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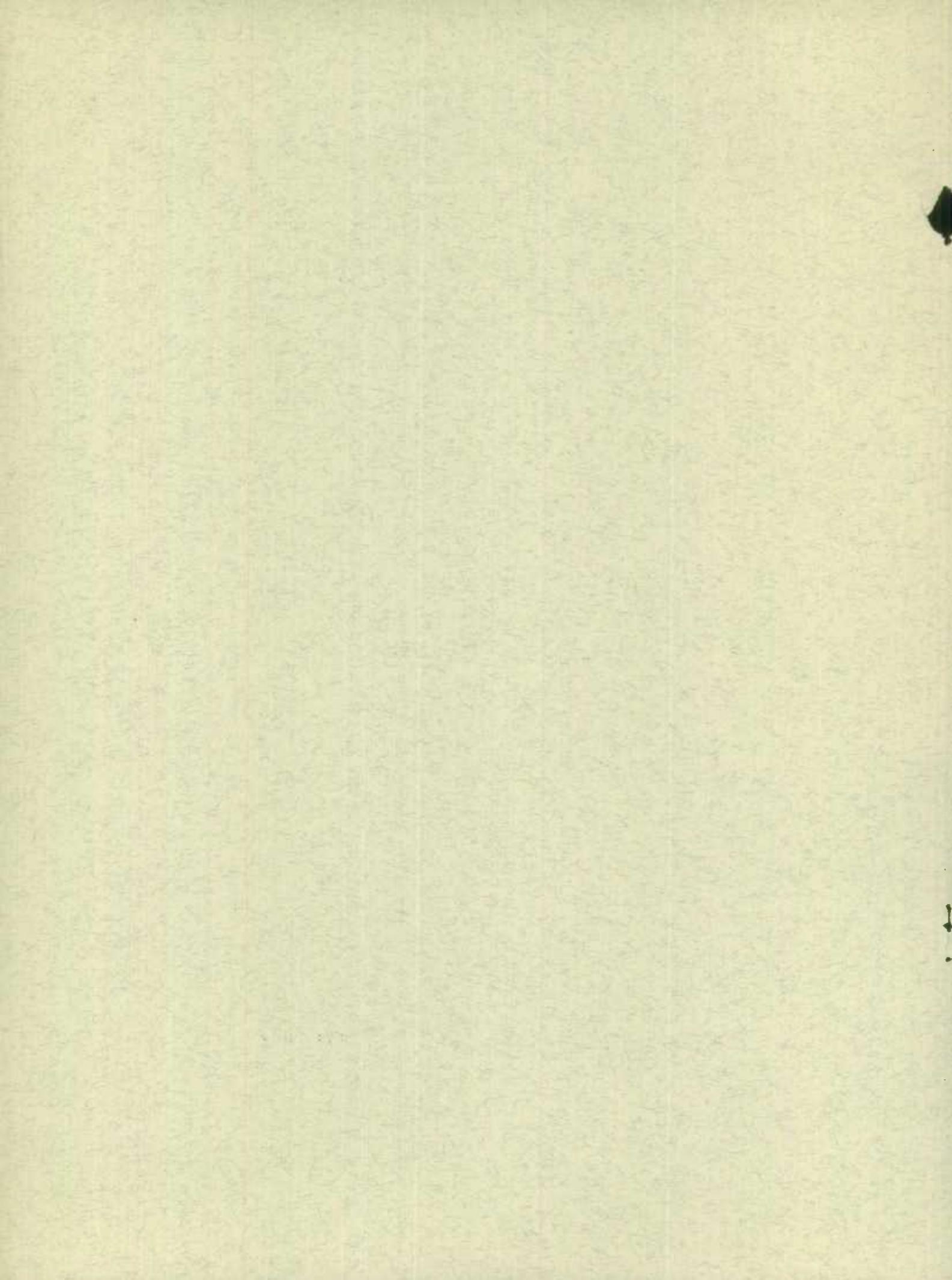
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FUR FARMS IN THE MARITIME PROVINCES, 1930.

There were more fur farms in operation in the Maritime Provinces as a whole in 1930 than in the preceding year, but the amount recorded as the value of property shows a decrease of \$2,308,546, or 25 per cent. The number of fur farms in operation in 1930 was 2,074, of which 1,967 were classified as fox farms, 80 as mink farms, 13 as raccoon farms, and 14 as muskrat farms. The following table shows the number of fur farms and the value of property, by provinces.

Province	1929		1930	
	Number of fur farms	Value of Property	Number of fur farms	Value of Property
	\$			\$
Prince Edward Island	727	5,217,167	719	3,619,534
Nova Scotia	456	1,297,583	566	1,213,957
New Brunswick	739	2,781,647	789	2,154,360
Total	1,922	9,296,397	2,074	6,987,851

Silver fox ranching is the main branch of the industry in the Maritime Provinces, the total value of the silver foxes on the farms at the end of the year 1930 being placed at \$4,491,589, or 96 per cent of the total value shown for all fur-bearing animals kept in captivity in these provinces. The number of silver foxes on the farms at the end of the year 1930 was 44,805, an increase of 339 over the preceding year. Owing to lower prices, however, the total value shows a decrease of \$2,315,108. The number of silver foxes born during the year was 50,132, an increase over the preceding year of 12,669, or 34 per cent; the number of deaths was 7,247, an increase of 2,246, or 45 per cent. The number of live silver foxes sold in 1930 was considerably less than the number shown for the preceding year, and the average price dropped from \$159 in 1929 to \$121 in 1930. The number of pelts sold reached a total of 28,529, but the average price was only \$51, in comparison with \$87 in 1929. The total revenue derived by the fur farmers of the Maritime Provinces from the sale of live fur-bearing animals and of pelts in 1930 was \$1,959,290, compared with \$2,801,532 in the preceding year.

The tables which follow give detailed statistics of the industry in each of the three provinces for the year 1930, with comparative figures for 1929.

THE FUR FARMING INDUSTRY, PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

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

Kind	1928	1929	1930
	No.	No.	No.
Fox farms	711	720	713
Mink farms	1	7	6
Total Farms	712	727	719

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

	1928	1929	1930
	\$	\$	\$
Value of land, buildings and fixtures ...	1,269,664	1,440,217	1,336,011
Value of fur-bearing animals	3,676,229	3,776,950	2,283,523
Total value	4,945,893	5,217,167	3,619,534

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

Kind	1929	1930
	No.	No.
Silver fox	19,259	22,688
Patch fox	85	121
Red fox	63	122
Mink	265	395
Raccoon	8	4
Total Born	19,680	23,330

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

Kind	1929	1930
	No.	No.
Silver fox	2,104	3,097
Patch fox	23	21
Red fox	11	29
Mink	30	102
Raccoon	3	-
Total Died	2,171	3,249

THE FUR FARMING INDUSTRY, PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

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

Kind	1929		1930	
	Number	Value	Number	Value
Silver fox	6,318	1,070,626	1,876	241,660
Patch fox	33	2,703	6	370
Red fox	25	1,015	10	360
Mink	289	21,395	194	8,581
Raccoon	38	1,124	25	686
Total	6,703	1,096,863	2,111	251,657

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

Kind	1929		1930	
	Number	Value	Number	Value
Silver fox	6,754	641,365	13,852	754,386
Patch fox	32	1,534	76	2,957
Red fox	38	890	65	914
Mink	-	-	54	477
Total	6,824	643,789	14,047	758,734

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

Kind	1929		1930	
	Number	Value	Number	Value
Silver fox	22,894	3,737,733	20,239	2,253,364
Patch fox	171	10,440	118	6,370
Red fox	65	2,045	89	2,259
Blue fox	2	200	2	100
Mink	335	26,460	407	19,405
Raccoon	5	72	2	25
Fitch	-	-	20	2,000
Total	23,472	3,776,950	20,877	2,283,523

THE FUR FARMING INDUSTRY, NOVA SCOTIA

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

Kind	1928	1929	1930
	No.	No.	No.
Fox farms	338	406	466
Mink farms	12	27	73
Raccoon farms	9	9	13
Muskrat farms	13	14	14
Total	372	456	566

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

	1928	1929	1930
	\$	\$	\$
Value of land, buildings and fixtures	249,025	290,508	333,442
Value of fur-bearing animals	839,365	1,007,075	880,515
Total value	1,088,390	1,297,583	1,213,957

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

Kind	1929	1930	Kind	1929	1930
	No.	No.		No.	No.
Silver fox	5,823	7,886	Raccoon	27	42
Patch fox	345	474	Chinchilla rabbit ..	60	-
Red fox	165	235	Muskrat x	305	192
Mink	290	481	Total	7,015	9,310

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

Kind	1929	1930	Kind	1929	1930
	No.	No.		No.	No.
Silver fox	931	1,390	Raccoon	10	14
Patch fox	71	122	Chinchilla rabbit ..	49	-
Red fox	44	19	Muskrat x	30	47
Mink	29	89	Total	1,164	1,681

x Estimated.

THE FUR FARMING INDUSTRY, NOVA SCOTIA

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

Kind	1929		1930	
	Number	Value	Number	Value
Silver fox	1,142	171,030	962	113,114
Patch fox	50	4,540	38	2,795
Red fox	66	2,505	49	1,553
Mink	208	18,058	156	10,110
Raccoon	7	60	11	105
Chinchilla rabbit	54	335	-	-
Muskrat	-	-	8	43
Total	1,527	196,528	1,224	127,720

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

Kind	1929		1930	
	Number	Value	Number	Value
Silver fox	1,724	142,009	3,856	179,880
Patch fox	93	5,941	256	14,455
Red fox	41	1,023	121	1,922
Mink	24	358	83	897
Raccoon	3	16	9	50
Badger	-	-	1	18
Chinchilla rabbit	10	10	-	-
Muskrat	22	36	72	66
Total	1,917	149,393	4,398	197,208

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

Kind	1929		1930	
	Number	Value	Number	Value
Silver fox	6,541	942,035	7,594	775,910
Patch fox	392	27,650	461	30,255
Red fox	207	5,245	287	6,728
Blue fox	-	-	2	75
Mink	372	29,055	820	50,225
Raccoon	46	1,060	82	1,150
Badger	-	-	4	200
Chinchilla rabbit	32	95	-	-
Muskrat x	930	1,035	7,848	15,972
Total	8,520	1,007,075	17,098	880,515

x Estimated

THE FUR FARMING INDUSTRY, NEW BRUNSWICK

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

Kind	1928		1929		1930	
	No.		No.		No.	
Fox farms	483		735		789	
Mink farms	1		2		1	
Muskrat farms	-		2		-	
Total	484		739		789	

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

	1928	1929	1930
	\$	\$	\$
Value of land, buildings and fixtures ..	474,667	603,742	656,120
Value of fur-bearing animals	1,576,811	2,177,905	1,498,240
Total value	2,051,478	2,781,647	2,154,360

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

Kind	1929	1930	Kind	1929	1930
	No.	No.		No.	No.
Silver fox	12,381	19,558	Raccoon	14	5
Patch fox	201	281	Chinchilla rabbit	20	-
Red fox	80	93	Muskrat x	800	-
Mink	126	293	Total	13,622	20,230

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

Kind	1929	1930	Kind	1929	1930
	No.	No.		No.	No.
Silver fox	1,966	2,760	Raccoon	5	5
Patch fox	22	72	Chinchilla rabbit ...	2	-
Red fox	6	7			
Mink	41	39	Total	2,042	2,883

x Estimated.

THE FUR FARMING INDUSTRY, NEW BRUNSWICK

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

Kind	1929		1930	
	Number	Value	Number	Value
	\$		\$	
Silver fox	3,193	454,070	933	102,832
Patch fox	47	3,740	32	2,085
Red fox	44	1,645	26	748
Mink	95	8,530	56	3,545
Raccoon	21	655	-	-
Muskrat	6	45	-	-
Total	3,406	468,685	1,047	109,210

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

Kind	1929		1930	
	Number	Value	Number	Value
	\$		\$	
Silver fox	3,250	243,169	10,821	507,873
Patch fox	38	2,070	133	5,065
Red fox	28	625	51	829
Mink	26	410	79	991
Raccoon	-	-	1	3
Total	3,342	246,274	11,085	514,761

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

Kind	1929		1930	
	Number	Value	Number	Value
	\$		\$	
Silver fox	15,031	2,126,929	16,972	1,462,315
Patch fox	265	21,845	301	17,335
Red fox	109	4,950	148	3,775
Mink	220	18,480	246	14,425
Raccoon	18	265	17	190
Badger	-	-	2	100
Fitch	-	-	2	100
Chinchilla rabbit	24	36	-	-
Muskrat x	1,000	5,000	-	-
Beaver x	4	400	-	-
Total	16,671	2,177,905	17,688	1,498,240

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