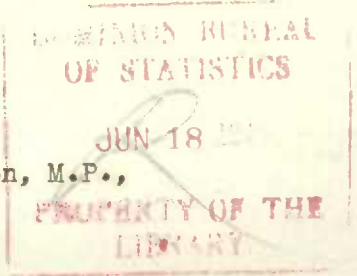


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PRELIMINARY REPORT ON THE FUR PRODUCTION OF CANADA
SEASON 1944-45

The statistics of raw fur production are prepared from statements furnished the Bureau by the Provincial game departments, excepting Prince Edward Island. Those for Prince Edward Island are based on returns made to the Bureau by the traders who handled the furs produced in the province.

SUMMARY

Canadian furs taken from wild life and fur farms in the year ended June 30, 1945 were valued at \$30,646,064. This is a decrease of 7 1/2% from the previous year's high record value of \$33,147,392. Average prices were down for most of the more common kinds of fur. Mink, muskrat, marten and rabbit pelts were slightly higher.

The province of Ontario was in first place with the highest valued production. Quebec was second, Manitoba third and Alberta fourth. All provinces, excepting New Brunswick, Manitoba and British Columbia, record a decrease from the previous year in the total value of the furs taken. The numbers of pelts show increases for ermine (weasel), fisher, blue, silver, platinum and white marked fox, lynx, muskrat, ^{marten} rabbit and squirrel, while decreases are shown for beaver, ^{ermine} coyote, cross and red fox, marten, mink, otter, raccoon and skunk. *see Errata slip attached.*

The take of the leading pelts in order of value was mink at \$7,959,850, muskrat at \$6,143,842, beaver at \$4,624,711 and silver fox, including the new types, at \$4,493,392. The highest average price for a single pelt was that of platinum fox at \$69.58, fisher was next at \$65.25 followed by marten at \$47.94, lynx at \$43.43 and white marked fox at \$40.54.

Table 1

Total Number and Value of Pelts of Fur-bearing animals taken in Canada, by Provinces, Seasons 1943-44 and 1944-45

	1943-44		1944-45	
	Number	Value	Number	Value
		\$		\$
Prince Edward Island	24,706	890,362	26,945	875,785
Nova Scotia	101,913	764,863	100,353	593,551
New Brunswick	70,159	834,741	88,078	927,158
Quebec	519,155	6,167,605	534,783	5,059,995
Ontario	1,049,371	7,129,781	992,802	7,003,877
Manitoba	880,622	3,832,641	1,511,130	4,818,626
Saskatchewan	1,106,354	3,437,777	925,240	2,310,760
Alberta	1,513,951	4,686,311	1,772,381	3,884,998
British Columbia	682,371	2,736,991	696,751	3,113,780
Northwest Territories	297,633	2,199,132	182,841	1,388,286
Yukon Territory	78,005	467,188	87,292	669,249
TOTAL	6,324,240	33,147,392	6,918,596	30,646,064

Table 2

Number and Value of Pelts of Fur-bearing Animals taken in Canada, Seasons 1943-44 and 1944-45

	1943-44			1944-45		
	Wildlife Number	Ranch Raised Number	Total Value	Wildlife Number	Ranch Raised Number	Total Value
			\$			\$
Badger	11,212	-	46,470	5,708	-	19,036
Bear, grizzly	9	-	180	4	-	20
Bear, white	95	-	2,375	81	-	2,190
Bear, not specified	1,448	-	4,769	2,336	-	6,615
Beaver	130,764	15	4,841,221	127,493	37	4,624,711
Chinchilla	-	5	78	-	12	360
Coyote or prairie wolf 1/	59,034	142	950,341	45,170	11	297,548
Ermine (weasel)	801,544	-	1,742,714	656,627	-	1,385,244
Fisher	3,303	16	252,937	3,630	31	238,884

1/ Coyote or prairie wolf pelts for Manitoba are included with wolf pelts for 1943-44

Table 2 (Concluded)

Number and Value of Pelts of Fur-bearing Animals taken in Canada,
Seasons 1943-44 and 1944-45

	1943-44			1944-45		
	Wildlife Number	Ranch Raised Number	Total Value	Wildlife Number	Ranch Raised Number	Total Value
			\$			\$
Fitch	-	374	1,020	83	416	1,226
Fox, blue	384	2,421	89,166	147	2,878	84,455
Fox, cross	40,829	873	784,779	22,834	1,674	383,522
Fox, red	191,631	892	2,676,897	127,586	686	1,012,118
Fox, silver	4,389	124,795	4,390,912	3,080	129,813	3,611,839
Fox, platinum	-	2,708	283,234	-	6,241	434,237
Fox, white marked	-	10,378	492,340	-	11,035	447,316
Fox, white	30,332	-	995,829	16,003	-	568,649
Fox, not specified	298	-	5,039	210	-	1,943
Lynx	10,191	6	530,874	11,964	-	519,581
Marten	19,530	35	905,975	19,743	24	947,719
Mink	160,972	204,787	7,151,809	133,857	222,017	7,959,850
Muskrat	2,038,626	242	4,654,641	2,308,004	483	6,143,842
Nutria	-	90	504	-	24	107
Otter	12,089	-	290,064	11,190	-	271,840
Rabbit	592,825	331	175,044	275,431	9	162,581
Raccoon	33,267	200	178,962	27,231	46	84,147
Skunk	219,106	-	682,715	127,580	-	219,662
Squirrel	1,601,182	-	817,813	2,610,603	-	1,133,155
Wild cat	2,214	-	36,454	2,200	-	35,035
Wolf 1/2	10,181	-	157,550	3,714	-	39,933
Wolverine	413	-	4,655	572	-	8,660
House cat	-	62	31	-	78	39
TOTAL	5,975,868	348,372	33,147,392	6,543,081	375,515	30,646,084

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E R R A T A

Correction to the report entitled

Preliminary Report on the Fur Production in Canada Season 1944-45

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The last sentence of paragraph two under the heading "Summary" should read: The numbers of pelts show increases for fisher, blue, silver, platinum and white marked fox, lynx, marten, muskrat and squirrel while decreases are shown for beaver, coyote, ermine, cross and red fox, mink, otter, rabbit raccoon and skunk.

Table 3

Average Value of Pelts of Fur-bearing Animals taken in Canada,
Seasons 1942-43, 1943-44 and 1944-45

	1942-43	1943-44	1944-45
	\$	\$	\$
Badger	6.91	4.14	3.33
Bear, grizzly	-	20.00	5.00
Bear, white	5.92	25.00	27.04
Bear, unspecified	3.19	3.29	2.83
Beaver	29.96	37.02	36.26
Coyote or prairie wolf	15.48	16.06	6.59
Ermine (weasel)	1.58	2.17	2.11
Fisher	50.63	76.21	65.25
Fitch	2.61	2.73	2.46
Fox, blue	26.38	31.79	27.92
Fox, cross	17.59	18.82	15.65
Fox, red	12.50	13.90	7.89
Fox, silver	24.84	33.99	27.18
Fox, platinum) ^{1/}	104.59	69.58
Fox, white marked	41.39)	47.44	40.54
Fox, white	28.37	32.83	35.53
Lynx	44.28	52.06	43.43
Marten	39.44	46.31	47.94
Mink	11.08	19.55	22.37
Muskrat	2.74	2.28	2.66
Nutria	3.45	5.60	4.46
Otter	19.33	24.00	24.29
Rabbit	0.20	0.30	0.59
Raccoon	4.99	5.35	3.08
Skunk	2.24	3.12	1.72
Squirrel	0.34	0.51	0.43
Wild cat	13.21	16.47	15.93
Wolf	14.79	15.47	10.75
Wolverine	8.40	11.27	15.14
House cat	0.50	0.50	0.50

^{1/} Includes platinum and white marked fox.



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