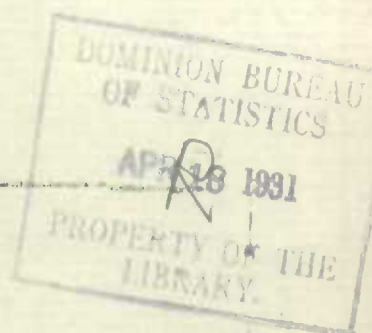


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The present report is the third in the series of preliminary reports which are being issued on the fur farming industry in Canada in 1929. The first report covered the fur farms in the Maritime provinces, the second, the Prairie provinces, British Columbia and the Yukon Territory, while the present report deals with Quebec and Ontario. The fourth report will combine the statistics and furnish information regarding the fur farming industry for Canada as a whole. It might be interesting here to note that the total number of fur farms in operation in Canada in 1929 was 5,515, and the value of property \$30,659,649, compared with 4,326 fur farms valued at \$22,976,291 in 1928.

QUEBEC

Number of Fur Farms.- The province of Quebec had in 1929 a total of 1,537 fur farms, of which 1,360 were fox farms, 96 raccoon farms, 40 mink farms, 31 muskrat farms, and 10 other kinds of fur farms. The total number shows an increase of 548 over the preceding year.

Value of Property.- The value of the Quebec fur farms in 1929 was placed at \$6,718,121, apportioned as follows: land, buildings and fixtures used for fur farming, \$1,597,628; and fur-bearing animals on the farms, \$5,120,493. Compared with the preceding year the total value of property shows an increase of \$2,375,622 or 55 per cent.

Number of Fur-bearing Animals Born and Number which Died.- There were 17,111 silver foxes born in captivity in the province of Quebec in 1929, and 2,066 other kinds of foxes. There were also 682 mink, 628 raccoon and 940 various kinds of fur-bearing animals, including 755 muskrat. It should be noted that the figure given for muskrats is based on estimates made by the fur farmers, who are unable to furnish exact data regarding this fur-bearer. The total number of all kinds of fur-bearing animals born on the farms during the year was 21,427, compared with 12,396 in 1928. The number of fur-bearing animals recorded by the farms as having died during the year was 5,018, of which 3,951 were silver foxes.

Number of Fur-bearing Animals Sold and Pelts Sold.- The Quebec fur farmers in 1929 derived a revenue of \$2,104,489 from the sale of live fur-bearing animals and of pelts, the value of the animals amounting to \$1,687,821 and of the pelts to \$416,668. To the total value of fur-bearing animals sold the silver fox contributed \$1,539,706, or 91 per cent, and to the value of pelts sold \$382,925, or 92 per cent.

Fur-bearing Animals on the Farms at the end of the year.- The number of fur-bearing animals on fur farms in Quebec province at the end of the year 1929 was 28,561, with a total value of \$5,120,493. The increase over the preceding year in number of animals was 12,967 or 83 per cent and in total value, \$1,884,027 or 58 per cent.

ONTARIO

Number of Fur Farms.- The fur farms of Ontario in 1929 numbered 1,057, compared with 884 in 1928. The principal kinds in 1929 were: fox farms, 702; mink farms, 151; raccoon farms, 96; and muskrat farms, 97.

Value of Property.- The value of property included in Ontario fur farms in 1929 amounted to \$5,967,989, comprising \$1,893,933 the value of land, buildings and fixtures; and \$4,074,056, the value of the fur-bearing animals. The total value shows an increase over the preceding year of \$1,237,035.

Number of Fur-bearing Animals Born and Number which Died.- The total number of all kinds of fur-bearing animals born on the farms in Ontario in 1929 was 41,333, chief among which were: silver fox, 11,157; mink, 1,773; and muskrat, 25,580. The number of muskrats is approximate only, as the number of muskrats born, died and on the farm at the end of the year cannot be determined exactly by the fur farmers. The total number of all kinds of fur-bearers born in captivity shows an increase of 6,721 over the preceding year. The number of fur-bearing animals which died during the year was 5,721, compared with 5,132 in 1928.

Fur-bearing Animals Sold and Pelts Sold.- The total revenue of Ontario fur farms in 1929 from the sale of live fur-bearing animals and pelts was \$777,452, or only \$466 more than the revenue of 1928. In the case of the silver fox, which accounts for the large part of the sales in both live animals and pelts, an increase of \$46,332 over the preceding year in the value of pelts sold, does not balance a decrease of \$146,405 in the sale of the live animals, so that the revenue from the silver fox branch of the industry shows a decrease of \$100,073. Mink and muskrat show large increases in the sales of live animals and of pelts.

Fur-bearing Animals on the Farms at the end of the year.- The number of fur-bearing animals of all kinds on the Ontario farms at the end of the year 1929 was 97,502, with a total value of \$4,074,056, compared with 71,822 valued at \$3,247,336 in 1928. To the total value in 1929 the silver fox contributed \$3,032,556, or 74 per cent, and the mink \$225,178, or 5 per cent. The number of muskrats was estimated at \$77,103, with a total value of \$659,751.

GENERAL TABLES

Statistics of the fur farming industry in Ontario and Quebec for the years 1928 and 1929 are given in the following tables.

The Fur Farming Industry, Quebec

1. Number of Fur Farms

Kind	1928	1929
	No.	No.
Fox Farms	893	1,360
Mink Farms	24	40
Raccoon Farms	51	96
Skunk Farms	-	1
Marten Farms	2	1
Fisher Farms	1	2
Badger Farms	-	1
Chinchilla Rabbit Farms	3	3
Rabbit Farms, n.e.s.	1	2
Muskrat Farms	14	31
Total	989	1,537

2. Value of Property

	1928	1929
	\$	\$
Value of land, buildings and fixtures	1,106,033	1,597,628
Value of fur-bearing animals	3,236,466	5,120,493
Total	4,342,499	6,718,121

3. Number of Fur-bearing Animals Born

Kind	1928	1929	Kind	1928	1929
	No.	No.		No.	No.
Silver Fox	8,941	17,111	Marten	-	4
Patch Fox	523	950	Fisher	-	5
Red Fox	661	774	Badger	-	3
Blue Fox	308	342	Chinchilla Rabbit	353	56
Mink	412	682	Rabbit, n.e.s.	224	113
Raccoon	436	628	Muskrat /	530	755
Skunk	8	4	Total	12,396	21,427

4. Number of Fur-bearing Animals which Died.

Kind	1928	1929	Kind	1928	1929
	No.	No.		No.	No.
Silver Fox	2,000	3,951	Marten	3	1
Patch Fox	143	197	Fisher	-	2
Red Fox	127	132	Badger	-	3
Blue Fox	195	127	Chinchilla Rabbit	29	35
Mink	96	147	Rabbit, n.e.s.	157	69
Raccoon	100	294	Muskrat /	77	60
Skunk	8	-	Total	2,935	5,018

/ Estimate

5. Number and Value of Fur-bearing Animals Sold.

Kind	1928		1929	
	Number	Value	Number	Value
		\$		\$
Silver Fox	4,327	1,185,028	6,857	1,539,706
Patch Fox	187	18,040	314	41,155
Red Fox	187	5,290	215	9,756
Blue Fox	95	16,450	136	23,950
Mink	325	29,905	636	64,550
Raccoon	321	11,392	305	8,338
Chinchilla Rabbit	188	612	-	-
Rabbit, n.e.s.	35	178	32	117
Muskrat	-	-	56	249
Total	5,665	1,266,895	8,551	1,687,821

6. Number and Value of Pelts Sold.

Kind	1928		1929	
	Number	Value	Number	Value
		\$		\$
Silver Fox	1,930	206,407	5,859	382,925
Patch Fox	233	19,488	311	17,376
Red Fox	409	10,287	331	8,394
Blue Fox	21	2,310	56	3,230
Mink	20	445	101	3,306
Raccoon	41	509	72	1,235
Fisher	-	-	2	150
Chinchilla Rabbit	7	12	14	16
Rabbit, n.e.s.	14	29	8	14
Muskrat	58	115	24	22
Total	2,783	239,602	6,778	416,668

7. Number and Value of Fur-bearing Animals on Fur Farms at date of December 31.

Kind	1928		1929	
	Number	Value	Number	Value
		\$		\$
Silver Fox	11,325	3,019,912	20,873	4,770,014
Patch Fox	621	69,750	952	101,175
Red Fox	769	25,500	1,182	51,843
Blue Fox	140	30,750	190	32,055
White Fox	-	-	4	400
Mink	499	51,012	1,045	102,442
Raccoon	735	26,548	1,252	45,721
Skunk	24	96	6	12
Marten	23	3,050	26	1,060
Fisher	18	3,250	44	5,390
Badger	-	-	12	600
Fitch	-	-	7	100
Chinchilla Rabbit	346	2,332	39	113
Rabbit, n.e.s.	95	770	56	355
Muskrat /	999	3,496	2,866	8,928
Beaver /	-	-	7	285
Total	15,594	3,236,466	28,561	5,120,493

/ Estimates.

The Fur Farming Industry, Ontario.

1. Number of Fur Farms

Kind	1928	1929
	No.	No.
Fox Farms	651	702
Mink Farms	75	151
Raccoon Farms	76	96
Fisher Farms	2	2
Chinchilla Rabbit Farms	4	3
Rabbit Farms, n.e.s.	4	3
Muskrat Farms	69	97
Beaver Farms	3	3
Total	884	1,057

2. Value of Property

	1928	1929
	\$	\$
Value of land, buildings and fixtures	1,483,618	1,893,933
Value of fur-bearing animals	3,247,336	4,074,056
Total	4,730,954	5,967,989

3. Number of Fur-bearing Animals Born.

Kind	1928	1929	Kind	1928	1929
	No.	No.		No.	No.
Silver Fox	8,504	11,157	Marten	-	3
Patch Fox	265	272	Fisher	8	11
Red Fox	234	239	Chinchilla Rabbit	3,230	1,352
Blue Fox	45	41	Rabbit, n.e.s.	1,728	210
Silver Blue Fox	11	-	Karakul sheep.	15	12
Mink	884	1,773	Muskrat /	19,061	25,580
Raccoon	370	626	Beaver /	184	33
Skunk	73	24			
			Total	34,612	41,333

4. Number of Fur-bearing Animals which Died.

Kind	1928	1929	Kind	1928	1929
	No.	No.		No.	No.
Silver Fox	2,422	2,249	Fisher	9	5
Patch Fox	59	82	Badger	-	1
Red Fox	58	63	Lynx	-	1
Blue Fox	53	23	Chinchilla Rabbit	1,106	1,835
Silver Blue Fox	9	-	Rabbit, n.e.s.	576	160
Mink	179	315	Karakul Sheep	5	8
Raccoon	98	165	Muskrat /	483	794
Skunk	65	6	Beaver /	10	9
Marten	-	5			
			Total	5,132	5,721

/ Estimates

5. Number and Value of Fur-bearing Animals Sold

Kind	1928		1929	
	Number	Value	Number	Value
Silver Fox	1,580	\$ 359,574	1,156	\$ 213,169
Patch Fox	100	9,025	64	4,514
Red Fox	68	1,551	97	3,289
Blue Fox	3	300	4	500
Silver Blue Fox	2	550	-	-
Mink	476	34,032	1,782	149,803
Raccoon	263	4,934	227	3,826
Marten	-	-	5	485
Fisher	9	1,200	19	2,725
Chinchilla Rabbit	975	16,663	361	1,423
Rabbit, n.e.s.	760	7,445	155	954
Karakul Sheep	2	150	2	200
Muskrat	1,938	14,473	3,490	23,052
Beaver	4	200	1	60
Total	6,180	450,097	7,363	404,000

6. Number and Value of Pelts Sold

Kind	1928		1929	
	Number	Value	Number	Value
Silver Fox	3,358	\$ 302,397	4,005	\$ 348,729
Patch Fox	195	13,123	160	10,206
Red Fox	219	4,951	150	3,546
Blue Fox	4	139	13	675
Mink	125	1,988	193	3,265
Raccoon	125	948	144	1,602
Skunk	10	20	22	42
Fisher	2	112	3	170
Chinchilla Rabbit	216	244	395	649
Rabbit, n.e.s.	127	155	321	216
Muskrat	1,774	2,812	2,692	4,252
Beaver	-	-	3	100
Total	6,155	326,889	8,101	373,452

7. Number and Value of Fur-bearing Animals on Fur Farms at date of December 31.

Kind	1928		1929	
	Number	Value	Number	Value
Silver Fox	11,418	\$ 2,694,334	14,005	\$ 3,032,556
Patch Fox	327	26,817	354	25,850
Red Fox	328	10,440	446	15,514
Blue Fox	62	8,480	100	13,400
Silver Blue Fox	6	1,520	-	-
Mink	1,191	83,666	2,748	225,178
Raccoon	766	21,431	1,216	23,180
Skunk	48	332	22	168
Marten	20	1,950	19	2,230
Fisher	57	8,495	67	9,715
Coyote	2	75	-	-
Badger	4	150	9	365
Lynx	2	200	1	100
Otter	-	-	2	100
Fitch	-	-	3	200
Chinchilla Rabbit	2,224	23,062	760	5,122
Rabbit, n.e.s.	1,540	11,545	258	537
Karakul sheep	38	3,800	40	3,000
Muskrat	53,357	326,019	77,103	659,751
Beaver	432	25,020	349	57,090
Total	71,822	3,247,336	97,502	4,074,056

/ Estimates.

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