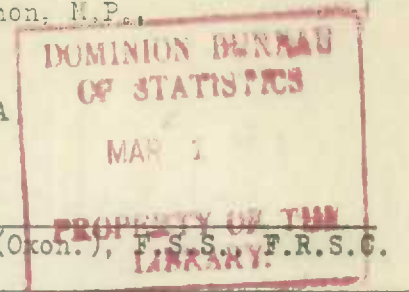


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ADVANCE REPORT ON THE FUR FARMS OF CANADA, 1941

The classification of "fur farm" includes all properties where furbearing animals are raised, whether the property is one devoted solely to fur farming or one which is operated as part of a general farm.

The number of fur farms in operation in Canada in 1941 was 8,440 and the value of property is recorded as \$15,191,900, compared with 9,164 farms and a property value of \$14,345,386 in the preceding year. The total value is apportioned as follows, with corresponding figures for 1940 in brackets: land and buildings, \$7,243,554 (\$7,251,029); furbearing animals, \$7,948,346 (\$7,094,357).

The number of animals retained on the farms at the end of the year was 256,910, comprising 91,525 silver foxes, 153,447 mink, 6,511 new type foxes (platinum, white-face, silver blue, etc.), and various other kinds with a total of 5,427 animals. The number of silver foxes decreased from the preceding year by 2 per cent, but the numbers of mink and new type foxes advanced by 16 per cent and 181 per cent respectively,

The revenue of the farms in 1941 amounted to \$5,582,470, a decrease from 1940 of \$570,604, or 9 per cent. The pelt sales had a total value of \$4,799,489, and the sales of live fur-bearing animals a value of \$782,981, compared with \$5,608,380 and \$544,694 respectively, in 1940. To the total revenue (live animals and pelts) silver fox contributed 55 per cent and mink, 39 per cent, or a total for the two kinds combined of 94 per cent.

Average prices for most of the principal kinds of farm pelts were higher than in 1940; silver fox advanced to \$23 from \$18, and mink to \$11 from \$10. Among the principal kinds of live fur-bearing animals sold, silver fox increased to an average of \$47 from \$39 in 1940, and mink to \$24 from \$19, while the average of the new type fox (platinum, white-face, silver-blue, etc.) dropped to \$179 from \$218.

The following tables summarize the principal statistical data of the industry for the year 1941, with comparative statistics for 1940. The final report, to be issued at a later date, will contain detailed statistics by provinces, and by counties or districts.

1. Number and Value of Property in Canada, by Provinces, 1940 and 1941.

Province	1940		1941	
	Number of fur farms	Value of fur farms	Number of fur farms	Value of fur farms
		\$		\$
Prince Edward Island ...	734	1,037,275	635	1,034,603
Nova Scotia	773	493,792	673	488,648
New Brunswick	648	600,588	581	694,651
Quebec	2,863	2,603,356	2,637	2,968,765
Ontario	1,408	2,890,744	1,298	3,109,364
Manitoba	798	2,185,220	701	2,134,868
Saskatchewan	628	1,267,026	628	1,326,161
Alberta	846	2,329,811	858	2,520,927
British Columbia	457	912,694	419	896,056
Yukon Territory	9	24,880	10	17,857
TOTAL	9,164	14,345,386	8,440	15,191,900

2. Number of Fur-bearing Animals born on Fur Farms, Canada, 1940 and 1941.

Kind	1940		1941		
	No.	No.	No.	No.	
Silver fox	171,752	158,512	Chinchilla	126	154
Cross fox	2,644	2,271	Coyote	49	61
Red fox	677	814	Fisher	48	30
Blue fox	2,112	2,500	Fitch	1,469	857
New-type fox (includes platinum, white-face, silver-blue, etc.)	2,351	8,141	Marten	70	91
White fox	-	10	Nutria	911	804
Mink	284,241	309,113	Raccoon	269	175
Badger	22	-	Skunk	3	3
			TOTAL	466,744	483,536

3. Number and Value of Fur-bearing Animals Sold from Fur Farms, Canada 1940 and 1941

Kind	1940			1941		
	Number	Value	Average Value	Number	Value	Average Value
Silver fox	5,359	209,486	39	6,994	327,845	47
Cross fox	76	2,663	35	50	1,253	25
Red fox	64	548	9	43	377	9
Blue fox	89	6,668	75	43	3,072	71
New-type fox (includes platinum, white-face, silver-blue, etc.)	490	106,737	218	826	148,041	179
Mink	10,739	206,431	19	12,058	291,761	24
Coyote	9	135	15	2	15	8
Fisher	14	1,055	75	15	2,355	157
Fitch	111	314	3	72	266	4
Marten	44	3,700	84	57	4,565	80
Nutria	291	6,762	23	211	3,215	15
Raccoon	27	195	7	55	216	4
TOTAL	17,313	544,694	-	20,426	782,981	-

4. Number and Value of Pelts Sold from Fur Farms, Canada, 1940 and 1941.

Kind	1940			1941		
	Number	Value	Average Value	Number	Value	Average Value
Silver fox	185,238	3,318,874	18	120,708	2,753,093	23
Cross fox	2,525	42,167	17	1,669	30,835	18
Red Fox	880	4,735	5	711	5,338	8
Blue fox	1,213	20,950	17	1,586	42,977	27
New-type fox (includes platinum, white-face, silver-blue, etc.)	342	8,727	26	2,117	76,114	36
White fox	-	-	-	5	66	13
Mink	229,202	2,208,567	10	177,741	1,888,189	11
Badger	18	61	3	4	22	6
Coyote	87	761	9	55	455	8
Fisher	10	511	51	15	585	39
Fitch	947	1,856	2	439	707	2
Marten	15	399	27	9	303	34
Nutria	11	48	4	155	241	2
Raccoon	227	715	3	129	564	4
Skunk	10	9	1	-	-	-
TOTAL	420,725	5,608,380	-	305,343	4,799,489	-

5. Fur Farm Revenue by Provinces, 1940 and 1941.

Province	1940			1941		
	Fur-bearing animals sold	Pelts sold	Total revenue	Fur-bearing animals sold	Pelts sold	Total revenue
Prince Edward Island ..	\$ 42,125	\$ 424,342	\$ 466,467	\$ 53,030	\$ 369,581	\$ 422,611
Nova Scotia	14,964	333,363	348,327	28,267	236,893	265,160
New Brunswick	24,899	355,315	380,214	39,830	337,312	377,142
Quebec	102,293	1,085,986	1,188,279	246,560	922,512	1,169,072
Ontario	122,761	1,125,476	1,248,237	176,829	1,054,551	1,231,380
Manitoba	85,032	762,344	847,376	82,481	525,493	607,974
Saskatchewan	77,490	376,732	454,222	47,196	349,138	396,334
Alberta	54,309	853,787	908,096	75,351	776,650	852,001
British Columbia	20,716	288,776	309,492	33,437	222,879	256,316
Yukon Territory	105	2,259	2,364	-	4,480	4,480
TOTAL	544,694	5,608,380	6,153,074	782,981	4,799,489	5,582,470

6. Number and Value of Fur-bearing Animals on Fur Farms, Canada, December 31, 1940 and 1941

Kind	1940		1941	
	Number	Value	Number	Value
		\$		\$
Silver fox	93,715	3,604,155	91,525	3,782,297
Cross fox	935	23,270	816	20,806
Red fox	512	5,074	499	6,081
Blue fox	1,285	80,650	1,462	111,431
New type fox (includes platinum, white-face, silver-blue, etc.).....	2,314	288,660	6,511	585,847
White fox	7	400	18	1,975
Mink	132,614	2,877,597	153,447	3,173,323
Badger	37	380	5	55
Chinchilla	198	155,250	292	212,150
Coyote	56	565	39	390
Fisher	177	13,990	145	11,745
Fitch	470	1,141	398	1,614
Marten	261	16,620	305	21,255
Nutria	1,270	23,141	1,165	16,998
Otter	-	-	2	50
Raccoon	418	3,464	279	2,314
Skunk	-	-	2	15
TOTAL	234,269	7,094,357	256,910	7,948,346

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