

OUR NEWS BUDGET FOR OUR SATURDAY SUBSCRIBERS

MONDAY

The first horse race of the season was staged on the pond at Hunter River on Saturday afternoon before a large crowd of spectators. The race was the first ever to be held on the pond.

SUMMARY

Christopher Stout (C. Smith) \$ 1 1 Bob Dale (Mills) 1 3 3 Mabel Patch (E. Smith) 2 2 2

A five man baseball committee of the Prince Edward Island Branch of the Amateur Athletic Union has been selected by Union officials, it was announced here last night.

Following are the members of the committee: John A. MacDonald, Cardigan, representing King's County; Larry Trainor, Charlottetown, representing the City; Irving Jay, Kensington, representing Prince County; Wilfred Kelly, Summerside, representing Summerside.

This committee will handle all decisions on policy and put into effect the constitutionally by-law governing organized baseball in the province.

In County Court Judge's Criminal Court at Summerside before Judge L. G. Lewis on Saturday morning, Joseph Arthur Cannon of Duvar changed his previous plea from "not guilty" to "guilty" of indecent assault and was sentenced to 18 months in the Prince County Jail. Mr. D. O. Stewart, Q.C., appeared for the crown while the accused was represented by Mr. Chester F. MacDonald.

HALIFAX, Jan. 11 (CP)—League-leading Halifax Atlantics downed Charlottetown Islanders 6-2 Saturday in a Maritime Major Hockey League game which saw little of the fire the two teams have shown in recent clashes on Halifax Ice.

After Bill Good's tally, only one in the opening frame, Atlantics coasted along to add two more in the second and three in the third. Charlottetown's markers came from Chuck Holdaway, who combined with Lyle Wiseman and Tommy Powers midway in the second period, and Buck Whitlock on a team play with Gary Gordon and Larry Travis 40 seconds before the end of the game.

"They passed peacefully away at the King's County Hospital Saturday evening, Roderick McLellan of St. Georges in his 87th year. The deceased was born at St. Georges, the son of the late Donald McLellan and Anne (MacIntyre) McLellan, and followed farming throughout his life. He became interested in politics and in 1917 sat in the Provincial Legislature for the Conservative Party. He was defeated at the next election, and later took charge of the old age pension assistance which was started at that time.

Besides his surviving widow, Mrs. M. McCormick, he leaves to mourn three brothers, Monsignor G. J. McLellan, Summerside, Rev. Pius J. McLellan, Winnipeg, and John Andrew, Broadacres, Sask. A sister, Mrs. Chrysostom McCormick, St. Georges, also survives.

The P. E. Island Federation of Agriculture will be well represented at the Maritime Federation meetings this week, according to arrangements made at an executive meeting of the directors held on Saturday morning.

The newly elected President, Mr. Roland MacDonald, of Southport, will head the delegation which is expected to leave by air at 11 a.m. on Wednesday for Moncton, N.B., where the meetings are to be held. Other delegates are Messrs. Lincoln Dewar, Allison Proffitt, Charles Yeo and Mr. Connor.

Officers and directors of the Federation elected at the meeting on Saturday were: Immediate past president, Charles Yeo; President, Roland MacDonald, Southport; 1st Vice-President, Louis McGuire, Morell; 2nd Vice-President, Frank Jardine, Bedouque; Secretary-Treasurer, Lincoln Dewar, New Perth; Director for King's County, Wilfrid MacDonald, Brudenell; Queen's County, Mrs. Russell, East Royalty; Prince County, J. P. Wallace, Alma; Swine Breeders' representative, Alexander Hamilton, New Perth; Dairymen's Association, Allison Proffitt, Freetown; agricultural convener of the Women's Institute, Mrs. Nell Matheson, Southport. Representation from other affiliated organizations will be named and added to the directorate shortly.

At Alberton and extending to Tignish freezing rain commencing Saturday evening and continuing all day Sunday created the worst travelling conditions experienced in West Prince area for several years. Motor traffic was practically at a standstill in the forenoon with many who ventured out quickly returning home after a risky trip on the slippery roads. Cars were reported in the ditch, but damage was not heavy. Motorists were proceeding at a slow rate of speed. No accidents had been reported to the Alberton Detachment of the R. C. M. P. Travelling on foot was equally risky as a heavy coating of ice formed on streets and sidewalks.

At a meeting of the City School Board on Friday, prompt and decisive arrangements were made towards carrying out the wishes of the City Council with regard to educational requirements.

Under the chairmanship of Dr. R. G. Lea, the School Board will investigate fully and report back to the City Council, giving details as to the proposed curriculum improvement, the cost of the proposed new high school building and equipment and other necessary details.

The Board will also wait on the Provincial Government with a view to assisting co-operation and assistance through the Department of Education or other governmental departments, as the case may be.

TUESDAY

Mr. R. G. White, Deputy Minister of Public Works and Highways is scheduled to leave shortly for Holland where he will investigate the building and maintenance of dikes and causeways. The decision was reached to have Mr. White make the trip after he had conferred with experts from Holland who are working on the dikes of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick in connection with the reclamation of marshland areas.

Sufficient information was available from these experts to lead to the belief that much valuable data could be obtained from the spot engineers in Holland that would be worth knowing in connection with the Trans-Canada Highway development in this Province during the coming summer.

Mrs. White will accompany the Deputy Minister who will probably visit Scotland and England after completing his study on the Continent.

Llewellyn Harris, 21, was found dead yesterday morning in a garage at his home at Knutsford, near O'Leary. Apparently he had passed away the previous evening.

Coroner Dr. W. A. Shea of Alberton ordered an inquest and after a jury had viewed the body and the coroner adjourned until 7 p.m. on January 19, it will be held at the Town Hall at O'Leary. Harris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Harris, was said to have planned to take the car to church Sunday evening. He was found beside the vehicle in the garage and apparently had not left the premises. The fact he had not returned to the house was not noticed until Monday morning.

One hundred and twenty tickets were placed on cars between 1 a.m. and 2 a.m. yesterday morning by City Police for violation of the over-night parking regulations, the Guardian was informed.

Over-night parking is only permitted, it was learned, in designated parking areas. The majority of these sections are in the metered areas but there are others where the curb has been cut away and asphalt laid to permit angle parking.

The fine for over-night parking is one dollar and the 120 tickets is reported to represent the largest number of parking tickets placed out in one night since the drive to overcome the practice was made by City Police late last fall.

The firm of M. F. Schurman Co. Ltd., Summerside, having submitted the low bid on the new Federal building at Kensington will, it is understood, be awarded the contract for its construction shortly. The amount of the contract is approximately \$129,350.

The new Federal building will be at the main intersection in Kensington, at the branch of the highway leading to Summerside and Charlottetown. The building will be of two story construction, of brick and mortar, with steel frame and will be 66 by 49 feet.

A one-story garage will be constructed at the rear. The Post Office Department will occupy the entire ground floor while the second floor will be taken up by the R. C. M. P. and the Federal Department of Agriculture.

Skating, shooting and checking in their swashbuckling form of old the Charlottetown Islanders last night unleashed a torrid assault to defeat the Halifax Atlantics 6-2 in a wild rugged hockey game at the Forum that lasted more than three hours.

For two solid periods the Islanders put on an offensive display that sent the fans on the edge of their seats and the Halifax team in a state of confusion as they raced into a 4-2 lead. The lead might well have been 8-2 and would have been but for brilliant work on the part of Roy MacEcklin.

The Islanders came back to score two more in a third period that featured practically everything along with some hockey. During the mix-up Islanders coach Murphie Charnick was playing coach Dugger McNeil was given a misconduct penalty.

WEDNESDAY

Mr. P. W. Turner left this morning for Chicago to attend a meeting of the Board of Directors of Rotary International, of which he is a member, representing Canada. The Board at this time will deal with Rotary policy on a world-wide basis and other subjects which are recurrent or developing in the world-wide organization. The possibility of erecting a building in which to house the head office staff of Rotary will be dealt with, and indications point to the same being located at Evanston Ill., 30 miles from Chicago. The cost of the new building is estimated at a million dollars.

Lois Marshall, Canada's brilliant young soprano who has recently taken New York music critics by storm, is to sing in Charlottetown on Tuesday, January 27th at the Prince of Wales College Auditorium. Miss Marshall delighted local music lovers who heard her 1951 concert here, and this will be her last appearance before she joins a large American concert organization.

Miss Marshall's New York debut in Town Hall on December 2 was acclaimed as a brilliant performance and she has since become one of America's top artists. She was the winner of the Singing Stars Award in 1950, of the celebrated Naumburg award in 1952, and of countless other competitions. She has given recitals from coast to coast and she has appeared frequently with the CBC and with many of the country's top artists. "She is great in the real sense of the word."

"There will be no revision of potato prices until after the January storage holdings in the Un-

ited States becomes known next Monday," said Mr. Donald A. MacDonald, manager of the P. E. Island Potato Marketing Board last evening, when questioned regarding an unofficial report that the Board was planning to revise minimum prices.

The market continues dull, Mr. MacDonald said, but the movement of potatoes from the Province during the past week has been good because a large load of seed was assembled at Saint John, N. B. for shipment to the southern United States.

Roy Walter Fall, of this city, will appear in Supreme Court today under an indictment charging possession of stolen goods. The indictment was returned yesterday afternoon by the Grand Jury called for the January term of the Queen's County Assizes.

There were two other indictments returned against John Carl Fall and Carl Prowse. In each case the Queen is the appellant. All charges arise out of possession of stolen goods.

An abandonment was filled in open court and the appeal dismissed in the case of The Queen versus Owen Deageney. Two civil cases were on the docket: they were John R. Skinner, plaintiff, versus G. Albert Darrah, defendant, arising out of a claim for damages from collision. In this instance Mr. G. R. Foster is counsel for the plaintiff while Mr. W. E. Bentley, Q.C., represents the defendant.

In the other civil suit the Cameo Dress Company, plaintiff, represented by Mr. L. P. O'Donnell, is opposed to Kennedy's Ladies Wear, defendant, represented by Mr. A. J. Haslam.

Mr. Henry DesRoches, Russell Street, Summerside, had a most unpleasant experience yesterday afternoon. When returning home from the Summerside harbor ice he plunged into the icy water about seventy-five yards from shore. The ice at this point is usually very thin and had the tide been high at the time the consequences might have been different.

Mr. DesRoches, who is about 85 years of age, was coming in from his smelt shanty when the accident occurred and he was unable to get back on solid ice unassisted. He was forced to remain there for some time before his calls for help attracted the attention of Mr. Howard Wale, who rushed to his assistance and after getting him out put him in a taxi and brought him home.

Last night he was reported to be suffering no ill effects and his many friends hope that he will not suffer in any way from his harrowing experience.—S.

THURSDAY

Prospects of relieving the traffic congestion on the Wood Islands-Caribou service this summer are now in sight, following the decision of the operating company, Northumberland Ferries Limited, to provide another boat, which has been purchased and can be made available at comparatively small cost. It is proposed to run this boat in addition to the "Prince Nova" and the "Dunning" which have rendered such valuable transportation service during the past ten years.

Today marks the 30th anniversary of the coldest day ever recorded in this Province, according to figures compiled by Mr. Warren Burns of the Meteorological office at the Experimental Farm. In the release of statistics made available yesterday dealing with the Department records over a period of forty three years, the all-time low was recorded on January 15th, 1923 when the thermometer registered 23 below zero. The highest was on August 19th, 1935 when the mercury soared to 98 degrees.

Mr. Keith Kennedy who started in a modest way last summer to develop an up-to-date egg business with a premium product, candied and handled under his own supervision, is prospering with marked success in his venture.

Mr. Kennedy says that no difficulty is experienced in getting top price and even a premium for eggs of the grade which he is marketing in the face of keen competition from commercial producers in Nova Scotia.

He hopes to be in a position shortly to supply local hatcheries or breeders with the necessary hatching eggs to improve their egg production and advance the industry generally.

Mrs. T. W. L. Prowse, wife of His Honour Lieutenant Governor Prowse, was "at home" yesterday afternoon, and large numbers attended the delightful reception at Government House.

Mrs. Prowse, whose charming manner makes of any social function at Government House a pleasantly relaxed occasion long to be remembered, received her guests in a becoming gown of loganberry crepe. Receiving with her was the Lieutenant Governor.

Dr. Pearl Hopgood, who recently retired after 33 years of service as a staff member of the Nova Scotia Hospital, was presented with a purse of gold by Dr. Murray MacKay, Superintendent of the hospital at a reception held in her honour by the staff at the hospital. Dr. Hopgood was born at Malpeque, P. E. Island, and was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. T. Hume Hopgood. After graduating from Prince of Wales College, she entered Dalhousie Medical School to train for her chosen profession. On graduating in 1920, she served a brief internship at the Children's Hospital and in that year was appointed to the staff at the Nova Scotia Hospital.

Her work in the St. John Ambulance Brigade, has been recognized by her admission as Commander in the Order of St. John, the oldest order of chivalry in the Empire.

DEATHS

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FRIDAY

"Our people together with those of Nova Scotia will extend their thanks to the Federal members and Senators and to all others, including the Press, who by their efforts have succeeded in securing for them the welcome announcement from Ottawa that a new boat for the Wood Islands-Caribou service will be made available," stated Mr. R. E. Mutch, President of Northumberland Ferries Limited, in an interview last night. "To those who have worked so hard to this end, the news is doubly welcome."

Pilot Officer Clare G. Dennis, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Dennis, of Port Hill, Prince Edward Island, was the honor student in a class composed of men from Canada, Great Britain, France, and Belgium, who received their navigator wings in a graduation ceremony at R. C. A. F. Station, Summerside yesterday afternoon.

Important as such an occasion is in the life of any aircrew trainee, today marks another important occasion in the life of P/O Dennis—it is his wedding day. His bride is the former Julia MacLeod, of Northam.

After a period of leave he will participate in an R. C. A. F. survival course at Edmonton, Alberta, and it can be stationed at Sea Island, British Columbia.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police at Alberton have been informed that George Kennedy, operator of a government store at Lennox Island, has been missing since Tuesday.

Mr. Kennedy left Tuesday morning for Summerside to transact business and did not return at noon as he had planned. He was driving a 1952 Monarch car and it is missing also.

A check with firms at Summerside indicated that Mr. Kennedy had completed his business there. A native of Waterford, P. E. I., he is married and has three small children.

A committee of five was appointed last evening by Mayor Henry W. Wedge to make a study regarding the formation of a community planning organization in Summerside.

Members of the committee are Dr. Henry Moyses, Miss Wanda Wyatt, Mrs. (Dr.) E. T. Tanton, Vaughan Groom and James MacDougall.

Present at last night's meeting were Mr. J. F. Connor, chairman of the Provincial Planning Board and Mr. Claude Smith, president of the Prince Edward Island Division of the Community Planning Association of Canada.

A general discussion followed during which Messrs. Connolly and Smith answered many questions. At the conclusion of the period the committee to study the formation of the local body was appointed by Mayor Wedge.—S.

BIRTHS

RICHARD — At the Charlottetown Hospital on January 8th, 1953, to Mr. and Mrs. Roger Richard, (nee Mary C. MacDonald, R. N.) a son, Robert Joseph.

MOFFATT — At the Prince Edward Island Hospital on January 13th, 1953, to the Reverend Canon and Mrs. G. E. Moffatt, a son.

REID—At the Charlottetown Hospital, on December 28th, 1952, to Mr. and Mrs. Lea Reid, Stanley Bridge, a daughter (Bethany Ann).

REDDIN—At the Charlottetown Hospital on Saturday, Jan. 9, 1953, to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Reddin, Bunbury, a daughter.

MacMILLAN—At the Prince Edward Island Hospital on Jan. 12th to Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Macmillan, City, a son, James Donald.

CHAMPION — At the Prince Edward Island Hospital on January 10th, 1953, to Mr. and Mrs. Keith Champion, (nee Ada Robertson), twin sons Alan Clarke and James Carl.

LA PLANTE — At St. Joseph's Hospital, Toronto, Ont., on January 5th, 1952, to Mr. and Mrs. J. La Plante (nee Vera MacIsaac) a daughter.

CLAIR — At the Charlottetown Hospital on December 30th, 1952, to Mr. and Mrs. Frederick G. Clair (nee Constance Gaudet) a son, William Frederick, 8 lbs. 2 oz.

MacLEOD — At the P. E. Island Hospital on January 13th, 1953, to Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. MacLeod, Parkdale, twins, a son and a daughter.

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-NEWSY NOTES-

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CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

Cornell University is located on high land just east of the town of Ithaca, which lies at the southern end of Lake Cayuga very near the centre of New York state. It was opened in 1868 as a co-educational college and on a thoroughly independent basis. The founder Ezra Cornell said: "I will found here an institution where any student may receive instruction in any subject."

The campus, beloved by many to be one of the most beautiful anywhere, overlooks Lake Cayuga and the town of Ithaca. When the writer was a student there in 1901-1903 the campus was bounded on the north by Beebe Lake and the Fall Creek Gorge. In this deep ravine there are very beautiful falls that tumble in a cascade over many tiers of receding rock formations just behind Sidley (engineering) College; on the east, by the New York State Agricultural College Experiment Station; on the south, by the Cascadilla Gorge, whose stream is almost a continuous series of rapids across that end of the quadrangle; and on the west by a steep slope to the town of Ithaca, that lies in the valley hundreds of feet lower.

The founder, who came in his youth from Massachusetts with his Quaker parents to New York State, taught school, made pottery, was a carpenter and mechanic in Ithaca, where he had charge of a flour mill. He became interested in telegraphy and after experimenting with different ways of establishing telegraph lines finally supported the first line ever attached to poles. He was so successful that he became one of the founders of the Western Union Telegraph Company, and in that and other enterprises he acquired wealth, and retired in Ithaca in 1838.

Following the passing of the Morrill Land Grant Act for the establishment of agricultural and engineering colleges, by the United States government in 1861, which assigned 990,000 acres of land to the State of New York and learning that the Morrill forbade using the proceeds from this grant for the purchase, erection of maintenance of any buildings, he gave to Cornell five million dollars toward building expenses, and bought up 81,920 acres of the land grant to found a separate endowment fund to which the Morrill Land Grant Act did not apply.

When Ezra Cornell spoke at the inaugural ceremonies, on October 7th, 1868, Morrill Hall was the only university building completed. He said: "We have not invited you to see a university finished, but to see one begun." He exhorted the Cornell idea that: "The individual is better, society is better, and the State is better for the culture of its citizens; therefore we desire to extend the means for the culture of all."

Mr. Andrew D. White was a friend and councillor of Ezra Cornell, and was associated with him in the founding of Cornell University. He was Cornell's first president, 1865-1885, and a member of its governing board for fifty years. He was also an outstanding teacher in modern history.

Cornell drew many great men to her faculty in the early years: Isaac P. Roberts, one of the founders of agricultural education in North America; Robert H. Thurston, pioneer in mechanical engineering; Dr. James Ewing in medicine; Edward L. Nichol in physics; Charles Babcock in architecture; Liberty Hyde Bailey in horticulture and Hiram Corson, professor of English language and literature. He continued to be a most popular teacher, and in 1903, it was always a pleasure to attend his class on Shakespeare. He could always answer a question. Perhaps the following story will illustrate his attitude toward life. It is told that when the enormous tin roof blew off Cascadilla Place, (a student and staff apartment house) in a gale, and landed on Dr. Corson's home, his wife awakened him by saying: "Hiram, Hiram, the end of the world has come!" His reply, without any excitement was: "And in the night too?"

These great leaders have been followed by many others since and among them our own Dr. Jacob Gould Schurman, who became President of Cornell in 1892. The writer recalls an incident just after Dr. Schurman had been honoured by the University of Edinburgh. He spoke to thousands of students in the Armories; the next morning, walking up the hill behind two senior students, he heard one say: "Did you hear 'Prexy' last night?" The answer was: "No, his gown was too loud." (It was the Edinburgh crimson).

Cornell combines freedom in education with insistence upon striking a balance between the study of sciences and the humanities. She pioneered in teaching each student to learn to live a balanced life. Her professors built the first dynamo that was used to light the first street in America, on the Cornell campus. Cornell has many "firsts". She had the first American College of Forestry; the first full-fledged department of electrical engineering; and was among the first in the application of chemistry to agriculture and commerce. Among her more recently developed equipment is the micro-wave telescope for surveying the heavens and measuring radiation from the sun, stars and interstellar space. In the nuclear studies laboratory, recently completed, there is a 300 million electron volt synchrotron.

In 1901, Cornell had a staff of some 3000 teachers and instructors, and 3000 students; by 1910 there was a staff of 636, and 5,194 students, with a library of 383,700 volumes. A medical college was established in New York City 1898, and a graduate department was organized into a graduate school in 1909. In 1910, Cornell had endowments of nine million, and her total income was \$1,657,000. President, Deane W. Malott, in his 1951-52 report states: that there were on the staff, above the rank of instructors, 1400 professors and assistant professors; there were 10,440 students enrolled from 48 states 5 territories and 69 other countries, including 83 men and 3 women from Canada. This enrollment was down 3.6% from the 1947-48 peak of 10,840 students. The general enrollment has shown little change in the last five years but engineering students have dropped from 2643 (1947-48) to 1722 (1951-52) a decrease of 35%. Cornell last year received in gifts almost \$6,500,000. Her total income for the year exclusive of gifts was \$31,660,271.78 and the total expenditures were \$31,596,547.97. At the end of the year, the total net holding in the library was 1,559,614.

The writer returned to Cornell for graduate work in 1903 and for a visit in 1946. The University Campus now extends east to Forest Home, and occupies most of the former Experimental Station farm land. To the west many magnificent Student Residences and Fraternities extend well down the hill towards the City of Ithaca.

On Monday evening, December 22nd, the pupils of Grand View School presented their annual Christmas concert before a very large and appreciative audience, under the direction of their teacher, Jean MacKenzie. During intermission candy was sold by the pupils.

Mr. Lloyd MacLeod very efficiently acted as chairman and the following programme was presented: Opening chorus: "Silent Night"—the school. "Welcome Recitation" by Blyoce MacPherson. Solo: "Roses Are Blooming"—Effie MacBeth (encored). Dialogue: "Poor Joe"—Five pupils. Duet: "Don't Ring Those Bells"—Ernest MacLeod and Neil MacBeth (encored).

Drill: "Santa Claus"—10 pupils. Recitation by Donald MacLeod. Duet: "Little Angel"—Marilyn Martin and Sheila Behm (encored). Dialogue: "Wedding at Waybach"—15 pupils. Duet: "Paper of Pins"—Joan Gillis and Wynn Behm (encored). Monologue: "Dinner on the Diner"—Lincoln Emman. Recitation by Wayne MacPhee. Dialogue: "Concert Rehearsal"—10 pupils.

"Middle Chorus: "Hark The Herald Angels Sing"—The School. Solo by Joan Gillis (encored). Monologue: "Ten Cookies Minus Ten"—Bobby Emman. Duet: "Frosty The Snowman"—Ernest and Mary MacLeod (encored). Dialogue: "With the Help of the Family"—6 pupils. Solo: "May You Never Be Alone Like Me"—Marilyn Martin (encored).

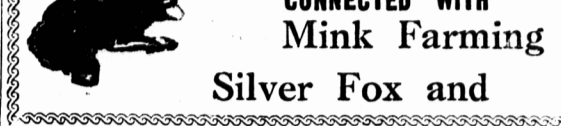
Recitation by Merrill Scott. Solo: "I Never Will Marry"—Kav Emman (encored). Dialogue: "The Proposal"—two pupils. Duet: "A Winking At Me"—Shirley MacPhee and Kathleen Gillis (encored). Closing chorus: The School. At the close of the programme, Santa Claus, in his festive attire, appeared in his usual jovial manner and distributed gifts from a well laden tree. A treat of oranges was provided for the school and pre-school children by the Women's Institute.

The singing of the National Anthem brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

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TIMELY NOTES ON TOPICS CONNECTED WITH Mink Farming



Next Monday, January 19th, and continuing until Friday, January 23rd, the Canadian Fur Auction Sales Company (Que.) Ltd., Montreal, will offer at public auction one of the largest and most varied fur assortments in their history. It includes in addition to Alaska seal, beaver, otter, raccoon, lynx, marten, white fox, marten, stone marten, fisher, wolf, blue fox, red fox, cross fox, squirrel, ermine, muskrat and similar furs, the following ranch furs which will be on sale on these dates: January 20th at 9.15 a.m., 45,000 ranch mink, 10,000 silver blue including Breath of Spring and Stewart, 6,000 Pastel and 2,000 miscellaneous mink mutations. On Friday, January 23rd at 9.00 a.m., 11,000 silver fox and an unnamed quantity of platinum fox, pearl platinum fox, white marked fox will be on sale. This is the first large offering of silver fox and its mutants we have noticed for a long time. We hope that a satisfactory sale will result.

Jack Stein, a New York Fifth Ave. custom furrier says that mink continues to be the best seller with him and Aleutian the most important color. Small furs will again be important for the coming year and he is strongly in the belief that capes and jackets to go with slim skirts will be popular.

Fitz Paymer, another New York furrier, believes the greatcoat has excellent possibilities because it can be smart, because women feel more comfortable in a full coat and because they can wear it over more types of clothes including both slim and full skirts. Small furs were active sellers the past season and he believes their future is excellent.

At Lampons's sale of standard mink last week the 22,794 pelts of the Great Lakes Mink Association was 83 per cent sold with females unchanged to December levels and males 5 per cent easier than December. The strength of the females was attributed to the demand by scarf and choker men who appeared to be willing to buy around the \$10 mark. Females hit an unofficial top of \$12 with the favorite price range from \$8.50 to \$10.50. Males on the other hand ranged to \$21.50 top with the bulk bringing \$15 to \$18. The sales room was inclined to interpret the easier prices for males as the continuation of levelling off prices for average ranch mink.

At St. Louis the F. C. Taylor Fur Company reports mink prices were easier and raccoons were stronger at their auction last week. Prices for muskrat remained unchanged although there was a stronger demand for them than the previous week. Canadian interests bought 50 per cent of the muskrats, 25 per cent of the mink and 10 per cent of the raccoons; 12,200 muskrats were sold, extra and large at \$1.71 to \$1.74 mediums, \$1.18 to \$1.20, flats, \$1.35, smalls, 70 cents, kits and damaged, 44 cents.

A peculiar situation has arisen in New York in that the detectives in the various fur departments there find their jobs in jeopardy because of the falling off in thievery. The fact remains, as a detective in a downtown store relates that flitching in the grand manner is virtually an

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