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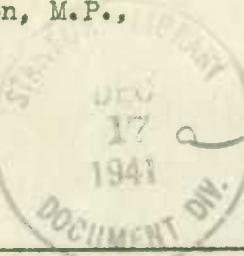
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ADVANCE REPORT ON THE FUR FARMS OF THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES,

BRITISH COLUMBIA AND THE YUKON TERRITORY, 1940

The present report contains information on the fur farming industry of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, British Columbia and the Yukon Territory in the year 1940. Statements covering Ontario, Quebec and the Maritime provinces will be published as soon as compilations for these provinces are completed.

The value of fur farm property in the four western provinces and the Yukon Territory, combined, in 1940, was \$6,696,942, an increase over the preceding year of \$172,446, or 3 per cent. All four provinces and the territory record increases over 1939 in the value of property. The number of fur farms in operation was 2,719, compared with 2,868 in 1939.

The number of fur-bearing animals born was 223,128, chief among which are mink and silver fox, the former recording a total of 172,855, an increase over 1939 of 30,904, and the latter a total of 44,337, a decrease of 15,574. The total number of all kinds shows an increase of 16,538, or 7 per cent.

The amount received in 1940 from the sale of live animals and pelts was \$2,515,487, to which the pelt sales contributed \$2,278,955, or 91 per cent. The total from both sources, combined, shows an increase over 1939 of \$401,430 or 19 per cent.

The value of the fur-bearing animals retained on the farms of the four provinces and the territory at the end of the year 1940 was \$3,190,411, an increase over the preceding year of \$50,059, or 1½ per cent. The chief kinds in order of value are: mink, \$1,749,772; silver fox, \$1,059,005; chinchilla, \$155,250; and the new type fox, \$125,048. The classification "new type" groups under one heading the several colour variations of the silver fox, which are listed in the fur farm returns as: platinum, pearl platinum, white-face, ring-neck, or freak. This new type fox is becoming increasingly important in the fur-farming industry, and in the western provinces the number on the farms at the end of the year has increased over the preceding year by 312 per cent, and the value by 212 per cent.

Summaries of the principal statistics of the fur farming industry in each of the four provinces and the territory are presented in the following tables.

1. Number of Fur Farms and Value of Property in the Prairie Provinces, British Columbia and the Yukon Territory, 1939 and 1940.

Province	1939		1940	
	Total Fur Farms	Total Value of Property	Total Fur Farms	Total Value of Property
	No.	\$	No.	\$
Manitoba	855	2,154,954	798	2,185,220
Saskatchewan	677	1,224,147	612	1,249,031
Alberta	822	2,291,306	845	2,328,461
British Columbia	506	833,229	455	909,350
Yukon Territory	8	20,860	9	24,880

2. Number of Fur-bearing Animals born on Fur Farms, 1939 and 1940.

Kind	Manitoba		Saskatchewan	
	1939	1940	1939	1940
Silver fox	No.	No.	No.	No.
Silver fox	19,268	14,789	16,287	11,396
Cross fox	143	191	71	94
Red fox	118	137	37	19
Blue fox	247	217	204	251
New type fox (includes platinum, white-face and freak foxes)...	15	161	12	502
Mink	52,014	59,249	17,728	20,922
Badger	-	-	-	2
Chinchilla	-	-	4	6
Coyote	11	4	16	15
Fisher	14	15	-	-
Fitch	195	339	70	39
Marten	3	5	-	-
Nutria	55	37	17	32
Raccoon	64	19	31	13
Karakul sheep	36	(a)	-	-
Total	72,183	75,163	34,476	33,291

Kind	Alberta		British Columbia		Yukon Territory	
	1939	1940	1939	1940	1939	1940
Silver fox	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Silver fox	21,461	16,230	2,851	1,905	44	17
Cross fox	1,070	986	34	29	7	2
Red fox	57	72	12	9	-	-
Blue fox	641	495	485	519	-	-
New type fox (includes platinum, white-face and freak foxes)...	155	440	-	53	-	-
Mink	50,154	66,446	21,437	25,904	618	334
Badger	6	20	-	-	-	-
Chinchilla	82	120	-	-	-	-
Coyote	45	30	-	-	-	-
Fisher	-	-	15	22	-	-
Fitch	233	382	-	-	-	-
Marten	13	14	23	42	-	-
Nutria	96	134	243	465	-	-
Raccoon	22	1	6	3	-	-
Karakul sheep	121	(a)	-	-	-	-
Total	74,156	85,370	25,106	28,951	669	353

3. Number and Value of Fur-bearing Animals Sold from Fur Farms 1939 and 1940.

Kind	Manitoba			
	1939		1940	
	No.	\$	No.	\$
Silver fox	316	13,369	260	12,986
Cross fox	2	80	7	236
Red Fox	-	-	10	38
Blue fox	78	8,015	48	4,332
New type fox (includes platinum, white-face and freak foxes)...	1	300	51	7,295
Mink	3,905	88,398	3,030	59,088
Fitch	41	68	34	127
Marten	1	50	5	205
Nutria	83	2,075	35	725
Raccoon	20	160	-	-
Karakul sheep	14	890	(a)	(a)
Total	4,461	113,405	3,480	85,032

(a) The collection of information concerning this kind has been discontinued.

3. Number and Value of Fur-bearing Animals Sold from Fur Farms, 1939 and 1940 - Concl'd.

Kind	Saskatchewan				Alberta			
	1939	1940	1939	1940	No.	\$	No.	\$
Silver fox	378	20,646	790	37,379	531	16,536	333	14,056
Cross fox	-	-	23	1,330	12	94	7	137
Red fox	-	-	1	10	1	15	1	7
Blue fox	12	360	7	375	31	1,200	15	654
New type fox (includes platinum, white-face and freak foxes) ..	109	40,750	90	23,548	65	10,460	80	10,640
Mink	1,468	25,141	918	13,211	2,923	51,378	1,627	28,319
Beaver	7	250	(a)	(a)	-	-	(a)	(a)
Coyote	2	15	-	-	-	-	9	135
Fisher	1	25	-	-	3	250	-	-
Fitch	22	60	20	42	29	97	21	101
Marten	9	425	3	400	2	185	1	75
Muskrat	-	-	(a)	(a)	4	10	(a)	(a)
Nutria	11	375	4	70	30	1,160	8	185
Raccoon	10	30	1	5	-	-	-	-
Total	2,029	88,077	1,857	76,370	3,631	81,385	2,102	54,309

Kind	British Columbia				Yukon Territory			
	1939	1940	1939	1940	No.	\$	No.	\$
Silver fox	52	2,186	16	830	2	50	1	75
Cross fox	-	-	1	50	-	-	-	-
Blue fox	19	1,728	3	182	-	-	-	-
New type fox (includes platinum, white-face and freak foxes) ..	10	685	11	1,425	-	-	-	-
Mink	1,164	28,018	596	14,549	25	250	3	30
Beaver	3	90	(a)	(a)	-	-	-	-
Fisher	3	300	2	180	-	-	-	-
Marten	24	1,745	23	2,020	-	-	-	-
Nutria	100	2,655	95	1,480	-	-	-	-
Total	1,375	37,407	747	20,716	27	300	4	105

4. Number and Value of Pelts Sold from Fur Farms, 1939 and 1940.

Kind	Manitoba			
	1939	1940	No.	\$
Silver fox	19,493	317,675	14,812	279,351
Cross fox	129	1,369	120	1,535
Red fox	153	753	153	879
Blue fox	87	1,425	75	1,133
New type fox (includes platinum, white-face and freak foxes) ..	-	-	7	145
Mink	36,555	358,560	48,608	478,650
Coyote	36	149	3	15
Fisher	3	105	1	25
Fitch	94	136	273	589
Lynx	1	52	(a)	(a)
Marten	2	55	-	-
Raccoon	76	172	8	22
Total	56,629	680,451	64,060	762,344

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4. Number and Value of Pelts Sold from Fur Farms, 1939 and 1940 - concluded

Kind	Saskatchewan				Alberta			
	1939		1940		1939		1940	
	No.	\$	No.	\$	No.	\$	No.	\$
Silver fox	16,907	260,820	12,961	218,542	22,593	360,717	18,389	315,096
Cross fox	55	987	78	1,961	761	12,977	906	16,686
Red fox	77	376	37	188	104	667	54	418
Blue fox	84	1,204	111	1,080	193	2,810	493	6,182
New type fox (includes platinum, white-face and freak foxes)	-	-	8	185	-	-	20	639
Mink	8,600	57,470	17,093	151,315	30,848	241,403	54,410	513,056
Badger	-	-	-	-	1	15	18	61
Beaver	12	237	(a)	(a)	34	429	(a)	(a)
Coyote	11	36	20	106	7	35	64	640
Fisher	-	-	2	138	-	-	-	-
Fitch	29	13	18	15	27	128	172	421
Muskrat	132	112	(a)	(a)	2,874	2,426	(a)	(a)
Raccoon	28	94	4	10	7	21	31	93
Skunk	5	7	-	-	-	-	-	-
Karakul sheep	-	-	-	-	195	585	(a)	(a)
Total	25,940	321,356	30,332	373,540	57,644	622,213	74,557	853,292

Kind	British Columbia				Yukon Territory			
	1939		1940		1939		1940	
	No.	\$	No.	\$	No.	\$	No.	\$
Silver fox	2,720	49,325	2,535	42,805	67	1,260	17	332
Cross fox	24	428	39	562	8	120	3	45
Red fox	5	45	15	84	-	-	-	-
Blue fox	561	13,344	464	11,522	-	-	-	-
New type fox (includes platinum, white-face and freak foxes)	-	-	1	19	-	-	-	-
Mink	11,696	98,931	22,760	232,101	659	5,085	213	1,882
Beaver	44	600	(a)	(a)	-	-	-	-
Fisher	1	40	-	-	-	-	-	-
Marten	7	146	115	399	-	-	-	-
Muskrat	181	135	(a)	(a)	-	-	-	-
Nutria	-	-	3	8	-	-	-	-
Raccoon	2	4	4	20	-	-	-	-
Total	15,241	162,998	25,836	287,520	734	6,465	233	2,259

5. Number and Value of Fur-bearing Animals on Fur Farms, December 31, 1939 and 1940.

Kind	Manitoba			
	1939		1940	
	No.	\$	No.	\$
Silver fox	8,618	327,779	8,482	360,224
Cross fox	123	2,765	124	3,392
Red fox	55	592	64	791
Blue fox	195	14,965	171	15,500
White fox	-	-	7	400
New type fox (includes platinum, white-face and freak foxes)	28	3,480	167	18,865
Mink	25,307	614,028	27,021	608,972
Beaver	16	300	(a)	(a)
Coyote	2	10	2	20
Fisher	46	4,080	61	5,720
Fitch	45	133	72	269
Lynx	2	100	(a)	(a)
Marten	30	2,630	44	3,660
Muskrat	14	50	(a)	(a)
Nutria	39	1,205	33	840
Raccoon	28	351	35	403
Karakul sheep	76	2,530	(a)	(a)
Total	34,624	974,998	36,283	1,019,056

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5. Number and Value of Fur-bearing Animals on Fur Farms, December 31, 1939 and 1940 -
Concluded

Kind	Saskatchewan				Alberta			
	1939		1940		1939		1940	
	No.	\$	No.	\$	No.	\$	No.	\$
Silver fox	7,835	299,394	6,808	278,367	11,901	412,052	10,463	370,015
Cross fox	32	820	39	1,160	213	7,175	152	4,455
Red fox	32	280	19	193	30	340	33	420
Blue fox	167	14,520	153	12,560	407	18,205	356	14,098
White fox	-	-	-	-	3	120	-	-
New type fox (includes platinum, white-face and freak foxes)....	44	11,825	416	49,375	195	23,150	529	53,198
Mink	8,579	203,526	9,710	226,739	25,776	502,862	29,858	579,362
Badger	2	10	4	20	21	500	33	360
Beaver	47	540	(a)	(a)	499	11,610	(a)	(a)
Chinchilla	13	9,750	16	9,750	133	211,100	182	145,500
Coyote	12	72	12	100	36	348	42	445
Fitch	26	63	12	52	73	228	82	182
Lynx	-	-	-	-	2	100	(a)	(a)
Marten	3	150	-	-	42	2,750	57	3,800
Muskrat	590	576	(a)	(a)	7,439	7,242	(a)	(a)
Nutria	16	635	20	445	134	5,296	243	4,757
Raccoon	33	154	24	120	44	150	29	100
Skunk	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Karakul sheep	-	-	-	-	111	725	(a)	(a)
Total	17,432	542,317	17,233	578,881	47,059	1,203,953	42,059	1,176,692

Kind	British Columbia				Yukon Territory			
	1939		1940		1939		1940	
	No.	\$	No.	\$	No.	\$	No.	\$
Silver fox	1,641	61,798	1,170	48,349	36	1,750	38	2,050
Cross fox	23	910	27	980	4	175	3	125
Red fox	19	215	12	120	1	25	1	10
Blue fox	242	6,310	197	4,070	-	-	-	-
New type fox (includes platinum, white-face and freak foxes)...	11	1,650	35	3,610	-	-	-	-
Mink	12,736	319,000	13,313	330,854	322	3,460	286	3,845
Beaver	117	1,593	(a)	(a)	-	-	-	-
Fisher	52	6,005	76	4,290	-	-	-	-
Fitch	2	5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Marten	78	4,705	127	7,005	-	-	-	-
Muskrat	254	370	(a)	(a)	-	-	-	-
Nutria	377	10,923	661	10,294	-	-	-	-
Raccoon	26	190	26	180	-	-	-	-
Total	15,578	413,674	15,644	409,752	363	5,410	328	6,030

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