

A PERIL TO ITALY IS SEEN
IN THE RULE OF MUSSOLINI

Paris, Dec. 31—Commenting upon Mussolini's desire to resemble the great Napoleon, Pierre Milles, writing in the "Oeuvre", likens the Italian leader rather to Napoleon III than to the Corsican. Mussolini's dictatorial methods in his treatment of the municipal councils and his break with the democratic principles of educational neutrality forebode no good for the future welfare of Italy, says the writer.

"In his portraits Mussolini, 'Il Duce'—the leader—likes to resemble Napoleon. The regime that he has constituted in Italy resembles to a great degree that imposed in France, not by the Man of Destiny, but by Napoleon III—suppression of all Parliamentary control. A Chamber still exists, but it has been recruited in such a manner that it is only now for the ratification of the decisions of the dictator.

"The practical suppression of municipal councils, and especially the elected mayors, who have been replaced by the 'podeste'—magistrates—designated by the government, is another of Mussolini's actions. This

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE is hereby given, that pursuant to the provisions of the Fredericton Assessment Act of 1907, there will for the purpose of satisfying the arrears of City Taxes for the years 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924 and 1925, inclusive, made and assessed against Henry Simmonds or Simmons, and amounting in all to \$281.94 unless the said sum together with the costs of this notice are sooner paid, be sold at public auction in front of the City Hall, Fredericton, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon of Saturday, the thirteenth day of February, A. D. 1926, all the right, title and interest of the said Henry Simmonds or Simmons in and to the lands and premises following:

"All that certain lot, piece or parcel of land, situate lying and being in the City of Fredericton, bounded as follows: Beginning on the Westerly side of Brick Kiln Road at a stake placed at the intersection of the Lower or Easterly side line of a tract of land owned by William H. O'Dell, Esquire, thence running North 41 degrees West along said dividing line, seven chains and twenty links, or until it strikes the South East side line of a tract of land owned by the said William H. O'Dell, thence North Easterly along the said last mentioned line until it strikes the South Westerly line of another tract of land fronting on the said Brick Kiln Road owned by the said William H. O'Dell, thence along the said line, South Easterly to the Brick Kiln Road above mentioned, thence along the said Brick Kiln Road, to the place of beginning, containing thirteen acres more or less, being the same lands and premises mentioned and described in the Deed

"Also all that certain lot, piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the rear of the Town Plat of the said City of Fredericton and more particularly known and described as Lot No. 44, surveyed and laid out in the Fifth Range of pasture lots abutting and bounded as follows: Beginning at a marked stake on the South West side of a reserved road, between the Fourth and Fifth Ranges of said pasture lots, thence running by the magnet South 44 degrees west 25 chains of 4 poles each or to a reserved road between the fifth and sixth ranges of said lots, thence North 45 degrees West 7 chains and 57 links to a reserved road, between said pasture lots, thence from Patrick Donnelly and Wife to Thomas Temple, bearing date the thirteenth day of February, A. D. 1925, and duly registered in York County Registry in Book 2-2, at pages 744-745 under official number 17000."

"Lots and the Glebe land, thence running along the said last mentioned reserved road North 44 degrees East until it strikes the South West side of the first mentioned reserved road, lying between the Fourth and Fifth ranges of said pasture lots, thence running along the said South West side of the said last mentioned reserved road South 45 degrees East to the place of beginning, the said lot of land above described and hereby conveyed being a part of the lands heretofore conveyed to one Patrick Donnelly by the Chancellor, Agent and Scholars of King's College at Fredericton by Deed dated the Tenth day of October, A. D. 1857 and registered in the Records of the said County of York in Book H-2, pages 567-568."

Dated at Fredericton this second day of December, A. D. 1925.

(Sgd.) C. FRED CHESTNUT,
City Treasurer.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE is hereby given, that pursuant to the provisions of the Fredericton Assessment Act of 1907, there will for the purpose of satisfying the arrears of City taxes for the years 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924 and 1925 inclusive, made and assessed against Arthur Gray (and owned by Henry Montgomery-Campbell and Herbert Montgomery-Campbell) and amounting in all to \$189.45, unless the said sum together with the costs of this notice are sooner paid, be sold at public auction in front of the City Hall, Fredericton, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon of Saturday, the thirteenth day of February, A. D. 1926, all the right, title and interest of Arthur Gray and of Henry Montgomery-Campbell and Herbert Montgomery-Campbell in and to the lands and premises following:

"All that certain lot of land situate and being in the City of Fredericton, bounded as follows: Commencing at a point on the Northwesterly side of York Street, distant 141 feet measured south westerly from the intersection of the Northwesterly side of York Street and the South Westerly side of the reserved street between block "I" and "G" in the plan of Messrs. Campbell's lands made by Baird and Howie, thence North 38 degrees 30 minutes West 141 feet; thence South 51 degrees 30 " North 47 " thence South 38 degrees 30 " East 141 " to York Street, aforesaid, and thence along York Street 38 degrees 30 " East 47 " to the place of beginning being known as Lot No. 4 in Block "I" in plan of survey of Campbell lands prepared by Baird & Howie."

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REPORT PHENOMENAL GROWTH
IN THE FOX-FARMING INDUSTRY

(Toronto Globe.)

We expect to pass the first registrations of 44,000 silver foxes this year," T. H. Mason of the National Live Stock Records, Ottawa, told The Globe recently. "This means phenomenal growth in the fox-farming industry, as you can see from the figures for former years: 1921, 805; 1922, 5,087; 1923, 6,211; 1924, 8,345. During the month of November alone over 22,000 registrations were dealt with. Ordinarily inspection starts on Oct. 1, and runs to about Dec. 1, but this year the combination of bad weather and increased numbers put it back by about two weeks, in spite of the appointment of more inspectors."

P. E. I. Leads.

Prince Edward Island, the home of the industry, is still in the lead in number of farms, states Mr. Mason. "Of the 1,721 fox farms now registered with the Department of Agriculture, 875, or a little more than half, are in Prince Edward. New Brunswick is second with 300, Ontario third with 200, and Nova Scotia fourth with 150. Other Provinces have smaller numbers, Quebec 65, Manitoba 50, Alberta 35, British Columbia 26, and Saskatchewan 20. In addition to these listed farms there are many others, usually small, whose owners have not yet decided to register. These are probably as numerous as the registered farms, but raise far fewer foxes."

Membership Trebles.

Another evidence of amazing growth is found in the membership figures of the Canadian National Silver Fox Breeders' Association, which organized only in 1920. During its first year it had a membership of 76; by 1924 this had risen to 876; and during the past year it has tripled itself, now standing at 2,740. Of this number 1,400 give P. E. I. addresses, and others are scattered over the country in much the same proportion as the registered farms already noted.

Although the fox business is developing at such a rapid rate, it is not running wild. Inspection for registration is severe, and there are regulations to be observed. This year 28 inspectors have been busy under the chief inspector, Dr. W. G. Church. Animals are identified by tattoo marks in the ear, each breeder being given letters registered at the Records Office as his personal mark. Foxes not up to standards of breeding or individual perfection are condemned, and are not only ineligible for registra-

tion, but must be slaughtered by Jan. 1. Doubtful cases may be placed upon the "suspended" list and with those which have been registered reinspected the following year. Condemned foxes are tattooed with an arrow mark and any owner transferring or failing to kill an "arrowed" fox is suspended by the association.

Selecting Ancestors.

"Silver" foxes, as those who have seen them know, are bluish-black in color. Why silver, then? Breeders explain that in the true silver fox some of the hairs have a fine silver ring about them. This is the identifying mark, and cannot be imitated. The black or silver fox is really only a red fox which has changed its color, a sport from the common canis vulpes. But to be registered in the National Records it must not only have changed its own color, but have taken the precaution to change that of its forefathers, and furthermore to have been born in Canada. A female cannot be registered, for instance, unless she, her dam, grand-dam, and great-grand-dam, were born in captivity, were bred and owned by the same person, and were each sired by a registered silver fox, and it can be proved that her great-great-grand-dam was an authentic wild silver fox. And on top of that she must pass inspection in person, as they say in the movies. Failure to measure up to the standard of excellence, or white on legs above hocks or knees, or white on the body except the breast or posterior abdominal region, may still spoil her chances in spite of her care in choosing her ancestors.

Others Increase Also.

Silver foxes are not by any means the only fur-bearing animals reared in captivity in Canada, nor are they the only ones whose popularity is rising by the proverbial leaps and bounds. Six years ago the first survey conducted by the Dominion Government showed 419 fur farms. Last year the official figures gave 1,550, but omitted consideration of two lines which have been increasing rapidly. Breeding of other fur-bearing animals than silver foxes has at least doubled during the past year and a half. Red, blue, white, and cross (a combination of red and black) foxes, "coon," coyote, chinchilla rabbit, beaver, muskrat, karakul sheep, Siberian hare, skunk, mink, fisher, lynx, and marten are now listed as successfully domesticated, and experiments are proceeding with other animals, such as the otter.

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TIME FAST APPROACHING WHEN
WORLD MUST GO ON RUBBER RATION

London, Dec. 31—With the Irish question and Ellis Island relegated to the limbo, cynical observers of international relationships have been wondering for some time as to what would form the next subject of contention between Great Britain and America, for that two countries should exist without this is apparently impossible.

At any rate, the question now can be answered in one word—rubber. British interests have cornered the world's rubber supply so successfully that, to use the expression once favored by J. Rufus Wallingford, they have the world "by the slack of its pants." And however politely Washington may hint to Downing Street that American users of rubber are being held up, or however suavely London may return its regrets on that score, it would be useless to deny that the man on the street in Great Britain is delighted at what he regards his first score against the United States since the funding of the British war debt in 1923.

For almost three years the greater part of whatever unfriendliness may have existed here toward the United States has arisen over this question of war debts. The British press has dinned into the ears of the public that this country is being forced to pay for loans made to the Allies, and all other arguments which have figured only add nausea to the war debt controversy.

Public Grins Over Prices.

Now, the public, being only human, grins cheerfully every time it reads of a rise in rubber prices, and positively chuckles when it sees computations made to the effect that British rubber profits in four years or so will equal the total debt to the United States. This may seem highly reprehensible and illogical, but human reactions sometimes do take that form.

Of course the ointment is not without its proverbial fly. The insect in

this case is the increased cost of rubber products to domestic consumers. Tires for cars of the type which some correspondents here are able to maintain now cost \$25, as compared with \$17 less than a year ago, and it is expected they will reach \$30 after the first of the year.

Great Britain only has 1,000,000 automobiles against 18,000,000 in the United States, but even that number is sufficient to cause the owners to raise a sharp howl against the high prices of tires—if it were not for the other factors. One is that the American consumers is even harder hit. The other is that thousands of people with little money to spare have invested in rubber shares and their profits and increased dividends will often pay for new tires, leaving over a bit for gasoline.

Unpleasant Future Feared.

Wherefore, Secretary Hoover's protest about unfair prices of rubber elicits from the extraordinary man on the street the complacent smile of the cat that has just stolen the cream. Official quarters realize, of course, that the situation holds potentialities of future unpleasantness, perhaps even retaliation. They point, however, to the fact that after February a rationing schedule will go into effect, and even then there may be a shortage in rubber, which, of course, would keep up the price.

This government might be willing to consider modification of, or abandonment of the rationing scheme and return to the quid pro quo, but, as the compensation demanded probably would take the form of a suggestion for American tariff revision, the approach to this solution seems hopeless.

Meanwhile the British lion endures with unflinching feeling the tail twisting which, according to American correspondents of London newspapers are now being indulged in on the floor of Congress.

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