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FUR FARMS OF CANADA, 1921.

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics has completed a preliminary compilation of returns of fur farms of Canada for the year 1921, and issues the following statement.

Number of Fur Farms - According to returns received, there were 794 fur farms in operation in Canada during the year 1921, comprising 758 fox farms, 12 mink farms, nine raccoon, three marten, two skunk, four Karakul sheep, three beaver and three muskrat farms. The increase over the previous year in the number of fur farms was 206.

Number and Value of Fur-bearing Animals in Captivity - The total number of fur-bearing animals on the farms at the end of the year 1921 was 22,455, with a total value of \$5,775,095, compared with 16,529 animals valued at \$4,722,905 for 1920. In 1921 the fur-bearing animals on the farms comprised 17,321 silver foxes valued at \$5,588,315; 1,220 patch foxes valued at \$101,550; 484 red foxes at \$10,035; 210 mink at \$5,366; 750 Karakul sheep at \$60,000; and 2,470 miscellaneous at \$9,829.

Fur-bearing Animals Born in Captivity - Fur-bearing animals born in captivity in 1921 numbered 15,127, comprising 12,926 silver foxes, 891 patch foxes, 542 red foxes, 256 mink and 512 miscellaneous.

Fur-bearing Animals Sold from Fur Farms - The number of fur-bearing animals sold from fur farms was 3,175, with a total value of \$806,139. To these totals silver fox contributed 2,668 in number and \$779,110 in value.

Pelts of Fur-bearing Animals Sold from Fur Farms - The pelts of fur-bearing animals sold from fur farms numbered 4,854, valued at \$609,097; comprising 3,790 silver fox pelts, value \$579,456; 402 patch fox, value \$22,608; 336 red fox, value \$4,261; 91 mink, value \$962; and 235 miscellaneous, value \$1,810.

Total Amount of Sales - The total amount received by fur farmers in 1921 from the sale of live fur-bearing animals and pelts was \$1,415,236, compared with \$1,151,556 in 1920.

Summaries of the principal items of information collected in the census of fur farms are given in the following tables.

1. Number of Fur Farms, by Provinces, 1921

	Fox Farms	Mink Farms	Raccoon Farms	Marten Farms	Skunk Farms	Karakul Sheep Farms	Beaver Farms	Muskrat Farms
	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.
P. E. I.	359	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
N. S.	95	6	4	-	-	1	1	1
N. B.	62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Que.	105	2	2	-	-	-	-	-
Ont.	85	3	3	-	1	-	1	1
Man.	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sask.	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Alta.	12	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
B. C.	14	1	-	3	1	2	-	-
Yukon	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	758	12	9	3	2	4	3	3

2. Number of Fur-bearing Animals Born in Captivity, by Provinces, 1921.

	Fox			Mink	Miscellaneous Fur-bearing Animals
	Silver	Patch	Red		
	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.
P. E. I.	8,146	218	82	-	-
N. S.	1,103	178	78	120	58
N. B.	1,587	60	18	-	-
Que.	642	197	154	114	-
Ont.	608	158	180	22	129
Man.	356	6	-	-	-
Sask.	94	-	-	-	-
Alta.	139	30	21	-	300
B. C.	81	7	-	-	25
Yukon	170	37	9	-	-
Total	12,926	891	542	256	512

3. Number and Value of Fur-bearing Animals Sold from Fur Farms, by Provinces, 1921

	Silver Fox		Patch Fox		Red Fox		Mink		Miscellaneous Fur-bearing Animals.	
	no.	value \$	no.	value \$	no.	value \$	no.	value \$	no.	value \$
P. E. I.	1,886	487,485	76	4,873	14	275	-	-	-	-
N. S.	112	26,710	44	2,450	8	162	40	750	12	675
N. B.	217	55,770	19	1,220	1	10	-	-	-	-
Que.	129	55,840	43	4,645	10	185	5	150	-	-
Ont.	103	37,345	86	5,057	35	558	-	-	1	4
Man.	133	75,650	1	100	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sask.	45	27,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alta.	35	10,010	4	160	5	130	-	-	100	5,300
B. C.	8	3,300	-	-	-	-	1	25	2	300
Yukon	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	2,668	779,110	273	18,505	73	1,320	46	925	115	6,279

4. Number and Value of Pelts Sold from Fur Farms, by Provinces, 1921.

	Silver Fox		Patch Fox		Red Fox		Mink		Miscellaneous Pelts	
	no.	value \$	no.	value \$	no.	value \$	no.	value \$	no.	value \$
P. E. I.	2,888	424,287	73	4,116	34	515	-	-	-	-
N. S.	178	29,786	118	5,850	59	726	63	742	-	-
N. B.	257	33,440	22	1,018	9	103	-	-	-	-
Que.	270	46,355	128	7,954	109	1,393	25	200	3	15
Ont.	97	18,912	34	1,906	117	1,410	3	20	113	307
Man.	29	4,978	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sask.	-	-	3	450	3	-	-	-	-	-
Alta.	40	5,560	7	375	6	84	-	-	115	1,470
B. C.	11	2,250	4	275	-	-	-	-	4	18
Yukon	20	8,888	13	634	2	30	-	-	-	-
Total	3,790	579,456	402	22,608	336	4,261	91	962	235	1,810

5. Number and Value of Fur-bearing Animals on Fur Farms at Date of December 31, 1921, by Provinces.

	Silver Fox		Patch Fox		Red Fox		Mink		Miscellaneous	
	no.	value \$	no.	value \$	no.	value \$	no.	value \$	no.	value \$
P. E. I.	10,534	3,224,650	259	21,715	88	1,755	-	-	-	-
N. S.	1,493	336,620	260	19,075	49	1,070	78	1,506	2,121	13,150
N. B.	2,140	593,300	72	4,810	8	120	-	-	-	-
Que.	906	399,425	286	26,715	137	2,831	63	1,390	19	246
Ont.	980	346,945	221	19,845	155	3,334	68	2,445	319	1,948
Man.	494	406,300	2	200	1	25	-	-	-	-
Sask.	123	98,400	2	200	1	50	-	-	50	150
Alta.	244	66,650	71	5,110	37	600	-	-	670	33,500
B. C.	121	41,175	14	1,580	2	100	1	25	41	20,855
Yukon	236	74,350	23	2,300	6	150	-	-	-	-
Total	17,321	5,588,315	1,220	101,550	484	10,035	210	5,366	3,220	69,829

6. Total Number of Fur Farms and Total Value of Property, by Provinces, 1920 and 1921.

	1920			1921		
	No. of fur farms	Value of Land and Buildings	Value of Fur-bearing Animals	No. of fur farms	Value of Land and Buildings	Value of Fur-bearing Animals
P. E. I.	309	\$ 640,489	\$ 3,089,970	359	\$ 737,085	\$ 3,248,120
N. S.	55	67,875	209,150	108	127,724	371,801
N. B.	57	101,354	552,250	62	130,160	598,730
Que.	80	121,498	256,935	109	173,204	430,607
Ont.	42	70,928	221,880	94	144,049	374,517
Man.	2	53,268	116,800	6	90,850	406,525
Sask.	2	33,000	68,970	5	37,075	98,800
Alta.	15	59,700	139,870	14	61,875	105,460
B. C.	11	13,029	28,105	21	21,100	63,735
Yukon	14	42,530	59,175	16	37,378	76,800
Total	587	1,202,591	4,722,905	794	1,560,500	5,775,095

7. Number and Value of Fur-bearing Animals on Fur Farms, Canada, at date of December 31st, 1920 and 1921.

	1920		1921	
	Number of Fur-bearing Animals	Total Value of Fur-bearing Animals	Number of Fur-bearing Animals	Total Value of Fur-bearing Animals
Silver Fox	13,694	\$ 4,556,417	17,321	\$ 5,588,315
Patch Fox	1,103	87,735	1,220	101,550
Red Fox	373	11,810	484	10,035
Blue Fox	3	748	-	2
White Fox	1	100	-	-
Mink	188	4,855	210	5,366
Marten	3	100	8	410
Fisher	6	675	5	700
Raccoon	23	260	55	854
Skunk	33	125	99	500
Opossum	-	-	9	65
Lynx	2	100	2	200
Bear	-	-	2	200
Brown Beaver	-	-	39	1,300
White Beaver	-	-	1	50
Muskrat	-	-	2,250	5,550
Karakul Sheep	1,100	80,000	750	60,000
Total	16,529	4,722,905	22,455	5,775,095

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