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ADVANCE REPORT ON THE FUR FARMS OF CANADA, 1936.

The number of fur farms recorded by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics in its census of fur farms for the year 1936 is 8,140, compared with 7,495 in the preceding year. The total for 1936 comprises 7,057 fox farms, 910 mink, 93 raccoon, 29 fitch, 5 badger, 2 marten, 2 fisher, 25 muskrat and 17 beaver farms. All farms which raise foxes are classified as fox farms, but in the miscellaneous group the classification is made according to the kind for which the largest number is recorded. For example, a farm raising marten and fisher would be classified as a marten farm if the number of these was greater than the number of fishers.

In all provinces, excepting Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick, fur farms are operated under authority of provincial license, and lists of the licensees are, each year, furnished to the Bureau by the Provincial Game Departments. For Prince Edward Island the Bureau's list of fur farms although inclusive of all the larger farms is probably incomplete with regard to properties where not more than one or two pairs of foxes are kept. For New Brunswick where, as in Prince Edward Island, licenses are not required, the Bureau's list is believed to be nearly complete.

The revenue to the industry in 1936 from the sale of live fur-bearing animals was \$829,581, and from the sale of pelts, \$5,707,922. The total revenue - \$6,537,503 - shows an increase over 1935 of \$1,017,076 or 18 per cent.

The number of animals on the farms at the end of the year 1936 was 221,015, and the value of these is placed at \$9,837,760. The principal kinds are silver fox, 151,696, valued at \$8,345,552 and mink, 44,631, value \$1,313,613.

The following tables give summaries of the principal statistics of the industry for the years 1935 and 1936. The final report, to be issued at a later date, will contain statistics in greater detail and by county and district divisions. (a)

1. Number of Fur Farms, by Provinces, 1935 and 1936.

| Province | 1935 | | | 1936 | | |
|--------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| | Fox Farms | Miscellaneous Fur Farms | Total Fur Farms | Fox Farms | Miscellaneous Fur Farms | Total Fur Farms |
| | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. |
| Prince Edward Island ... | 770 | 1 | 771 | 729 | 1 | 730 |
| Nova Scotia | 773 | 80 | 853 | 883 | 75 | 958 |
| New Brunswick | 971 | 12 | 983 | 1,015 | 13 | 1,028 |
| Quebec | 2,256 | 152 | 2,408 | 2,419 | 151 | 2,570 |
| Ontario | 807 | 222 | 1,029 | 875 | 295 | 1,170 |
| Manitoba | 270 | 130 | 400 | 309 | 201 | 510 |
| Saskatchewan | 251 | 57 | 308 | 287 | 62 | 349 |
| Alberta | 380 | 83 | 463 | 386 | 128 | 514 |
| British Columbia | 149 | 123 | 272 | 149 | 155 | 304 |
| Yukon | 5 | 3 | 8 | 5 | 2 | 7 |
| TOTAL | 6,632 | 863 | 7,495 | 7,057 | 1,083 | 8,140 |

(a) Report on the Fur Farms of Canada, 1936. Price 25 cents.

2. Value of Property, 1935 and 1936.

| Province | 1935 | | | 1936 | | |
|----------------------|--|--|----------------------------------|--|--|----------------------------------|
| | Value of land and build- ings | Value of fur- bearing animals | Total value of property | Value of land and build- ings | Value of fur- bearing animals | Total value of property |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Prince Edward Island | 884,895 | 1,192,410 | 2,077,305 | 876,446 | 1,088,647 | 1,965,093 |
| Nova Scotia | 314,687 | 557,447 | 872,134 | 337,422 | 608,202 | 945,624 |
| New Brunswick | 508,221 | 949,101 | 1,457,322 | 531,955 | 908,215 | 1,440,170 |
| Quebec | 1,173,107 | 1,910,659 | 3,083,766 | 1,226,657 | 1,910,811 | 3,137,468 |
| Ontario | 1,321,913 | 1,848,343 | 3,170,256 | 1,401,675 | 2,044,500 | 3,446,175 |
| Manitoba | 700,403 | 913,072 | 1,613,475 | 795,072 | 1,108,779 | 1,903,851 |
| Saskatchewan | 413,752 | 545,552 | 959,304 | 567,550 | 629,432 | 1,196,982 |
| Alberta | 905,913 | 1,085,050 | 1,990,963 | 972,632 | 1,164,714 | 2,137,346 |
| British Columbia .. | 356,184 | 373,916 | 730,100 | 367,747 | 362,635 | 730,382 |
| Yukon | 11,750 | 6,275 | 18,025 | 17,350 | 11,825 | 29,175 |
| TOTAL | 6,590,825 | 9,381,825 | 15,972,650 | 7,094,506 | 9,837,760 | 16,932,266 |

3. Number of Fur-bearing Animals Born on Fur Farms, 1935 and 1936. (a)

| Kind | 1935 | 1936 | Kind | 1935 | 1936 |
|------------------|---------|---------|--------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | No. | No. | | No. | No. |
| Silver fox | 184,988 | 221,905 | Skunk | 4 | - |
| Cross fox | 4,023 | 2,835 | Weasel | 46 | 20 |
| Red fox | 2,095 | 1,651 | Coyote | 24 | 52 |
| Blue fox | 871 | 1,046 | Karakul sheep .. | 94 | 89 |
| Mink | 48,961 | 65,769 | Rabbit | 57 | - |
| Fisher | 34 | 33 | Nutria | 67 | 28 |
| Marten | 30 | 38 | | | |
| Raccoon | 1,125 | 771 | | | |
| Fitch | 3,094 | 2,117 | TOTAL | 245,528 | 296,357 |
| Badger | 15 | 3 | | | |

(a) Exclusive of muskrat and beaver.

4. Number and Value of Fur-bearing Animals Sold from Fur Farms, 1935 and 1936.

| Kind | 1935 | | 1936 | |
|---------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| | Number | Value | Number | Value |
| | | \$ | | \$ |
| Silver fox | 9,901 | 562,480 | 9,976 | 542,888 |
| Cross fox | 132 | 3,280 | 125 | 3,321 |
| Red fox | 208 | 2,110 | 135 | 1,293 |
| Blue fox | 8 | 335 | 25 | 1,110 |
| White fox | - | - | 1 | 25 |
| Mink | 3,574 | 73,402 | 10,452 | 271,225 |
| Fisher | 31 | 3,255 | 45 | 5,930 |
| Marten | 16 | 800 | 3 | 292 |
| Raccoon | 118 | 779 | 128 | 867 |
| Fitch | 471 | 2,377 | 337 | 1,160 |
| Badger | 8 | 320 | - | - |
| Karakul sheep | 16 | 160 | - | - |
| Rabbit | 2 | 4 | - | - |
| Muskrat | 34 | 15 | 120 | 590 |
| Nutria | 7 | 115 | 38 | 880 |
| TOTAL | 14,526 | 649,432 | 21,385 | 829,581 |

5. Number and Value of Pelts Sold from Fur Farms, 1935 and 1936.

| Kind | 1935 | | 1936 | |
|---------------------|---------|-------------|---------|-------------|
| | Number | Value \$ | Number | Value \$ |
| Silver fox | 129,001 | 4,437,301 | 162,999 | 4,950,290 |
| Cross fox | 3,150 | 75,273 | 2,610 | 65,182 |
| Red fox | 2,137 | 14,301 | 1,724 | 12,734 |
| Blue fox | 633 | 9,179 | 591 | 11,071 |
| White fox | 5 | 75 | 4 | 80 |
| Mink | 30,558 | 323,263 | 40,818 | 652,424 |
| Fisher | 21 | 626 | 33 | 1,512 |
| Marten | 15 | 194 | 41 | 830 |
| Raccoon | 990 | 4,410 | 687 | 3,519 |
| Fitch | 2,015 | 2,010 | 1,234 | 1,738 |
| Badger | 32 | 296 | 12 | 108 |
| Skunk | 8 | 6 | - | - |
| Weasel | 46 | 25 | 20 | 20 |
| Coyote | 67 | 322 | 122 | 1,187 |
| Karakul sheep | 67 | 338 | 116 | 538 |
| Muskrat | 4,018 | 3,213 | 4,886 | 6,438 |
| Beaver | 12 | 113 | 25 | 248 |
| Nutria | 6 | 50 | 2 | 3 |
| TOTAL | 172,781 | 4,870,995 | 215,924 | 5,707,922 |

6. Number and Value of Fur-bearing Animals on Fur Farms, December 31, 1935 and 1936.

| Kind | 1935 | | 1936 | |
|---------------------|---------|-------------|---------|-------------|
| | Number | Value \$ | Number | Value \$ |
| Silver fox | 141,509 | 8,495,851 | 151,696 | 8,345,552 |
| Cross fox | 1,931 | 65,684 | 1,723 | 61,784 |
| Red fox | 1,548 | 16,149 | 1,248 | 13,567 |
| Blue fox | 669 | 20,750 | 649 | 21,043 |
| White fox | - | - | 4 | 120 |
| Mink | 31,946 | 695,492 | 44,631 | 1,313,613 |
| Fisher | 163 | 16,425 | 126 | 13,885 |
| Marten | 113 | 6,460 | 122 | 7,225 |
| Raccoon | 1,334 | 10,658 | 930 | 7,889 |
| Fitch | 1,144 | 4,598 | 1,001 | 3,472 |
| Ferret | 59 | 114 | - | - |
| Badger | 22 | 434 | 27 | 810 |
| Skunk | - | - | 2 | 10 |
| Weasel | 8 | 4 | 8 | 8 |
| Coyote | 18 | 132 | 27 | 280 |
| Karakul sheep | 102 | 540 | 102 | 560 |
| Rabbit | 59 | 114 | - | - |
| Muskrat (a) | 20,539 | 20,852 | 17,769 | 23,194 |
| Beaver (a) | 1,180 | 26,587 | 888 | 23,428 |
| Nutria | 72 | 1,065 | 62 | 1,320 |
| TOTAL | 202,363 | 9,381,825 | 221,015 | 9,837,760 |

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

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