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THE ANTICIPATED PELT PRODUCTION OF FUR FARMS, CANADA 1/ SEASON 1953-54

Ottawa, September 4, 1953: The number of pelts of standard silver and new type foxes to be taken from fur farms in Canada for the 1953-54 season is estimated at 12,700. Standard and mutation mink pelts are estimated to be 623,200. These estimates are based on a sample return from fox and mink farms.

It is estimated that 8,500 of the foxes to be pelted will be standard silver and 4,200 new type, while in mink there will be 329,700 standard, 109,100 silverblu, 117,100 pastel and 67,300 other mutations, a decrease of 46.4 per cent in fox pelts and 15.2 per cent increase in mink from the 1952-53 season. The estimates indicate a decrease of 37.8 per cent in adult foxes on farms at the beginning of 1953 as compared with January 1, 1952. Adult mink on farms increased 30.4 per cent during the same period. The estimated number of fox pups raised in 1953 is 42.6 per cent less than last year and the number of mink kits increased by 17.0 per cent.

The estimates, in comparison with the 1952 estimates, are as follows:

<u>FOXES</u>			<u>1 9 5 2</u>	<u>1 9 5 3</u>
On Farms on January 1:	Standard Silver:	Male	2,500	1,400
		Female	6,800	3,700
	New Type:	Male	1,300	900
		Female	2,100	1,900
Pups Raised:	Standard Silver:		14,600	7,300
	New Type:		5,100	4,000
To Be Pelted:	Standard Silver:		17,200	8,500
	New Type:		6,500	4,200
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On Farms on January 1:	Standard:	Male	27,500	25,900
		Female	126,400	115,500
	Silverblu:	Male	9,800	19,800
		Female	33,600	52,900
	Pastel:	Male	8,100	13,400
		Female	19,400	40,400
	Other Mutations:	Male	3,600	13,900
		Female	8,200	26,700
Kits Raised:	Standard:		361,200	331,000
	Silverblu:		99,600	116,200
	Pastel:		75,100	136,800
	Other Mutations:		31,100	79,400
To Be Pelted:	Standard:		361,600	329,700
	Silverblu:		92,400	109,100
	Pastel:		64,300	117,100
	Other Mutations:		22,900	67,300

1/ Exclusive of Newfoundland.
 2/ Figures for mink 1952 are revised.

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