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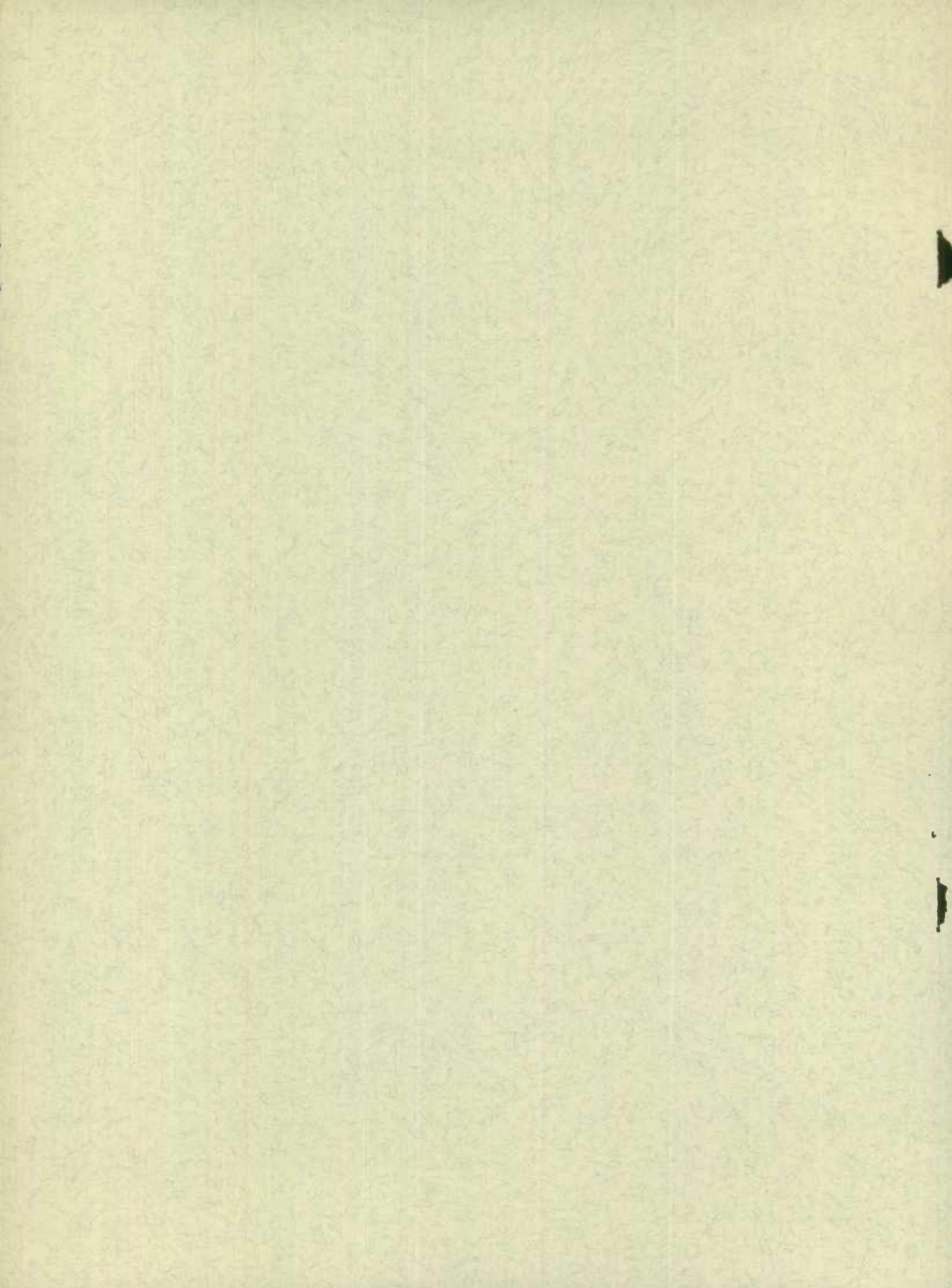
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THE FUR FARMING INDUSTRY IN QUEBEC AND ONTARIO, 1930

The term "fur farm" includes all properties on which fur-bearing animals are raised in captivity, whether the property is one devoted entirely to the industry of fur farming, or is conducted as a branch of the operations of a general farm.

QUEBEC. There were 1,996 fur farms in the province of Quebec in 1930, an increase over the preceding year of 459, or 30 per cent, and an increase over 1928 of 1,007, or 102 per cent. The value of property in 1930 amounted to \$5,385,331, comprising \$3,686,377, the value of fur-bearing animals and \$1,698,954, the value of land and buildings. The number of silver foxes on the farms of Quebec province was 22,440, an increase over 1929 of 1,567, but the value placed on the foxes--\$3,172,602--shows a decrease of \$1,597,412, or 33 per cent. Mink farming is increasing in importance in the province, the number of mink on the farms in 1930 being recorded as 2,511, valued at \$226,011, compared with 1,045, valued at \$102,442 in 1929. The revenue to the fur farmers from the sale of live fur-bearing animals and of pelts in 1930 was \$1,257,700, compared with \$2,102,869 in the preceding year. A decrease is shown in the number of live fur-bearing animals sold, but a large increase in the number of pelts.

ONTARIO. This province in 1930 had 1,203 fur farms, compared with 1,055 in 1929 and 884 in 1928. The value of property was \$5,219,934, comprising \$3,578,708, the value of fur bearing animals, and \$1,841,226 the value of land and buildings. The silver fox, as in all of the other provinces, is of chief importance, the number on the farms at the end of the year 1930 being 17,117, compared with 14,005 in 1929. In Ontario, mink farming is second only to silver fox farming, the number of this kind on the farms in 1930 amounting to 6,907, an increase over 1929 of 4,159, or 151 per cent. The revenue to the fur farmers from the sale of live fur bearing animals and of pelts in 1930 was \$816,617, compared with \$767,479 in 1929. Ontario is the only province in which the 1930 revenue from sales exceeded that of 1929. Increases are shown in sales of both live animals and of pelts.

THE FUR FARMING INDUSTRY, QUEBEC

1. Number of Fur Farms, 1928, 1929 and 1930.

Kind	1928	1929	1930
	No.	No.	No.
Fox farms	893	1,360	1,827
Mink farms	24	40	97
Raccoon farms	51	96	158
Skunk farms	-	1	-
Marten farms	2	1	2
Fisher farms	1	2	1
Badger farms	-	1	1
Chinchilla rabbit farms	3	3	-
Rabbit farms, n.e.s.	1	2	1
Muskrat farms	14	31	108
Beaver farms	-	-	1
Total farms	989	1,537	1,996

2. Value of Property, 1928, 1929 and 1930.

	1928	1929	1930
	\$	\$	\$
Value of land, buildings and fixtures	1,106,053	1,597,628	1,698,954
Value of fur bearing animals	3,236,466	5,120,493	3,686,377
Total Value	4,342,499	6,718,121	5,385,331

3. Number of Fur-bearing Animals Born on Fur Farms, 1929 and 1930.

Kind	1929	1930	Kind	1929	1930
	No.	No.		No.	No.
Silver fox	17,111	25,011	Fisher	5	2
Patch fox	950	1,362	Badger	3	2
Red fox	774	1,175	Fitch	-	50
Blue fox	342	513	Chinchilla rabbit	56	15
Mink	682	1,906	Rabbit, n.e.s	113	36
Raccoon	628	935	Muskrat x	755	7,539
Skunk	4	-	Beaver x	-	3
Marten	4	12	Total	21,427	38,561

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THE FUR FARMING INDUSTRY, QUEBEC - Cont'd.

4. Number of Fur-bearing Animals which Died, 1929 and 1930.

Kind	1929	1930	Kind	1929	1930
	No.	No.		No.	No.
Silver fox	3,951	5,282	Fisher	2	4
Patch fox	197	259	Badger	3	-
Red fox	132	246	Fitch	-	18
Blue fox	127	42	Chinchilla rabbit ...	35	2
White fox	-	10	Rabbit, n.e.s.	69	6
Mink	147	415	Muskrat x	60	462
Raccoon	294	420	Beaver x	-	5
Marten	1		Total	5,018	7,471

5. Number and Value of Fur-bearing Animals Sold, 1929 and 1930.

Kind	1929		1930	
	Number	Value	Number	Value
	\$		\$	
Silver fox	6,857	1,539,706	3,085	454,915
Patch fox	514	41,155	153	14,323
Red fox	215	9,756	165	4,225
Blue fox	136	23,950	33	4,450
Mink	636	64,550	1,012	76,756
Raccoon	305	8,338	302	5,678
Marten	-	-	2	250
Fisher	-	-	2	200
Fitch	-	-	30	900
Chinchilla rabbit	-	-	2	8
Rabbit, n.e.s.	32	117	7	42
Muskrat	56	249	540	5,126
Total	8,551	1,687,821	5,345	566,873

* Estimated

THE FUR FARMING INDUSTRY, QUEBEC - Concluded

6. Number and Value of Pelts Sold, 1929 and 1930.

Kind	1929		1930	
	Number	Value	Number	Value
	\$		\$	
Silver fox	5,859	382,925	15,027	632,875
Patch fox	311	17,376	831	35,286
Red fox	331	8,394	745	10,443
Blue fox	56	3,230	191	10,174
White fox			1	25
Mink	101	1,686	258	3,215
Raccoon	72	1,235	78	496
Marten			5	100
Fisher	2	150	5	210
Chinchilla rabbit	14	16	1	1
Rabbit, n.e.s.	8	34	18	20
Muskrat	24	22	163	203
Total	6,778	415,048	17,323	690,827

7. Number and Value of Fur-bearing Animals on Fur Farms at end of year
1929 and 1930.

Kind	1929		1930	
	Number	Value	Number	Value
	\$		\$	
Silver fox	20,873	4,770,014	22,440	3,172,602
Patch fox	952	101,175	1,214	123,837
Red fox	1,182	51,843	1,508	36,778
Blue fox	190	32,055	162	22,946
White fox	4	400	26	1,130
Mink	1,045	102,442	2,511	226,011
Raccoon	1,252	45,721	1,589	37,776
Skunk	6	12		
Marten	26	1,060	42	4,700
Fisher	44	5,390	45	6,580
Badger	12	600	15	820
Coyote			2	35
Lynx			2	200
Fitch	7	100	33	730
Nutria			10	700
Chinchilla rabbit	39	113	75	720
Rabbit, n.e.s.	56	355	127	327
Muskrat	2,866	8,928	30,853	44,274
Beaver	7	285	83	6,465
Total	28,561	5,120,493	60,747	3,588,377

THE FUR FARMING INDUSTRY, ONTARIO

1. Number of Fur Farms, 1928, 1929 and 1930.

Kind	1928	1929	1930
	No.	No.	No.
Fox farms	651	700	769
Mink farms	75	151	242
Raccoon farms	76	96	104
Fisher farms	2	2	1
Chinchilla rabbit farms	4	3	1
Rabbit farms, n.e.s	4	3	3
Muskrat farms	69	97	79
Beaver farms	3	3	4
Total farms	884	1,055	1,203

2. Value of Property, 1928, 1929 and 1930.

	1928	1929	1930
	\$	\$	\$
Value of land, buildings and fixtures .	1,483,618	1,893,933	1,841,226
Value of fur-bearing animals	3,247,336	3,770,441	3,378,708
Total Value	4,730,954	5,664,374	5,219,934

3. Number of Fur-bearing Animals Born, 1929 and 1930.

Kind	1929	1930	Kind	1929	1930
	No.	No.		No.	No.
Silver fox ..	11,157	15,224	Fisher	11	11
Patch fox ...	272	441	Chinchilla rabbit	1,352	434
Red fox	239	353	Rabbit, n.e.s.	210	60
Blue fox	41	79	Karakul sheep	12	10
Mink	1,773	4,169	Muskrat x	25,580	25,511
Raccoon	626	684	Beaver x	33	80
Skunk	24	-	Total	41,333	47,059
Marten	3	3			

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THE FUR FARMING INDUSTRY, ONTARIO - Cont'd.

4. Number of Fur-bearing Animals which Died, 1929 and 1930.

Kind	1929	1930	Kind	1929	1930
	No.	No.		No.	No.
Silver fox	2,249	3,177	Badger	1	-
Patch fox	82	111	Lynx	1	-
Red fox	63	81	Chinchilla rabbit	1,835	-
Blue fox	23	46	Rabbit, n.e.s.	160	16
Mink	315	724	Karakul sheep	8	-
Raccoon	165	141	Muskrat x	794	322
Skunk	6	-	Beaver x	9	1
Marten	5	3	Total	5,721	4,627
Fisher	5	5			

5. Number and Value of Fur-bearing Animals Sold, 1929 and 1930.

Kind	1929		1930	
	Number	Value	Number	Value
	\$	\$		
Silver fox	1,156	213,169	1,621	275,045
Patch fox	64	4,541	118	6,127
Red fox	97	3,289	75	2,189
Blue fox	4	500	4	550
Mink	1,782	149,803	1,557	97,671
Raccoon	227	3,826	265	5,721
Marten	5	485	5	550
Fisher	19	2,725	18	2,924
Badger	-	-	5	150
Chinchilla rabbit	361	1,423	-	-
Rabbit, n.e.s.	155	954	65	520
Karakul sheep	2	200	30	1,500
Muskrat	3,490	23,052	6,541	22,193
Beaver	1	60	8	500
Total	7,363	404,027	10,312	415,645

x Estimated.

THE FUR FARMING INDUSTRY, ONTARIO - Concluded

c. Number and Value of Pelts Sold, 1929 and 1930.

Kind	1929		1930	
	Number	Value	Number	Value
	\$		\$	
Silver fox	4,005	338,729	7,683	373,693
Patch fox	160	10,206	204	8,893
Red fox	150	3,546	277	3,898
Blue fox	13	675	28	735
Mink	193	3,265	863	7,217
Raccoon	144	1,602	259	1,610
Skunk	22	42	-	-
Fisher	3	170	1	70
Chinchilla rabbit	395	649	40	40
Rabbit, n.e.s.	321	216	10	2
Muskrat	2,692	4,252	3,729	4,814
Beaver	3	100	-	-
Total	8,101	363,452	13,094	400,972

7. Number and Value of Fur-bearing Animals on Fur Farms at end of year
1929 and 1930.

Kind	1929		1930	
	Number	Value	Number	Value
	\$		\$	
Silver fox	14,005	3,032,556	17,117	2,417,148
Patch fox	354	25,850	471	31,175
Red fox	446	15,514	518	12,887
Blue fox	100	13,400	75	7,475
Mink	2,748	225,178	6,907	498,896
Raccoon	1,216	23,180	1,345	20,512
Skunk	22	168	8	15
Marten	19	2,230	16	1,650
Fisher	67	9,715	51	6,475
Badger	9	365	9	500
Lynx	1	100	1	40
Otter	2	100	-	-
Fitch	3	200	4	150
Chinchilla rabbit	760	5,122	406	472
Rabbit, n.e.s.	258	537	189	765
Karakul sheep	40	3,000	20	1,000
Muskrat x	77,103	356,136	106,233	339,248
Beaver x	349	57,090	441	40,300
Total	97,502	3,770,441	135,811	3,378,708

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