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IMPORTANT TO EDITORS

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Please substitute the following, where possible, for the notice on the same subject sent you on October 10, 1927.

DISTEMPER ON FOX FARMS
TO RECEIVE CAREFUL STUDY

The University of Minnesota Medical School is engaging in cooperative studies with the Federal Bureau of Biological Survey of the cause and treatment of fox distemper, according to an announcement of the United States Department of Agriculture. Cooperators of the University are aiding the movement financially, and assistance by the Biological Survey also has been made possible by a slight increase in the Federal appropriations made for the purpose by the last Congress.

Fur farmers throughout the country and in Canada are bending every effort to prevent contagious diseases of their foxes, and the cooperation of research workers of the University and the Biological Survey will be welcomed by all fur producers. Studies of outbreaks of disease have been made by research workers of the two organizations, and as rapidly as possible the results will be made available to fox farmers.

Dr. J. E. Shillinger of the Biological Survey, formerly of the Bureau of Animal Industry, is in charge of the Federal work, and Dr. Robert G. Green, of the Department of Bacteriology and Immunology of the Medical School, represents the University of Minnesota.

So far as the resources of the Biological Survey permit, representatives of that Bureau will cooperate with fox farmers in efforts to maintain the health of their stock. Outbreaks of disease on fox farms, if reported to Paul G. Redington, chief, Bureau of Biological Survey, Washington, D. C., will receive as careful attention as the funds for the purpose warrant. Material for laboratory study will be thus obtained, and research work will be conducted to determine when possible the cause of the disease and remedial measures.

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