

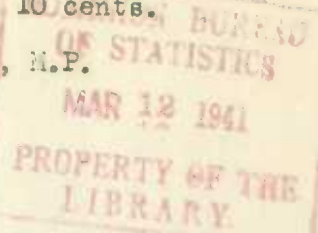
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ADVANCE REPORT ON THE FUR FARMS OF CANADA, 1939.

There were 9,906 fur farms in operation in Canada in 1939, with a value of \$14,349,887. Compared with the preceding year there is shown a reduction of 548 in the number of farms and a decrease of \$2,510,309 in the value of property. The decrease in number of farms is confined to Quebec and the Maritime Provinces, but the decrease in value of property is general for all provinces and is due in part to the smaller number of silver foxes retained on the farms and in part to the lower values placed on fur-bearing animals.

The number of live fur-bearing animals sold from the farms during the year was 21,780, valued at \$595,609, compared with 25,436, valued at \$730,074 in 1938. Mink is the principal kind, with a total of 15,640, while silver fox follows with 5,046. The average price obtained for mink in 1939 was \$21.88, compared with \$24.46 in the preceding year, and the average for silver fox, \$32.42, compared with \$40.58.

Pelts sold from the farms numbered 438,407, with a value of \$5,205,909. A total of 236,178 pelts provides a high record for silver fox, while a total of 170,296 pelts brings a high record for ranch mink also. Average prices for both kinds were lower than in previous years.

The total fur farm revenue in 1939 from the sales of live animals and pelts was \$5,801,518, apportioned among the provinces by percentage as follows: Ontario, 20.2 p.c.; Quebec, 18.8 p.c.; Manitoba, 13.7 p.c.; Alberta, 12.1 p.c.; Prince Edward Island, 9.9 p.c.; New Brunswick, 8.4 p.c.; Saskatchewan, 7.1 p.c.; Nova Scotia, 6.3 p.c.; British Columbia, 3.4 p.c.; and the Yukon Territory, 0.1 p.c. Compared with the preceding year the total revenue shows a decrease of \$681,298, or 11 p.c.

The number of animals retained on the farms at the end of the year was 253,462. Mink leads in number with 122,849, while silver fox is second with 105,013. The classification of foxes for 1939 includes an item covering platinum and white-face foxes. These kinds are placed in the one item as they are so combined in many of the fur farm returns. The total number of platinum and white-face foxes on the farms at the end of 1939 is given as 515, with a value of \$83,200 -- an average value of \$161.55 per fox.

The following tables summarize the principal statistical data of the industry for the year 1939, with comparative figures for 1938. The final report, to be issued at a later date, will contain detailed statistics by provinces and counties or districts.

1. Number of Fur Farms and Value of Property in Canada by provinces, 1938 and 1939.

Province	1938		1939	
	Number of Fur Farms	Value of Fur Farms	Number of Fur Farms	Value of Fur Farms
		\$		\$
Prince Edward Island	1,024	1,314,795	913	1,076,245
Nova Scotia	1,032	698,595	918	491,247
New Brunswick	941	940,507	745	606,751
Quebec	3,370	3,240,001	2,945	2,670,759
Ontario	1,481	3,505,966	1,517	2,980,389
Manitoba	793	2,382,032	855	2,154,954
Saskatchewan	606	1,356,690	677	1,224,147
Alberta	727	2,494,088	822	2,291,306
British Columbia	470	899,428	506	833,229
Yukon Territory	10	28,130	8	20,860
<b>CANADA</b>	<b>10,454</b>	<b>16,860,196</b>	<b>9,906</b>	<b>14,349,887</b>

2. Number of Fur-bearing Animals born on Fur Farms, Canada 1938 and 1939.(a)

Kind	1938	1939
	No.	No.
Silver fox .....	254,129	223,668
Cross fox .....	2,905	3,060
Red fox .....	1,159	911
Blue fox .....	1,416	1,759
Platinum and white-face fox .....	-	444
Mink .....	169,518	248,035
Badger .....	16	6
Chinchilla .....	3	86
Coyote .....	42	71
Fisher .....	25	39
Fitch .....	1,301	1,048
Karakul sheep .....	48	174
Marten .....	51	40
Nutria .....	269	537
Raccoon .....	613	402
Skunk .....	13	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>431,508</b>	<b>480,284</b>

(a) Exclusive of beaver and muskrat for which information is not available.

3. Number and Value of Fur-bearing Animals Sold from Fur Farms, Canada 1938 and 1939.

Kind	1938		1939	
	Number	Value	Number	Value
		\$		\$
Silver fox .....	6,363	258,205	5,046	163,592
Cross fox .....	93	2,246	66	1,012
Red fox .....	78	729	41	319
Blue fox .....	301	15,790	176	13,725
Platinum and white-face fox .....	-	-	210	59,080
Mink .....	18,142	443,802	15,640	342,142
Beaver .....	1	15	10	340
Coyote .....	-	-	2	15
Fisher .....	12	1,978	8	660
Fitch .....	163	500	105	268
Karakul sheep .....	15	500	14	890
Marten .....	25	1,300	36	2,405
Muskrat .....	3	10	4	10
Nutria .....	148	4,525	296	8,145
Raccoon .....	92	474	126	3,006
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>25,436</b>	<b>730,074</b>	<b>21,780</b>	<b>595,609</b>

4. Number and Value of Pelts Sold from Fur Farms, Canada, 1938 and 1939.

Kind	1938		1939	
	Number	Value	Number	Value
		\$		\$
Silver fox .....	229,452	4,508,767	236,168	3,741,095
Cross fox .....	2,865	55,788	2,586	38,189
Red fox .....	1,197	7,307	1,144	5,609
Blue fox .....	745	14,909	963	19,402
Platinum and white-face fox .....	-	-	45	1,080
Mink .....	105,292	1,156,062	170,296	1,390,724
Badger .....	6	70	1	15
Beaver .....	75	895	101	1,386
Coyote .....	70	433	54	220
Fisher .....	12	397	7	175
Fitch .....	1,095	2,024	440	832
Karakul sheep .....	-	-	195	585
Lynx .....	-	-	1	52
Marten .....	6	119	9	201
Muskrat .....	4,921	4,593	6,019	5,360
Raccoon .....	440	1,365	363	977
Skunk .....	13	13	5	7
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>346,189</b>	<b>5,752,742</b>	<b>438,407</b>	<b>5,205,909</b>



5. Fur Farm Revenue, by Provinces,  
Canada 1938 and 1939.

	1938			1939		
	Fur-bearing animals sold	Pelts sold	Total revenue	Fur-bearing animals sold	Pelts sold	Total revenue
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Prince Edward Island .....	41,593	680,171	721,764	19,812	552,914	572,726
Nova Scotia .....	24,381	421,268	445,649	11,651	351,371	363,022
New Brunswick .....	25,201	606,432	631,633	18,588	468,815	487,403
Quebec .....	116,972	1,149,151	1,266,123	94,036	997,505	1,091,541
Ontario .....	147,468	988,271	1,135,739	130,948	1,041,821	1,172,769
Manitoba .....	136,511	684,215	820,726	113,405	680,451	793,856
Saskatchewan .....	50,701	393,909	444,610	83,077	321,356	409,433
Alberta .....	141,343	607,846	749,189	81,385	622,213	703,598
British Columbia .....	45,829	213,282	259,111	37,407	162,998	200,405
Yukon Territory .....	75	8,197	8,272	300	6,465	6,765
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>730,074</b>	<b>5,752,742</b>	<b>6,482,816</b>	<b>595,609</b>	<b>5,205,909</b>	<b>5,801,518</b>

6. Number and Value of Fur-bearing Animals on Fur Farms,  
Canada, December 31, 1938 and 1939.

Kind	1938		1939	
	Number	Value	Number	Value
		\$		\$
Silver fox .....	137,819	5,727,611	105,013	3,681,669
Cross fox .....	1,279	39,730	1,056	25,440
Red fox .....	923	8,826	690	6,369
Blue fox .....	978	74,195	1,266	77,232
Platinum and white-face fox .....	-	-	515	83,200
White fox .....	1	40	3	120
Mink .....	106,283	2,894,850	122,849	2,723,728
Badger .....	26	760	23	510
Beaver (a) .....	677	15,095	737	15,944
Chinchilla .....	60	96,000	146	220,850
Coyote .....	37	330	50	430
Fisher .....	126	12,655	141	14,190
Fitch .....	649	2,445	539	1,770
Karakul sheep .....	157	2,335	211	3,960
Lynx .....	3	300	4	200
Marten .....	200	14,765	194	13,995
Muskrat (a) .....	20,155	23,359	18,697	23,588
Nutria .....	323	11,225	798	24,884
Raccoon .....	678	4,968	521	3,496
Skunk .....	7	15	9	19
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>270,381</b>	<b>8,929,504</b>	<b>253,462</b>	<b>6,921,594</b>

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

