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## THE ANTICIPATED PELT PRODUCTION OF FUR FARMS, CANADA <sup>1/</sup> SEASON 1952-53

Ottawa, September 2, 1952: The number of pelts of standard silver and new type foxes to be taken from fur farms in Canada for the 1952-53 season is estimated at 23,700. Standard and mutation mink pelts are estimated to be 498,900. These estimates are based on a sample return from fox and mink farms.

It is estimated that 17,200 of the foxes to be pelted will be standard silver and 6,500 new type, while in mink there will be 327,700 standard, 87,300 silverblu, 62,300 pastel and 21,600 other mutations, a decrease of 43.3 per cent in fox pelts and 5.21 per cent in mink from the 1951-52 season. The estimates indicate a decrease of 44.1 per cent in adult foxes on farms at the beginning of 1952 as compared with January 1, 1951. Adult mink on farms decreased 7.8 per cent during the same period. The estimated number of fox pups raised in 1952 is 25. per cent less than last year and the number of mink kits 10.5 per cent less.

The estimates, in comparison with the 1951 estimates, are as follows:

| <u>FOXES</u>           |                  |        | <u>1951</u> | <u>1952</u> |
|------------------------|------------------|--------|-------------|-------------|
| On Farms on January 1: | Standard Silver: | Male   | 4,900       | 2,500       |
|                        |                  | Female | 13,200      | 6,800       |
| New Type:              |                  | Male   | 1,700       | 1,300       |
|                        |                  | Female | 2,900       | 2,100       |
| Pups Raised:           | Standard Silver: |        | 31,800      | 14,600      |
|                        | New Type:        |        | 7,800       | 5,100       |
| To Be Pelted:          | Standard Silver: |        | 33,900      | 17,200      |
|                        | New Type:        |        | 7,900       | 6,500       |

| <u>MINK</u>            |                  |        |         |         |
|------------------------|------------------|--------|---------|---------|
| On Farms on January 1: | Standard:        | Male   | 29,100  | 24,800  |
|                        |                  | Female | 137,500 | 115,700 |
| Silverblu:             |                  | Male   | 8,900   | 9,200   |
|                        |                  | Female | 28,600  | 31,800  |
| Pastel:                |                  | Male   | 7,600   | 7,800   |
|                        |                  | Female | 16,600  | 18,900  |
| Other Mutations:       |                  | Male   | 2,700   | 3,400   |
|                        |                  | Female | 7,000   | 7,800   |
| Kits Raised:           | Standard:        |        | 404,900 | 326,500 |
|                        | Silverblu:       |        | 89,500  | 94,400  |
|                        | Pastel:          |        | 65,700  | 72,500  |
|                        | Other Mutations: |        | 23,500  | 29,200  |
| To Be Pelted:          | Standard:        |        | 375,400 | 327,700 |
|                        | Silverblu:       |        | 77,500  | 87,300  |
|                        | Pastel:          |        | 55,300  | 62,300  |
|                        | Other Mutations: |        | 18,000  | 21,600  |

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