



TIMELY NOTES ON TOPICS CONNECTED WITH Silver Fox and Mink Farming

Two men who made a big contribution to the silver fox industry... Ira Carr of Covehead, each in the Prince Edward Island died last week, and George Hospital late last week, and George E. Brown at his home in Charlottetown the first of this week.

In the early 1930's he bought breeding stock from George E. Brown and it was these foxes that really put him in the limelight.

George E. Brown while not exactly a pioneer breeder, as that niche in the Hall of Fame is reserved for Dalton, Oulton, the Rayners and a few others, yet he quite early realized that silver fox farming was an attractive and lucrative proposition.

From these and others he purchased later on he established an excellent herd of foxes and in 1929 when the first silver fox exhibition was held in Prince Edward Island at Charlottetown, he won the Grand Championship and the George E. Brown foxes were on their road to fame.

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Selecting Your Vegetable Seed

OTTAWA, February 20, 1951.—The vegetable grower should always remember that good seed is essential to success, and no matter if he gives the closest attention to all other factors he cannot achieve this success without it.

- Asparagus 3 years
Bean 3
Beet 4
Cabbage 5
Carrot 3
Celery 3
Cucumber 5
Lettuce 5
Melon 5
Onion 2
Parsnip 1
Pea 1
Pepper 4
Pumpkin 4
Radish 5
Spinach 5
Sweet Corn 2
Tomato 2
Turnip 4

PLenty, A NOUN

There is coming into vogue a rather slovenly way of using the word, "plenty". Such sentences as "This practice brings in plenty cash", is an example.

POLITICS, A RETROSPECT

"You never write about politics," said a visitor, in a rather accusing tone. "You mean Island politics?" I asked. "Yes," he said. "Well," I said, "I lost interest in local politics soon after I landed, and though I always voted, I never did so with any satisfaction to myself. The main reason was that the only difference between the parties was in their names: (I am speaking of 40 years ago.) I had just come from a land where the parliamentary parties were different indeed.

Poultry Breeding

OTTAWA, Feb. 21.—A number of methods are in use for selecting poultry breeding stock for high egg production. It is well known that selection for such hereditary traits as egg size and body size are effective in increasing egg size and body size of succeeding generations.

CAPONIZING

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NEWSY NOTES - By Agricola

THE WILSON WARBLER

This bird, often referred to as Wilson's Black-capped Warbler, is a summer resident, breeding from the top tier of the U.S.A. northward. It winters in Central America (Reed). It is said to be tolerably common in the N. B. lists, and I conjecture that the same is true in E. I., though I do not remember it. One female was brought in by the cat on Aug. 20, 1944, and I observed another, a male, off Aug. 23, 1946. It is one of those Warblers that imitate the Flycatcher, taking insects on the wing. They often join other species of Warblers in migrations.

Wilson Warbler, AOU, 685. Summer Resident. Male: Forehead yellow, crown black, a vogue yellow line through the eye, and a yellow patch under the wing. Underparts bright yellow. Female similar, but black cap smaller or wanting. Immature birds resemble females. Length of adults 5 inches.

A COLD TIME

February 8th, 1891, was long referred to as "Cold Friday," a name quite unknown to the younger generation. I find from my scrapbook I gather that on Friday morning the mercury was 25 degrees below zero, a bitter cold that was rubbed in by a seventy-mile gale. (In New Brunswick the cold was more intense.)

A correspondent on the Island wrote that the wind blew from the north-west in a gale so strong that it broke off big trees as if they were straws.

Weed Control Helps In Fight Against Plant Diseases

OTTAWA, Feb. 21.—Battles are usually won by strategists, and agricultural scientists sometimes find they have to change their strategy if they are to win out in their fight against disease. For years plant scientists have been busy breeding disease-resistant varieties which have helped materially in keeping the bread baskets of the world filled. But researchers are now beginning to find out that some plant diseases, particularly those caused by virus, may be checked by controlling or eliminating certain weeds which harbour the virus or the insects that spread the disease or both.

SPRINKLER IRRIGATION

Wind velocity as low as 17 miles per hour has been shown to cause uneven distribution of water in experiments with a high pressure sprinkler at the Experimental Station at Lethbridge, Alberta. Officials point out that this wind factor may limit the use of this type of sprinkler for some prairie conditions.

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Make your appointment early when you buy your chicks to avoid disappointment. Best age for Cross Breds 5 to 6 weeks; for Barred Rocks 6 to 7 weeks. For appointment phone 1591-2 or write

KEITH MUTCH Southport

In Canada, sugar beet growers are not troubled with the curly-top virus in their crops, but the same virus does attack tomato crops in the dry areas in parts of British Columbia, said H. N. Racicot, head of the unit studying the diseases of horticultural crops in the Department of Agriculture's Division of Botany and Plant Pathology at Ottawa. Known as western yellow blight, the virus causes a yellowing and dwarfing of the tomato plant, and if infection occurs when the plant is young, Mr. Racicot pointed out that it may kill the plant or greatly reduce the growth and crop yield.

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Canadian Farm Briefs

NEW USE FOR POPCOORN

Adult movie-goers may be relieved but small boys, fearing a threat to their popcorn supplies, may view with alarm a recent report from the Canada Department of Agriculture's Division of Plant Protection office at Harrow, B.C., that popcorn was used as packing material for a shipment of delicate house plants from California.

INSECTICIDES

Red clover seed yields can be increased by spraying with DDT and toxaphene to control such insects as the clover head caterpillar, clover leafhopper and grasshoppers in substantial numbers, according to recent experiments conducted by the Department of Agriculture's Forage Plants Division at Ottawa.

Tests showed that when DDT spray was applied at the pre-bloom stage followed by an application of toxaphene when the plants were in full bloom, seed yields were increased 25 per cent over the check plots. Even single sprays of either of these insecticides applied at the pre-bloom stage resulted in significantly higher yields.

CORN YIELDS

Longer crop rotations gave considerably higher yields of shelled corn than were obtained on land where corn was grown continuously, according to a recent report from the Canada Department of Agriculture's Experimental Station at Harrow, Ontario.

Tests were conducted on the Woodlee Substation and in 1950 continuous corn yielded only 33 1/2 bushels per acre, compared with 54 1/2 bushels in the four year rotation.

GRASS SILAGE

Two years ago there was scarcely any grass silage made in King's County, N.S., and in 1950, officials on the Experimental Station at Kentville point out, farmers ensiled over four thousand tons and plans are being made for a big increase in 1951. Most of the grass silage was put up in standard silos, but an appreciable increase is reported in the use of pit silos.

CONTOUR STRIP FARMING

Co-operating with the Provincial Engineering Service, contour farming as a means of controlling soil erosion has been established on the Baker Brook and St. Quentin Illustration Stations in New Brunswick, and nearly half a mile of diversion ditches have been constructed at each of these Stations.

Field shelter belts involving the planting of six thousand Caragana seedlings in 1951 is underway in connection with contour strip farming on the District Experimental Substation at Nobleford in southern Alberta.

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ANNUAL MEETING

P.E.I. POTATO GROWERS' ASSOCIATION

CANADIAN LEGION HALL 57 Grafton Street, Charlottetown THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 1951 2:30 P.M. and 7:30 P.M.

AFTERNOON SESSION—2:30 p.m. The Annual Meeting of the P.E.I. Potato Growers' Association for transaction of general business will be held. All old members of 1935 and all patrons since are eligible to vote.

EVENING SESSION—7:30 P.M. Educational Meeting. (open to public).

- 1. Report on activities of Potato Promotional Committee by Mr. W. R. Shaw, Deputy Minister of Agriculture—a statement of expenditures will be given.
2. Formal discussion of quota system of Marketing. Several growers have been selected to take part in the discussion of this important topic.
3. Report on Marketing Board by D. A. MacDonald, (chairman)
4. Discussion on Potato Levy question.
5. Report of Dominion Science Services including: Seed Potato Certification, H. L. MacLaren.
Dom. Fruit Vegetable Branch (Tablestock Inspection) by C. E. Shaw.

By order of Directors, P.E.I. POTATO GROWERS' ASSOCIATION. E. D. REID, Secretary.

GUERNSEY MEETING

A meeting of the P. E. I. Guernsey Breeders Association will be held Monday, February 26th in Dept. of Agriculture Building at 2:30 p.m. If not fine, meeting will be held first fine day.

Signed, J. R. CARR, Secretary.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND DAIRYMEN'S ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEETING

This meeting will be held on WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28th, at 1:30 P.M. and 7:30 P.M. AT

THE CANADIAN LEGION HALL, GRAFTON ST., CHARLOTTETOWN

The meeting is open to the public. All patrons of Dairy Plants are recognized as members of the Association.

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