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PRELIMINARY REPORT ON THE RAW FUR PRODUCTION OF CANADA
SEASON 1923-24

The total value of the raw fur production of Canada for the season 1923-24, based on the market value of ^{the} pelts, was \$15,643,817, a decrease from the preceding season of over a million dollars. The decrease shown is due chiefly to the smaller number of muskrat and white fox pelts. Muskrat pelts in 1923-24 numbered 2,985,395, valued at \$3,440,363, while in the preceding season the number was 3,846,161 and the value, \$5,077,886. White fox pelts numbered 34,717, valued at \$1,233,605, compared with 77,135 valued at \$3,015,348 in the season 1922-23. Large increases in number and value are shown for silver, patch or cross and red fox, mink, otter, raccoon, lynx and coyote or prairie wolf. Average prices for all kinds were about the same as in the preceding season. The principal kinds of pelts (those showing a total value of \$500,000 or over), in order of value, were as follows:- muskrat, \$3,440,363; beaver, \$2,542,932; mink, \$2,113,569; white fox, \$1,233,605; marten, \$1,076,550; silver fox, \$962,282; Red fox, \$915,984; patch or cross fox, \$642,991; coyote or prairie wolf, \$625,145; lynx, \$515,249.

The following tables show (1) the number, total value and average market value of pelts in the season 1923-24, and (2) the total value of pelts for the past four seasons.

1. Kind, Number, Total Value and Average Value of Pelts of Fur-bearing Animals Taken in Canada, Season 1923-24

Kind	Number of Pelts	Total Value of Pelts	Average Value per pelt
		\$	\$ ¢
Badger	5,185	9,113	1.76
Bear, black	6,653	62,802	9.44
Bear, grey	16	244	15.25
Bear, grizzly	21	363	17.29
Bear, white	412	13,567	32.93
Bear, unspecified	330	3,185	
Beaver	169,172	2,542,992	15.03
Coyote or prairie wolf	62,140	625,145	10.06
Ermine (weasel)	359,334	290,812	.81
Fisher or pekan	4,158	291,355	70.07
Fox, patch or cross	16,049	642,991	40.06
Fox, red	65,936	915,924	13.88
Fox, silver	9,090	962,222	105.86
Fox, blue	263	15,617	58.27
Fox, white	34,717	1,293,605	37.26
Fox, kit	716	2,363	3.31
Lynx	26,437	515,849	19.51
Marten or sable	46,407	1,076,550	23.20
Mink	219,641	2,113,569	9.62
Muskrat	2,985,395	3,440,363	1.15
Otter	12,962	397,930	30.70
Rabbit	496	100	.20
Raccoon	35,456	140,113	3.95
Skunk	126,932	184,970	1.46
Wild cat	3,279	13,646	4.16
Wolf	3,798	56,066	14.76
Wolverine or carcajou	903	14,522	15.99
Caribou	5	10	2.00
Deer	10,271	14,003	1.36
Moose	1,100	3,569	3.24
Panther	4	61	15.25
Civet cat	109	26	.24
Domestic cat	146	40	.27
Total ..	4,207,593	15,643,817	

2. Total Value of Pelts of Fur-bearing Animals, by Provinces, Seasons 1920-21, 1921-22, 1922-23 and 1923-24.

Province	1920-21	1921-22	1922-23	1923-24
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Prince Edward Island	256,137	442,786	363,252	471,772
Nova Scotia	112,948	138,367	197,928	266,935
New Brunswick	72,500	162,421	157,636	248,547
Quebec	2,061,853	3,326,626	3,049,656	2,075,801
Ontario	3,043,815	4,359,492	3,616,692	3,731,989
Manitoba	1,055,865	1,630,278	1,673,667	1,908,354
Saskatchewan	717,149	1,679,212	2,242,937	1,927,914
Alberta	1,087,164	1,377,139	1,822,634	1,970,013
British Columbia	507,134	1,568,009	1,246,219	1,116,037
Northwest Territories	1,153,840	1,834,015	2,171,424	1,529,376
Yukon Territory	78,189	203,402	192,522	347,079
Total for Canada	10,151,594	17,438,367	16,761,567	15,643,817

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