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ADVANCE REPORT ON THE FUR FARMS ON THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES

BRITISH COLUMBIA AND THE YUKON TERRITORY, 1941.

The present report contains information on the fur farming industry of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, British Columbia and the Yukon Territory in the year 1941. 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 Prairie provinces, British Columbia and the Yukon Territory, combined, rose from \$6,719,631 in 1940 to \$6,840,854 in 1941, although the number of farms in operation decreased from 2,738 to 2,599. Increases in value of property are recorded for Saskatchewan and Alberta, and decreases for Manitoba, British Columbia and the Yukon Territory.

The number of fur-bearing animals born on the farms was 239,944 an increase over the preceding year of 17,079. The increase is due to the greater number of mink born - 189,-372, compared with 172,131 in 1940, and the number of new type foxes (platinum, white-face, silver-blue, etc.) - 4,126, compared with 1,165. The number of silver foxes born was less than in 1940 by 2,865, or 6 per cent.

The fur farm revenue in 1941 amounted to \$2,093,306, to which the sum received for pelts contributed \$1,859,356, or 89 per cent, and for the live animals sold, \$233,950, or 11 per cent. Compared with the preceding year, the pelt sales show a decrease in value of \$424,542, or 19 per cent, and the live fur-bearing animal sales a decrease of \$3,702, or 1.5 per cent. The total revenue decreased by \$128,244, or 17 per cent.

The number of fur-bearing animals retained on the farms at the end of the year and their total value were both greater than at the end of the preceding year. At date of December 31, 1941, the records show a total for all kinds of 123,545, with a value of \$3,-350,347, compared with 111,923, valued at \$3,201,815, at the close of the year 1940. Mink shows an increase in number, in each of the provinces, and a total increase for the provinces and territory, combined, of 11,930, or 15 per cent. There were fewer silver foxes on the farms of each province, and the total decrease from the preceding year amounted to 2,280, or 8 per cent. The new type fox, which includes varieties designated as platinum, white-face, silver-blue, etc., records a total of 3,334, valued at \$249,174, compared with 1,155, valued at \$127,448 in 1940.

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, 1940 and 1941.

Province	1940		1941	
	Total	Total Value	Total	Total Value
	Fur Farms	of Property	Fur Farms	of Property
Manitoba	798	\$2,185,220	701	\$2,134,868
Saskatchewan	628	1,267,026	613	1,275,606
Alberta	846	2,329,811	857	2,519,927
British Columbia	457	912,694	419	896,056
Yukon Territory	9	24,880	9	14,397

2. Number of Fur-bearing Animals born on Fur Farms, 1940 and 1941.

Kind	Manitoba		Saskatchewan			
	1940	1941	1940	1941		
	No.	No.	No.	No.		
Silver fox	14,789	14,679	11,847	11,379		
Cross fox	191	149	94	65		
Red fox	137	158	20	46		
Blue fox	217	380	251	224		
White fox	-	20	-	-		
New type fox (includes platinum, white-face, silver-blue, etc..)	161	594	511	1,476		
Mink	59,249	66,033	20,960	24,684		
Badger	-	-	2	-		
Chinchilla	-	10	6	6		
Coyote	4	-	15	11		
Fisher	15	12	-	-		
Fitch	339	313	39	53		
Marten	5	9	-	-		
Nutria	37	44	32	17		
Raccoon	19	10	13	-		
Total	75,163	82,401	33,790	37,961		
Kind	Alberta		British Columbia		Yukon Territory	
	1940	1941	1940	1941	1940	1941
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Silver fox	16,230	14,304	1,905	1,558	17	3
Cross fox	986	953	29	21	2	-
Red fox	72	93	9	7	-	-
Blue fox	495	629	519	326	-	-
New type fox (includes platinum, white-face, silver-blue, etc..)	440	1,919	53	137	-	-
Mink	66,504	71,087	25,084	27,060	334	508
Badger	20	-	-	-	-	-
Chinchilla	120	138	-	-	-	-
Coyote	30	50	-	-	-	-
Fisher	-	-	22	18	-	-
Fitch	382	142	-	-	-	-
Marten	14	14	42	55	-	-
Nutria	134	113	465	429	-	-
Raccoon	1	10	3	8	-	-
Total	85,428	89,452	28,131	29,619	353	511

3. Number and Value of Fur-bearing Animals Sold from Fur Farms 1940 and 1941

Kind	Manitoba			
	1940	1941		
	No.	\$	No.	\$
Silver fox	260	12,986	162	12,219
Cross fox	7	236	2	10
Red fox	10	38	-	-
Blue fox	48	4,332	10	1,252
New type fox (includes platinum, white-face, silver-blue, etc..)	51	7,295	44	4,625
Mink	3,030	59,088	2,745	63,648
Fitch	34	127	18	80
Marten	5	205	1	100
Nutria	35	726	38	502
Raccoon	-	-	13	45
Total	3,480	85,032	3,033	82,481

3. Number and Value of Fur-bearing Animal Sold from Fur Farms, 1940 and 1941 - Concl'd.

Kind	Saskatchewan				Alberta			
	1940		1941		1940		1941	
	No.	\$	No.	\$	No.	\$	No.	\$
Silver fox	802	37,499	244	6,805	333	14,056	210	9,142
Cross fox	23	1,330	-	-	7	137	3	75
Red fox	1	10	-	-	1	7	2	45
Blue fox	7	375	5	235	15	654	17	740
New type fox (includes platinum, white-face, silver-blue, etc.)..	99	24,548	71	17,460	80	10,640	102	12,865
Mink	918	13,211	923	18,048	1,627	28,319	2,539	51,037
Coyote	-	-	-	-	9	135	2	15
Fitch	20	42	7	8	21	101	12	47
Marten	3	400	-	-	1	75	8	800
Nutria	4	70	6	125	8	185	28	585
Raccoon	1	5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	1,878	77,490	1,256	42,681	2,102	54,309	2,923	75,351

Kind	British Columbia				Yukon Territory			
	1940		1941		1940		1941	
	No.	\$	No.	\$	No.	\$	No.	\$
Silver fox	16	830	52	2,744	1	75	-	-
Cross fox	1	50	-	-	-	-	-	-
Blue fox	3	182	5	495	-	-	-	-
New type fox (includes platinum, white-face, silver-blue, etc.)..	11	1,425	16	2,012	-	-	-	-
Mink	596	14,549	857	21,123	3	30	-	-
Fisher	2	180	14	2,255	-	-	-	-
Marten	23	2,020	48	3,665	-	-	-	-
Nutria	95	1,480	79	1,143	-	-	-	-
Total	747	20,716	1,071	33,437	4	105	-	-

4. Number and Value of Pelts Sold from Fur Farms, 1940 and 1941.

Kind	Manitoba			
	1940		1941	
	No.	\$	No.	\$
Silver fox	14,812	279,351	9,379	220,223
Cross fox	120	1,535	117	2,523
Red fox	153	879	155	1,122
Blue fox	75	1,133	175	3,626
White fox	-	-	5	66
New type fox (includes platinum, white-face, silver-blue, etc.)..	7	145	63	1,620
Mink	48,608	478,650	26,668	295,160
Coyote	3	15	26	203
Fisher	1	25	11	450
Fitch	273	589	193	389
Marten	-	-	2	58
Raccoon	8	22	18	53
Total	64,060	762,344	36,812	525,493

4. Number and Value of Pelts Sold from Fur Farms, 1940 and 1941 - concluded

Kind	Saskatchewan				Alberta			
	1940		1941		1940		1941	
	No.	\$	No.	\$	No.	\$	No.	\$
Silver fox	13,123	221,529	8,292	173,082	18,389	315,096	13,770	288,169
Cross fox	78	1,961	42	605	906	16,686	728	13,899
Red fox	38	193	12	85	54	418	55	519
Blue fox	111	1,080	107	1,716	493	6,182	323	5,996
New type fox (Includes platinum, white-face, silver-blue, etc..)	8	185	149	4,966	20	639	255	9,467
Mink	17,118	151,515	14,434	150,462	54,465	513,551	43,892	458,231
Badger	-	-	-	-	18	61	4	22
Coyote	20	106	-	-	64	640	29	252
Fisher	2	138	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fitch	18	15	-	-	172	421	33	42
Marten	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	43
Raccoon	4	10	2	18	31	93	5	10
Total	30,520	376,732	23,038	330,934	74,612	853,787	59,095	776,650

Kind	British Columbia				Yukon Territory			
	1940		1941		1940		1941	
	No.	\$	No.	\$	No.	\$	No.	\$
Silver fox	2,535	42,805	1,565	34,494	17	332	2	40
Cross fox	39	562	14	216	3	45	-	-
Red fox	15	84	9	80	-	-	-	-
Blue fox	464	11,522	498	19,235	-	-	-	-
New type fox (Includes platinum, white-face, silver-blue, etc..)	1	19	10	528	-	-	-	-
Mink	22,926	233,357	15,454	167,912	213	1,882	378	3,360
Marten	15	399	4	140	-	-	-	-
Nutria	3	8	146	234	-	-	-	-
Raccoon	4	20	8	40	-	-	-	-
Total	26,002	288,776	17,708	222,879	233	2,259	380	3,400

5. Number and Value of Fur-bearing Animals on Fur Farms, December 31, 1940 and 1941.

Kind	Manitoba			
	1940		1941	
	No.	\$	No.	\$
Silver fox	8,482	360,224	8,019	327,866
Cross fox	124	3,392	82	3,011
Red fox	64	791	56	1,000
Blue fox	171	15,500	182	12,403
White fox	7	400	18	1,975
New type fox (Includes platinum, white-face, silver-blue, etc..)	167	18,865	491	40,990
Mink	27,021	608,972	29,857	614,302
Chinchilla	-	-	20	1,000
Coyote	2	20	-	-
Fisher	61	5,720	53	3,995
Fitch	72	269	92	355
Marten	44	3,660	67	4,885
Nutria	33	840	44	735
Raccoon	35	403	5	18
Total	36,283	1,019,056	38,986	1,012,535

d. Number and Value of Fur-bearing Animals on Fur Farms, December 31, 1940 and 1941 -
Concluded

Kind	Saskatchewan				Alberta			
	1940		1941		1940		1941	
	No.	\$	No.	\$	No.	\$	No.	\$
Silver fox	7,017	284,722	6,690	250,603	10,463	370,015	9,125	311,704
Cross fox	39	1,160	19	421	152	4,455	160	4,476
Red fox	19	193	24	270	33	420	36	580
Blue fox	153	12,560	78	3,450	356	14,098	330	12,955
New type fox (includes platinum, white-face, silver-blue, etc.) ..	424	51,775	1,044	69,750	529	53,198	1,670	126,759
Mink	9,751	227,374	12,085	254,309	29,897	580,562	36,069	684,816
Badger	4	20	2	10	33	360	3	45
Chinchilla	16	9,750	17	7,250	182	145,500	255	203,900
Coyote	12	100	6	55	42	445	33	335
Fitch	12	52	54	135	82	182	65	220
Marten	-	-	-	-	57	3,800	69	5,600
Nutria	20	445	38	630	243	4,757	181	3,230
Raccoon	24	120	4	20	29	100	11	50
Total	17,491	588,271	20,061	586,903	42,098	1,177,892	48,007	1,334,670

Kind	British Columbia				Yukon Territory			
	1940		1941		1940		1941	
	No.	\$	No.	\$	No.	\$	No.	\$
Silver fox	1,170	48,349	1,036	41,165	38	2,050	20	225
Cross fox	27	980	26	540	3	125	1	25
Red fox	12	120	9	90	1	10	-	-
Blue fox	197	4,070	199	4,115	-	-	-	-
New type fox (includes platinum, white-face, silver-blue, etc.) ..	35	3,610	129	11,675	-	-	-	-
Mink	13,392	331,698	14,032	337,540	286	3,845	234	3,047
Fisher	76	4,290	61	3,530	-	-	-	-
Marten	127	7,005	126	7,240	-	-	-	-
Nutria	661	10,294	594	6,862	-	-	-	-
Raccoon	26	180	24	185	-	-	-	-
Total	15,723	410,596	16,236	412,942	328	6,030	255	3,297

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