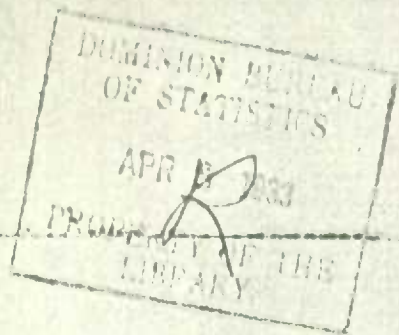


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2 The number of fur farms in operation in Canada in 1931 was 6,541, of which 5,301 were fox farms, 795 mink farms, 294 raccoon farms, and 151 miscellaneous kinds, including skunk, marten, fisher, coyote, badger, lynx, fitch, rabbit, muskrat and beaver farms.

The value placed on the property at the end of the year 1931 was \$15,592,348, this total comprising \$7,095,111, the value of the land and buildings, and \$8,497,237, the value of the fur-bearing animals on the farms. The revenue derived by the farms from the sale of live animals and of pelts during the year was \$3,563,460, the value of the pelts sold contributing \$3,071,460, or 86 per cent to the total. There was a considerable increase over the preceding year in the number of pelts sold, but owing to low prices paid for all kinds of furs the total value shows a slight decrease. Silver fox was the principal item in the sale of pelts, with a total of 95,851 skins, a total value of \$2,835,470, and an average value per pelt of \$30.

The principal statistics of the industry in the years 1930 and 1931 are given in the following tables.

1.- Number of Fur Farms, by Provinces, 1930 and 1931.

Province	Year	Miscellaneous fur-bearing animal farms							
		Fox Farms	Mink	Raccoon	Skunk	Marten	Fisher	Coyote	Badger
		No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
P. E. Island	1930	713	6	-	-	-	-	-	-
	1931	642	6	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	1930	466	73	13	-	-	-	-	-
	1931	521	74	11	-	-	-	-	-
New Brunswick	1930	788	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
	1931	751	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Quebec	1930	1,627	97	158	-	2	1	4	1
	1931	1,743	82	152	-	2	1	4	-
Ontario	1930	769	242	104	-	-	1	-	-
	1931	789	272	105	-	1	2	-	-
Manitoba	1930	155	132	6	-	1	-	2	2
	1931	175	118	5	-	1	-	2	4
Saskatchewan	1930	116	44	3	-	-	-	4	36
	1931	128	46	3	2	-	-	2	22
Alberta	1930	243	32	1	-	-	-	1	4
	1931	255	33	4	-	1	-	1	4
British Columbia	1930	184	158	16	-	5	3	-	-
	1931	191	156	14	-	12	4	-	-
Northwest Territories	1930	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	1931	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Yukon Territory	1930	7	8	-	-	-	-	-	-
	1931	5	6	-	-	-	-	-	-
Canada	1930	5,070	793	301	-	8	5	7	43
	1931	5,201	795	294	2	17	7	5	30

1.- Number of Fur Farms, by Provinces, 1930 and 1931 - concluded.

Province		: Miscellaneous fur-bearing animal farms - con. :						Total fur farms
		Lynx	Fitch	Chinchilla	Rabbit	Muskrat	Beaver	
		No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
P. E. Island	1930	-	-	-	-	-	-	719
	1931	-	-	-	-	-	-	648
Nova Scotia	1930	-	-	-	-	14	-	566
	1931	-	3	-	-	12	-	621
New Brunswick	1930	-	-	-	-	-	-	789
	1931	-	-	-	-	-	-	753
Quebec	1930	-	-	-	1	108	1	1,996
	1931	-	3	-	1	58	1	2,043
Ontario	1930	-	-	1	3	79	4	1,203
	1931	-	-	1	-	45	3	1,218
Manitoba	1930	-	1	1	-	6	2	308
	1931	-	2	-	-	2	2	311
Saskatchewan	1930	-	-	1	-	8	1	213
	1931	-	-	-	-	1	-	204
Alberta	1930	1	-	-	-	21	1	304
	1931	1	3	-	-	16	1	319
British Columbia	1930	1	-	-	-	38	4	409
	1931	1	3	-	-	25	6	412
Northwest Territories	1930	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
	1931	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Yukon Territory	1930	-	-	-	-	-	-	15
	1931	-	-	-	-	-	-	11
Canada	1930	2	1	3	4	274	13	6,524
	1931	2	14	1	1	159	13	6,541

2.- Value of Property, by Provinces, 1930 and 1931.

Province	1930			1931		
	Value of land and buildings	Value of fur-bearing animals	Total value of property	Value of land and buildings	Value of fur-bearing animals	Total value of property
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
P. E. Island	1,336,011	2,283,523	3,619,534	983,609	1,038,242	2,021,851
Nova Scotia	333,442	880,515	1,213,957	269,587	434,915	704,502
New Brunswick	656,120	1,498,240	2,154,360	451,417	657,774	1,109,191
Quebec	1,698,954	3,686,377	5,385,331	1,314,061	1,839,816	3,153,877
Ontario	1,841,226	3,378,708	5,219,934	1,687,221	1,874,217	3,561,438
Manitoba	524,572	991,688	1,516,260	508,585	625,632	1,134,217
Saskatchewan	738,744	1,006,906	1,745,650	723,311	578,207	1,301,518
Alberta	653,712	1,369,120	2,022,832	663,098	923,619	1,586,717
British Columbia	763,615	1,051,565	1,815,180	470,922	509,975	980,897
Yukon Territory	33,250	50,520	83,770	23,300	14,570	37,870
Northwest Territories	3,700	585	4,285	-	270	270
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,583,346</b>	<b>16,197,747</b>	<b>24,781,093</b>	<b>7,095,111</b>	<b>8,497,237</b>	<b>15,592,348</b>

3.- Number of Fur-bearing Animals Born on Fur Farms, and number which died, Canada, 1930 and 1931. (a)

Kind	1930			1931		
	Born	Died		Born	Died	
	No.	Adults	Young	No.	Adults	Young
Silver fox	111,076	3,489	14,732	123,573	5,103	13,247
Patch or cross fox	3,506	120	528	4,398	124	623
Red fox	2,225	101	322	3,106	150	427
Blue fox	2,010	126	863	1,729	131	737
White fox	-	28	4	-	9	50
Mink	16,174	1,080	1,496	28,510	1,711	3,717
Raccoon	1,854	169	460	2,220	152	467
Skunk	-	3	-	17	2	3
Marten	26	12	3	46	14	11
Fisher	22	7	6	52	12	10
Opossum	-	2	-	-	-	-
Coyote	51	11	9	63	10	10
Badger	130	125	59	33	26	11
Lynx	-	2	-	-	-	-
Fitch	168	6	35	1,109	132	281
Ferret	-	6	-	-	-	-
Weasel	-	5	-	-	2	-
Nutria	-	-	-	10	-	1
Chinchilla rabbit	1,171	78	127	379	12	37
Rabbit, n.e.s.	308	1	25	67	7	27
Karakul sheep	87	-	-	66	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>138,808</b>	<b>5,371</b>	<b>18,669</b>	<b>165,378</b>	<b>7,597</b>	<b>24,659</b>

4.- Number and Value of Fur-bearing Animals Sold from Fur Farms, 1930 and 1931.

Kind	1930		1931	
	Number	Value	Number	Value
		\$		\$
Silver fox	9,793	1,405,202	4,147	358,394
Patch or cross fox	397	29,296	226	8,526
Red fox	372	10,900	386	5,788
Blue fox	312	24,895	87	8,270
White fox	3	161	-	-
Mink	5,144	301,754	2,946	85,728
Raccoon	663	13,800	441	4,825
Marten	17	2,075	17	905
Fisher	27	1,399	62	7,495
Coyote	1	20	17	124
Badger	79	2,957	20	485
Fitch	73	1,720	291	6,724
Nutria	-	-	2	175
Chinchilla rabbit	125	170	52	58
Rabbit, n.e.s.	93	677	32	172
Karakul sheep	30	1,500	6	70
Muskrat	7,362	28,394	886	3,881
Beaver	9	625	5	380
<b>Total</b>	<b>24,500</b>	<b>1,828,545</b>	<b>9,623</b>	<b>492,000</b>

(a) Exclusive of muskrat and beaver, for which no exact particulars can be obtained.

5.- Number and Value of Pelts Sold from Fur Farms, Canada, 1930 and 1931

Kind	1930		1931	
	Number	Value	Number	Value
		\$		\$
Silver fox	60,326	2,921,885	95,851	2,835,470
Patch or cross fox	1,750	75,676	3,080	84,993
Red fox	1,449	21,549	2,278	20,445
Blue fox	572	25,318	670	12,758
White fox	1	25	54	792
Mink	3,284	34,538	19,035	99,033
Raccoon	419	2,618	987	4,445
Skunk	3	11	4	4
Marten	5	100	7	79
Fisher	9	405	4	145
Coyote	89	691	95	718
Badger	261	3,925	202	3,101
Lynx	2	100	-	-
Fitch	-	-	90	341
Weasel	5	7	-	-
Chinchilla rabbit	51	45	56	65
Rabbit, n.e.s.	28	22	-	-
Muskrat	9,397	91,205	10,825	8,945
Beaver	6	150	10	126
<b>Total</b>	<b>77,657</b>	<b>3,096,270</b>	<b>133,248</b>	<b>3,071,460</b>

6.- Number and Value of Fur-bearing Animals on Fur Farms, Canada, at date of December 31, 1930 and 1931.

Kind	1930		1931	
	Number	Value	Number	Value
		\$		\$
Silver fox	105,894	13,386,171	95,734	7,259,148
Patch or cross fox	3,335	270,257	3,369	150,597
Red fox	3,018	77,872	2,879	45,988
Blue fox	1,755	174,193	1,219	73,237
Silver blue fox	-	-	12	650
White fox	64	1,700	65	2,410
Mink	20,726	1,286,737	21,062	642,045
Raccoon	3,395	72,242	3,600	48,640
Skunk	20	73	54	187
Marten	228	20,660	272	17,550
Fisher	195	29,810	244	29,170
Opossum	3	25	-	-
Coyote	135	1,592	72	836
Badger	559	18,812	307	7,125
Lynx	13	1,600	16	660
Fitch	150	5,760	826	13,478
Ferret	1	5	-	-
Weasel	6	25	11	28
Nutria	10	700	27	1,880
Chinchilla rabbit	1,206	2,089	239	342
Rabbit, n.e.s.	475	1,623	207	685
Karakul sheep	193	5,334	140	1,650
Muskrat (a)	425,525	755,800	119,285	152,889
Beaver (a)	1,112	84,667	806	48,042
<b>Total</b>	<b>568,018</b>	<b>16,197,747</b>	<b>250,446</b>	<b>8,497,237</b>

(a) Based on estimates furnished by the operators of the farms

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