

Only a short time ago, Mr. James Tuplin, of Black Bank, P. E. I., sold his Silver fox ranch for \$250,000 for removal to New Brunswick. Many other large fortunes have also been made in this industry, both in New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island.

The Silver fox ranch of Mr. Bectz is valued at over \$200,000.

It is a question for those without much experience of wild animals, who may desire to undertake the farming of foxes, to consider in the first place whether they should not experiment for one year with Red foxes, even if they had the means of commencing with a pair of Black or Silver foxes, costing perhaps from \$7,000 to \$10,000; for it must be well understood that the difference between a Black or Silver fox and a Red fox is less than skin deep, being simply one of color and not of variety; the habits, the treatment, the food and all other requirements of the animal being the same, no matter whether the fur be red or black.

As a matter of fact, there is a large profit to be made out of the farming of Red foxes. A good skin is worth \$8.00 to \$9.00, so that when it is considered that a fox may be kept for about a cent a day, it will be seen that it is more profitable to rear these animals than to farm sheep or hogs.

There would seem to be no reason why this Colony should not be the scene of the largest and most important fox ranches in the world. Hundreds of thousands of acres might be devoted to the industry here, and it is a well known fact