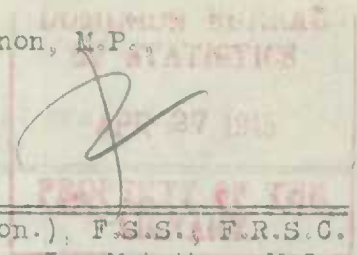


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ADVANCE REPORT ON THE FUR FARMS OF CANADA, 1943

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics issues herewith an advance report on the operations of fur farms of Canada for the calendar year 1943. The classification of "fur farm" includes all properties where fur-bearing animals are raised, whether the property is one devoted solely to fur farming or one which is operated as part of a general farm.

SUMMARY

Total revenue from the sale of pelts and live animals from fur farms amounted to \$9,846,005 in 1943, an increase of \$2,690,006 or 38 per cent over that of 1942. Pelt sales had a total value of \$8,958,662 as compared with \$6,739,103 in 1942 and the sale of live fur-bearing animals a value of \$887,343 as compared with \$416,896 in 1942. Of the total revenue silver fox contributed 46 per cent, platinum and white marked fox 11 per cent and mink 41 per cent. Average values for all pelts and for most live animals sold showed marked increases in 1943 over comparable quotations for 1942.

The number of fur farms in operation in Canada in 1943 was 6,973 and the value of property is recorded as \$17,403,149, compared with 7,835 farms and a property value of \$13,912,835 in the preceding year. The total value is apportioned as follows, with corresponding figures for 1942 in brackets: land and buildings, \$7,358,346 (\$7,158,980); fur-bearing animals \$10,044,803 (\$6,753,855).

The number of animals retained on the farms at the end of the year was 219,254, comprising 74,514 silver foxes, 5,447 platinum foxes of the various types, 15,339 white marked foxes, 119,266 mink, and various other kinds with a total of 4,688 animals. The number of silver foxes decreased from the preceding year by 11 per cent, the number of mink increased by 14 per cent and the number of new-type foxes advanced by 77 per cent.

The following tables summarize the principal statistical data of the industry for the year 1943, with comparative statistics for 1942. The final report, to be issued at a later date, will contain detailed statistics by provinces, and by counties or districts.

Table 1

Number and Value of Property in Canada, by Provinces, 1942 and 1943

	1942		1943	
	Number of Fur Farms	Value of Fur Farms \$	Number of Fur Farms	Value of Fur Farms \$
Prince Edward Island	1,034	1,288,021	840	1,588,037
Nova Scotia	543	395,417	474	510,512
New Brunswick	726	769,510	610	941,100
Quebec	2,341	3,019,588	2,129	3,744,323
Ontario	1,101	2,670,798	1,046	3,629,598
Manitoba	548	1,864,243	505	2,256,194
Saskatchewan	522	939,189	474	1,233,704
Alberta	716	2,239,087	643	2,627,106
British Columbia	298	714,977	247	849,360
Yukon Territory	6	12,005	5	23,215
TOTAL	7,835	13,912,835	6,973	17,403,149

Table 2

Number of Fur-bearing Animals born on Fur Farms, Canada, 1942 and 1943

	1942	1943		1942	1943
	No.	No.		No.	No.
Silver fox	170,310	135,585	Mink, standard	337,626	235,981
Cross fox	1,753	1,575	Mink, mutations		
Red fox	870	945	Chinchilla	124	88
Blue fox	3,270	3,915	Coyote	66	99
Platinum, including silver blue and pearl platinum fox	16,435	7,033	Fisher	32	51
White marked fox			19,568	Fitch	811
White fox	22	32		Marten	85
			Nutria	518	247
			Raccoon	182	170
			TOTAL	532,104	406,234

Table 3

Number and Value of Fur-bearing Animals Sold from Fur Farms, Canada, 1942 and 1943

	1942			1943		
	Number	Value	Average Value	Number	Value	Average Value
		\$	\$		\$	\$
Silver fox	3,438	151,418	44	5,083	328,857	65
Cross fox	38	842	22	38	1,330	35
Red fox	35	387	11	39	695	18
Blue fox	68	2,850	42	139	13,008	94
Platinum, including silver blue and pearl platinum fox	975	146,490	150	1,008	213,932	212
White marked fox				1,016	96,938	95
Mink, standard	6,102	109,356	18	7,565	212,407	28
Mink, mutations				142	16,850	119
Coyote	1	25	25	3	75	25
Fisher	2	150	75	-	-	-
Fitch	42	155	4	52	158	3
Marten	38	3,475	91	26	2,010	77
Nutria	126	1,525	12	53	915	17
Raccoon	31	223	7	25	168	7
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10,896</b>	<b>416,896</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>15,189</b>	<b>887,343</b>	<b>-</b>

Table 4

Number and Value of Felts Sold from Fur Farms, Canada, 1942 and 1943

	1942			1943		
	Number	Value	Average Value	Number	Value	Average Value
		\$	\$		\$	\$
Silver fox	160,992	3,532,571	22	137,368	4,241,614	31
Cross fox	1,818	35,561	20	1,722	39,128	23
Red fox	1,021	9,626	9	1,065	15,391	14
Blue fox	2,766	75,217	27	1,852	57,337	31
Platinum, including silver blue and pearl platinum fox	8,939	288,947	32	2,538	226,623	89
White marked fox				12,282	543,519	44
White fox	8	164	21	23	575	25
Mink, standard	350,087	2,793,573	8	250,713	3,821,867	15
Mink, mutations				49	1,789	37
Coyote	120	832	7	161	2,138	13
Fisher	12	353	29	68	3,124	46
Fitch	360	1,053	3	490	1,736	4
Marten	20	495	25	43	1,775	41
Nutria	86	263	3	151	652	4
Raccoon	94	448	5	230	1,394	6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>526,323</b>	<b>6,739,103</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>408,755</b>	<b>8,958,662</b>	<b>-</b>



Table 5

Fur Farm Revenue by Provinces, Canada, 1942 and 1943

	1942			1943		
	Fur-bearing Animals Sold	Pelts Sold	Total Revenue	Fur-bearing Animals Sold	Pelts Sold	Total Revenue
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Prince Edward Island	44,485	568,844	613,329	121,591	687,270	808,861
Nova Scotia	15,228	310,979	326,207	31,550	410,410	441,960
New Brunswick	21,147	512,603	533,750	66,801	612,462	679,263
Quebec	106,906	1,307,564	1,414,470	186,976	1,843,084	2,030,060
Ontario	125,139	1,259,449	1,384,588	245,555	1,793,568	2,039,123
Manitoba	32,496	992,032	1,024,528	80,076	1,143,646	1,223,722
Saskatchewan	27,703	455,293	482,996	49,572	661,746	711,318
Alberta	32,029	1,040,233	1,072,262	73,945	1,373,654	1,447,599
British Columbia	11,763	284,965	296,728	31,277	431,079	462,356
Yukon Territory	-	7,141	7,141	-	1,743	1,743
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>416,896</b>	<b>6,739,103</b>	<b>7,155,999</b>	<b>887,343</b>	<b>8,958,662</b>	<b>9,846,005</b>

Table 6

Number and Value of Fur-bearing Animals on Fur Farms, Canada,  
December 31, 1942 and 1943

	1942		1943		Total Value
	Number	Value	Male	Female	
		\$	No.	No.	\$
Silver fox	83,429	3,483,868	19,562	54,952	4,233,722
Cross fox	684	21,795	167	435	25,098
Red fox	479	8,245	143	389	13,069
Blue fox	1,445	72,789	654	1,331	190,577
Platinum, including silver blue and pearl platinum fox					
White marked fox	11,720	877,994	2,750	2,697	866,622
White fox	14	1,400	3	-	275
Mink, standard			25,590	93,069	3,366,204
Mink, mutations	104,686	2,059,612	207	400	99,288
Badger	3	50	-	-	-
Chinchilla	205	178,000	131	113	50,000
Coyote	35	485	10	18	675
Fisher	101	9,225	48	76	13,405
Fitch	294	2,784	76	179	1,296
Marten	317	23,170	132	166	24,988
Nutria	786	11,460	155	202	6,882
Raccoon	282	2,978	90	168	3,428
Skunk	-	-	1	1	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>204,480</b>	<b>6,753,855</b>	<b>55,147</b>	<b>164,107</b>	<b>10,044,803</b>