advertising furs in violation of the Fur Products Labeling Act.

The fashion showing will be the largest exhibit at the fair. The garments will be modeled outdoors under colored plastic umbrellas. The fair is being held by the United States State Department and will run from July 25 to September 5.

The Hudson's Bay Company, the oldest in the world, is not lessening its activities, as is shown by a full-page ad in the latest issue of "Women's Wear Daily", from New York. It is advertising the final offering of 135,000 mink pelts from Wednesday, June 24, to Friday, June 26. They are all consigned by EMBA. Here are a few of the quantities:

Autumn Haze — 30,000; Desert Gold — 1,750; Diadem — 3,500; Tourmaline — 2,500; Lutetia — 7,500; Cerulean — 12,000; Jasmine — 7,500; and Argenta — 10,000.

At the recent Hudson's Bay Company sale at Montreal, there were 9,413 mink offered. Standard dark males sold at 17 to \$29.50; Pastels from \$14.75 to \$27.50; Gun-metals at \$20.50 to \$33.50; Palomino at \$24.50 to \$28; Sapphires at \$12.75 to \$24.50 for "straight" males, and \$23 for "Breath of Spring."

A despatch from New York to "Women's Wear Daily" has the following: "Canadian Fur Trappers, Corp., and others, filed an answer in Federal Court Thursday, asking for dismissal of a suit to ban the use of 'Normink' in marketing women's coats.

"Mutation Mink Breeders Association, Racine, Wisconsin, and a member firm, filed suit in March against Canadians and others, seeking to restrain the use of 'Normink'. The answer denies that the use of 'Normink' in selling synthetic fur garments is a false description or representation of the garments.

"The suit had charged that the use of 'Normink', together with advertising phrases referring to furriers and furs, tended to convey the impression that defendant's garments are made of mink."

Women's clubs in Canada and the United States are quite often visited by fashion demonstrators, and ladies who are familiar with furs and their makeup. Some of these get-togethers are very interesting to those attending, particularly when the speakers are accompanied by models, who display the beautiful furs made up in the latest fashions.

The whole fur world seems to be shipping mink to the United

States; in April the export of mink skins from Japan was nearly three times the number for the same month last year. Shipments in April included 91,000 undressed mink; in March shipments were 89,000 undressed mink and 7,000 dressed mink.

The New York Auction Company sold a small collection of EMBA dressed mink last week, with prices described by the company as "very firm to May levels". There were 15,000 autumn haze types, and these were 75 percent sold, while other colors ranged from 70 to 90 percent sold.

Autumn haze male regulars bought \$40.50, with females selling at \$23.50; Stewart's top males sold at \$41.50, and females at \$21; Tourmaline top males sold at \$45.50, and females at \$27; Diadem top males at \$32 and females at \$16.25; Lutetia top males at \$42 and females at \$21.50; asmine top males \$41.50 and females at \$25.

The Canadian Fur Auction Sales Company held a public auction in Montreal on Thursday and Friday, June 18 and 19. Among the furs offered are 10,000 dark mutation mink, 2,000 wild mink, 100,000 muskrat, 2,000 Canadian squirrel, 2,000 racoon, 290 fisher, 700 marten, 17,000 otter, also 1,000 silver fox, 2,300 red fox, 200 white fox.

RABBIT SALE

We notice where Sydney, Australia, is advertising a rabbit sale, and the total tonnage is twenty-seven. Rabbits which were introduced into Australia by the settlers many years ago, have increased so rapidly that measures had to be taken to cut down the quantities produced. But evidently they still have a very large number of them.

In the latest issue of "The National Fur News", the editor, Doc Collins, is commenting on the increased imports of mink pelts from Scandinavian countries and Canada into the United States. Here are a few of his statements taken from the above-mentioned article:

"For some years now, there has been recognition of an need for restriction of unlimited imports of mink pelts into the United States. Two international conferences of mink breeders were held — both failed.

TWO WAY

"Attempts to secure relief through legislative action at the National level were blocked by the Administration's policy of encouraging trade with friendly nations. If we, as a nation, sell our surplus goods to friendly countries all over the world, we must also buy from them. Trade is a two-way street, but we must also protect our home industries from ruinous competition, even by our friends.

"Facts presented by the National Board in its application to the U. S. Tariff Commission for an import quota or tariff

quota on mink pelts, bring into sharp focus the immediate need for relief, if the American mink industry is to survive.

"In 1958, imports totalled 2,954,000 pelts, considerably more than one-half the American pelt crop marketed that year. Cost to produce and sell an American mink pelt averages \$19.40; in Canada, the cost was \$19.15. But for the four Scandinavian countries the average cost of production was \$14.69. Based on these, and other facts, the National Board has requested relief for American mink ranchers.

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