

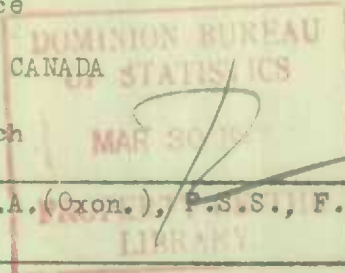
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The number of fur farms in operation in Canada in 1940 was 9,164 and the value of property, comprising land and buildings and fur-bearing animals on the farms at the end of the year, amounted to \$14,345,386. Compared with the preceding year there is a decrease of \$386 in the value of property, although the number of farms was 735 less than in 1939. All the western provinces and also Nova Scotia record increases in property value, but decreases are shown for Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, Quebec and Ontario. The position of each province with respect to total value of fur farms in Canada in 1940 is shown by percentage as follows: Ontario, 20.2; Quebec, 18.2; Alberta, 16.2; Manitoba, 15.2; Saskatchewan, 8.8; Prince Edward Island, 7.2; British Columbia, 6.4; New Brunswick, 4.2; Nova Scotia, 3.4; and the Yukon Territory, 0.2.

The total revenue of the fur farming industry in 1940 was \$6,153,074, to which the sales of pelts contributed \$5,608,380, or 91 per cent, and the sales of live fur-bearing animals, \$544,694, or 9 per cent. Of the total pelt sales, silver fox accounted for \$3,318,874, or 59 per cent, and mink for \$2,208,567, or 39 per cent. The average value of silver fox pelts was \$17.92, compared with \$15.84 in 1939, and of mink pelts, \$9.64, compared with \$8.17. The principal kinds of live fur-bearing animals sold from the farms were: silver fox (5,359 at \$209,486); mink (10,739 at \$206,431); and new type fox, including platinum, white-face, silver-blue, etc. (490 at \$106,737). Compared with the preceding year, the total revenue of the farms shows an increase of \$352,782, or 6 per cent.

The value of the animals on the farms at the end of the year 1940 was \$7,094,357, to which total the value of the silver foxes contributed \$3,604,155, or 51 per cent, and the value of the mink, \$2,877,597, or 41 per cent. The number of silver foxes on the farms was 93,715, a decrease from the preceding year of 11,256, and the number of mink was 132,614, an increase of 9,765. The total number of fur-bearing animals on the farms was 234,269. This number excludes muskrat, beaver, karakul sheep and lynx, the collection of information concerning which kinds has been discontinued. In 1939 the total number of fur-bearing animals on the farms, exclusive of the kinds mentioned above, was 233,769.

The following tables summarize the principal statistical data of the industry for the year 1940, with comparative statistics for 1939. 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, 1939 and 1940.

Province	1939		1940	
	Number of fur farms	Value of fur farms	Number of fur farms	Value of fur farms
		\$		\$
Prince Edward Island:	913	1,076,245	734	1,037,275
Nova Scotia	918	491,247	773	493,792
New Brunswick	745	606,751	648	600,588
Quebec	2,938	2,666,644	2,863	2,603,356
Ontario	1,517	2,980,389	1,408	2,890,744
Manitoba	855	2,154,954	798	2,185,220
Saskatchewan	677	1,224,147	628	1,267,026
Alberta	822	2,291,306	846	2,329,811
British Columbia ...:	506	833,229	457	912,694
Yukon Territory	8	20,860	9	24,880
TOTAL	9,899	14,345,772	9,164	14,345,386

2. Number of Fur-bearing Animals Born on Fur Farms, Canada, 1939 and 1940.

Kind	1939		1940		Kind	1939		1940	
	No.	No.	No.	No.		No.	No.	No.	No.
Silver fox.....	223,592	171,752	Chinchilla.....	86	126				
Cross fox.....	3,058	2,644	Coyote.....	71	49				
Red fox.....	911	677	Fisher.....	39	48				
Blue fox.....	1,759	2,112	Fitch.....	1,048	1,469				
New-type fox (includes platinum, white-face, silver-blue, etc.).....	444	2,351	Karakul sheep.....	174	(a)				
Mink.....	248,035	284,241	Marten.....	40	70				
Badger.....	6	22	Nutria.....	537	911				
			Raccoon.....	402	269				
			Skunk.....	4	3				
			Total.....	480,206	466,744				

3. Number and Value of Fur-bearing Animals Sold from Fur Farms, Canada, 1939 and 1940.

Kind	1939		1940	
	Number	Value	Number	Value
Silver fox.....	5,046	\$ 163,592	5,359	\$ 209,486
Cross fox.....	66	1,912	76	2,663
Red fox.....	41	319	64	548
Blue fox.....	176	13,725	89	6,668
New-type fox (includes platinum, white-face, silver-blue etc.).....	210	59,080	490	106,737
Mink.....	15,640	342,142	10,739	206,431
Beaver.....	10	340	(a)	(a)
Coyote.....	2	15	9	135
Fisher.....	8	660	14	1,055
Fitch.....	105	268	111	314
Karakul sheep.....	14	890	(a)	(a)
Marten.....	36	2,405	44	3,700
Muskrat.....	1	10	(a)	(a)
Nutria.....	348	10,755	291	6,762
Raccoon.....	74	396	27	195
Total.....	21,780	595,609	17,313	544,694

4. Number and Value of Pelts Sold from Fur Farms, Canada, 1939 and 1940.

Kind	1939		1940	
	Number	Value	Number	Value
Silver fox.....	236,091	\$ 3,739,889	185,238	\$ 3,318,874
Cross fox.....	2,584	38,169	2,525	42,167
Red fox.....	1,144	5,609	880	4,735
Blue fox.....	963	19,402	1,213	20,950
New-type fox (includes platinum, white-face, silver-blue, etc.).....	45	1,080	342	8,727
Mink.....	170,296	1,390,724	229,202	2,208,567
Badger.....	1	15	18	61
Beaver.....	101	1,386	(a)	(a)
Coyote.....	54	220	87	761
Fisher.....	7	175	10	511
Fitch.....	440	832	947	1,856
Karakul sheep.....	195	585	(a)	(a)
Lynx.....	1	52	(a)	(a)
Marten.....	9	201	15	399
Muskrat.....	6,019	5,360	(a)	(a)
Nutria.....	-	-	11	48
Raccoon.....	363	977	227	715
Skunk.....	5	7	10	9
Total.....	418,318	5,204,683	420,725	5,608,380

(a) The collection of information concerning this kind has been discontinued.

5. Fur Farm Revenue, by Provinces, 1939 and 1940.

Province	1939			1940		
	Fur-bearing animals sold	Pelts sold	Total revenue	Fur-bearing animals sold	Pelts sold	Total revenue
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Prince Edward Island...	19,812	552,914	572,726	42,125	424,342	466,467
Nova Scotia.....	11,651	351,371	363,022	14,964	353,363	348,327
New Brunswick.....	18,588	468,815	487,403	24,899	355,315	380,214
Quebec.....	94,036	996,279	1,090,315	102,293	1,085,986	1,188,279
Ontario.....	130,948	1,041,821	1,172,769	122,761	1,125,476	1,248,237
Manitoba.....	113,405	680,451	793,856	85,032	762,344	847,376
Saskatchewan.....	88,077	321,356	409,433	77,490	376,732	454,222
Alberta.....	81,385	622,213	703,598	54,309	853,787	908,096
British Columbia.....	37,407	162,998	200,405	20,716	288,776	309,492
Yukon Territory.....	300	6,465	6,765	105	2,259	2,364
Total.....	595,609	5,204,683	5,800,292	544,694	5,608,380	6,153,074

6. Number and Value of Fur-bearing Animals on Fur Farms, Canada, December 31, 1939 and 1940.

Kind	1939		1940	
	Number	Value	Number	Value
		\$		\$
Silver fox.....	104,971	3,680,554	93,715	3,604,355
Cross fox.....	1,056	25,440	935	23,270
Red fox.....	688	6,354	512	5,074
Blue fox.....	1,266	77,232	1,285	80,650
New type fox (includes platinum, white-face, silver-blue, etc.)...	515	83,200	2,314	288,660
White fox.....	3	120	7	400
Mink.....	122,849	2,723,728	132,614	2,877,597
Badger.....	23	510	37	380
Beaver.....	737	15,944	(a)	(a)
Chincilla.....	146	220,850	198	155,250
Coyote.....	50	430	56	565
Fisher.....	141	14,190	177	13,990
Fitch.....	539	1,770	470	1,141
Karakul sheep.....	211	3,960	(a)	(a)
Lynx.....	4	200	(a)	(a)
Marten.....	194	13,995	261	16,620
Muskrat.....	18,697	23,588	(a)	(a)
Nutria.....	798	24,884	1,270	23,141
Raccoon.....	521	3,496	418	3,464
Skunk.....	9	19	-	-
Total.....	253,418	6,920,464	234,269	7,094,357

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