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ADVANCE REPORT ON THE FUR FARMS OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND,

NOVA SCOTIA AND NEW BRUNSWICK, 1939.

Issued herewith is an advance report on the fur farming industry of Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. A similar statement for Ontario and the Western Provinces was published earlier in the month.

The number of fur farms in operation in the three provinces in 1939 was 2,572, a reduction from the preceding year of 425. By provinces the numbers of farms are as follows; with figures for 1938 in brackets: Prince Edward Island, 912 (1,024); Nova Scotia, 915, (1,032); and New Brunswick, 745 (941). The value of property in the three provinces combined was \$2,172,863, compared with \$2,953,861 in 1938.

Fur-bearing animals born on the farms totalled 81,926, compared with 93,129 in 1938. The principal kinds are silver foxes - 65,959, and minks - 14,643. Each of the provinces shows a decrease from 1938 in the number of silver foxes born and an increase in the number of minks. The decrease in the number of silver foxes born in the three provinces was 15,081, while the increase in the number of minks was 3,540.

The revenue derived by the industry from the sale of live fur-bearing animals was \$50,011, and of pelts, \$1,371,786, - a total of \$1,421,797, compared with \$1,799,046 in 1938. By provinces, the totals are as follows, with figures for 1938 in brackets: Prince Edward Island, \$572,435 (\$721,764); Nova Scotia, \$361,959 (\$445,649); and New Brunswick, \$487,403 (\$631,633).

At the end of the year 1939 the number of fur-bearing animals of all kinds retained on the farms of the three provinces was 34,970 and the value \$912,547, compared with 48,586 and value of \$1,486,227 in the preceding year. The principal kinds are silver foxes, 27,884, value \$787,852, and minks 6,410, value \$91,300. The new types of foxes - platinum and white-face - are also represented, with a total of 62, valued at \$12,200.

The tables of the report present the principal statistics for each province in the years 1938 and 1939.

1. Number of Fur Farms and Value of Property in Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, 1938 and 1939.

	1938		1939	
	Total Fur Farms No.	Total Value of Property \$	Total Fur Farms No.	Total Value of Property \$
Prince Edward Island.....	1,024	1,314,759	912	1,075,765
Nova Scotia.....	1,032	698,595	915	490,347
New Brunswick.....	941	940,507	745	606,751
TOTAL.....	2,997	2,953,861	2,572	2,172,863

2. Number of Fur-bearing Animals born on Fur Farms, 1938 and 1939. (a)

Kind	Prince Edward Island		Nova Scotia		New Brunswick	
	1938	1939	1938	1939	1938	1939
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Silver fox.....	30,731	26,312	20,972	17,410	29,337	22,237
Cross fox.....	198	438	394	380	64	66
Red fox.....	49	52	139	117	34	34
Blue fox.....	10	-	-	-	-	6
Platinum or white-face fox..	-	13	-	-	-	78
Mink.....	133	425	6,576	9,716	4,394	4,502
Fitch.....	-	-	-	-	45	80
Marten.....	-	-	-	-	3	1
Nutria.....	-	-	30	55	-	-
Raccoon.....	-	-	14	4	6	-
TOTAL.....	31,121	27,240	28,125	27,682	33,883	27,004

(a) Exclusive of beaver and muskrat.

(3) Number and Value of Fur-bearing Animals Sold from Fur Farms, 1938 and 1939.

Kind	Prince Edward Island			
	1938		1939	
	No.	\$	No.	\$
Silver fox.....	997	41,318	511	19,616
Cross fox.....	2	120	1	10
Red fox.....	4	35	-	-
Platinum or white face fox....	-	-	1	135
Mink.....	4	120	9	51
TOTAL.....	1,007	41,593	522	19,812

Kind	Nova Scotia				New Brunswick			
	1938		1939		1938		1939	
	No.	\$	No.	\$	No.	\$	No.	\$
Silver fox.....	308	10,807	227	5,604	619	20,311	494	12,466
Cross fox.....	9	238	15	168	2	37	1	26
Red fox.....	9	79	4	48	3	40	1	8
Blue fox.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	150
Platinum or white-face fox.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	18	5,150
Mink.....	676	13,087	347	5,359	175	4,513	47	788
Fitch.....	2	10	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fisher.....	-	-	-	-	3	300	-	-
Nutria.....	12	150	19	427	-	-	-	-
Raccoon.....	2	10	4	15	-	-	-	-
TOTAL.....	1,018	24,381	616	11,611	802	25,201	562	18,588

4. Number and Value of Pelts Sold from Fur Farms, 1938 and 1939.

Kind	Prince Edward Island			
	1938		1939	
	No.	\$	No.	\$
Silver fox.....	31,427	672,915	53,494	542,854
Cross fox.....	231	6,377	426	8,481
Red fox.....	54	395	44	235
Blue fox.....	-	-	5	90
Mink.....	64	484	109	963
TOTAL.....	31,776	680,171	34,078	552,623

Kind	Nova Scotia				New Brunswick			
	1938		1939		1938		1939	
	No.	\$	No.	\$	No.	\$	No.	\$
Silver fox.....	19,367	382,022	20,312	303,696	28,547	565,713	26,401	433,089
Cross fox.....	284	5,205	338	4,145	66	1,270	69	934
Red fox.....	101	680	114	596	29	148	52	304
Blue fox.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	285
Mink.....	3,693	33,296	6,790	41,885	3,375	39,264	5,173	33,998
Beaver.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	100
Fitch.....	2	2	-	-	27	9	83	90
Muskrat.....	30	30	18	14	-	-	-	-
Raccoon.....	7	33	4	12	6	28	3	15
TOTAL.....	23,484	421,268	27,576	350,348	32,050	606,432	31,792	468,815

5. Number and Value of Fur-bearing Animals on Fur Farms, December 31, 1938 and 1939.

Kind	Prince Edward Island			
	1938		1939	
	No.	\$	No.	\$
Silver fox.....	15,496	579,007	11,246	389,365
Cross fox.....	29	633	33	788
Red fox.....	32	302	33	322
Blue fox.....	17	1,700	11	1,100
Platinum or white-face fox.....	-	-	28	9,235
Mink.....	208	3,460	228	2,870
TOTAL.....	15,782	585,102	11,579	403,680

Kind	Nova Scotia			
	1938		1939	
	No.	\$	No.	\$
Silver fox.....	11,102	316,490	7,246	162,768
Cross fox.....	177	3,547	162	2,201
Red fox.....	97	830	61	470
Mink.....	4,771	85,435	4,655	67,290
Fisher.....	3	375	3	250
Fitch.....	40	168	2	10
Karakul sheep.....	-	-	2	70
Muskrat.....	82	135	5	20
Nutria.....	41	650	72	1,825
Raccoon.....	35	160	22	75
TOTAL.....	16,348	407,790	12,230	234,979

Kind	New Brunswick			
	1938		1939	
	No.	\$	No.	\$
Silver fox.....	14,097	448,384	9,392	235,719
Cross fox.....	36	910	35	524
Red fox.....	23	238	14	155
Blue fox.....	3	75	25	3,800
Platinum or white-face fox.....	-	-	62	12,200
Mink.....	2,238	42,911	1,527	21,140
Beaver.....	12	260	-	-
Fisher.....	3	300	1	50
Fitch.....	32	32	95	100
Marten.....	9	210	10	200
Raccoon.....	3	15	-	-
TOTAL	16,456	493,335	11,161	273,888

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