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ADVANCE REPORT ON THE FUR FARMS OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND,NOVA SCOTIA AND NEW BRUNSWICK, 1940.

Issued herewith is an advance report on the fur farming industry in Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick in the year 1940.*

The total number of fur farms in the three provinces, combined, in 1940 was 2,155, a decrease from the preceding year of 421. Foxes are reported on 1,957 farms and mink on 247 farms. Compared with the preceding year the number of farms raising foxes shows a decrease of 393, and the number raising mink a decrease of 36.

The number of fur-bearing animals born on the farms of the three provinces during the year was 62,851, compared with 81,994 in 1939. The principal kinds were: silver foxes with 45,560, a decrease from the preceding year of 20,467; mink with 14,643, an increase of 965; and new type foxes with 717, an increase of 626. The classification "new type fox" includes such variations as platinum, white-face, silver-blue, ring-neck, etc.

The fur farm revenue of the provinces in 1940 totalled \$1,195,008, to which the sales of live animals contributed \$81,988, or 7 per cent, and the sales of pelts, \$1,113,020, or 93 per cent. The principal kinds in the live animal sales were: silver fox, \$40,851; new type fox, \$33,012; and mink, \$6,670. The pelt sales were chiefly those of silver fox (\$994,132) and mink (\$100,679). Compared with the preceding year, the total revenue shows a reduction of \$228,143, or 16 per cent.

The fur-bearing animals retained on the farms at the end of the year totalled 32,419, valued at \$981,642, compared with 35,001, at \$917,297 in 1939. Comprised in the total for 1940 are: silver fox, 24,786, value \$801,994; new type fox, 633, value \$74,447; mink, 6,430, value \$95,059; and other kinds, combined, 574, value \$10,142. The average value placed on the new type foxes was \$118.36; on the silver foxes, \$32.36; and on the mink, \$14.78.

The tables of the report present the principal statistics for each province in the years 1939 and 1940.

1. Number of Fur Farms and Value of Property, 1939 and 1940.

Province	1939		1940	
	Total fur farms	Total value of property	Total fur farms	Total value of property
	No.	\$	No.	\$
Prince Edward Island	913	1,076,245	734	1,037,275
Nova Scotia	918	491,247	773	493,792
New Brunswick	745	606,751	648	600,588
TOTAL	2,576	2,174,243	2,155	2,131,655

* Statements for Quebec, the four western provinces and the Yukon Territory are also available.

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

Kind	Prince Edward Island		Nova Scotia		New Brunswick	
	1939	1940	1939	1940	1939	1940
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Silver fox	26,326	17,533	17,464	12,060	22,237	15,967
Cross fox	438	281	380	288	66	132
Red fox	52	20	117	74	34	19
Blue fox	-	-	-	-	6	24
New type fox (includes platinum, white-face, silver-blue, etc.)	13	233	-	6	78	478
Mink	425	1,141	9,716	10,143	4,502	4,324
Fitch	-	-	-	-	80	25
Marten	-	-	-	-	1	2
Nutria	-	-	55	101	-	-
Raccoon	-	-	4	-	-	-
Total	27,254	19,208	27,736	22,672	27,004	20,971

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

Kind	Prince Edward Island			
	1939		1940	
	No.	\$	No.	\$
Silver fox	511	19,616	459	21,031
Cross fox	-	-	10	330
Red fox	1	10	1	15
New type fox (includes platinum, white-face, silver-blue, etc.)	1	135	102	20,660
Mink	9	51	5	89
Total	522	19,812	577	42,125

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

Kind	Nova Scotia				New Brunswick			
	1939		1940		1939		1940	
	No.	\$	No.	\$	No.	\$	No.	\$
Silver fox	229	5,644	265	8,556	494	12,466	325	11,264
Cross fox	15	158	4	91	1	26	6	160
Red fox	4	48	15	104	1	8	2	25
Blue fox	-	-	-	-	1	150	3	300
New type fox (includes platinum, white-face, silver-blue, etc.)	-	-	-	-	18	5,150	74	12,352
Mink	347	5,359	415	5,783	47	788	76	798
Nutria	19	427	24	430	-	-	-	-
Raccoon	4	15	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	618	11,651	723	14,964	562	18,588	486	24,899

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

Kind	Prince Edward Island			
	1939		1940	
	No.	\$	No.	\$
Silver fox	33,508	543,145	22,792	413,890
Cross fox	426	8,481	362	7,716
Red fox	44	235	37	300
Blue fox	5	90	-	-
New type fox (includes platinum, white-face, silver-blue, etc.)	-	-	3	141
Mink	109	963	312	2,295
Total	34,092	552,914	23,506	424,342

Kind	Nova Scotia		New Brunswick	
	1939	1940	1939	1940
	No.	\$	No.	\$
Silver fox	20,369	304,719	16,071	264,883
Cross fox	338	4,145	322	4,227
Red fox	114	596	101	560
Blue fox	-	-	-	4
New type fox, (includes platinum, white-face, silver-blue, etc.) ..	-	-	1	200
Mink	6,790	41,885	8,084	63,233
Beaver	-	-	-	7
Fisher	-	-	3	225
Fitch	-	-	-	83
Muskrat	18	14	(a)	(a)
Nutria	-	-	1	10
Raccoon	4	12	11	25
Total	27,633	351,371	24,594	333,363
	31,792	468,815	21,593	355,315

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

Kind	Prince Edward Island			
	1939		1940	
	No.	\$	No.	\$
Silver fox	11,261	389,665	10,255	392,567
Cross fox	33	788	47	1,285
Red fox	33	322	23	257
Blue fox	11	1,100	-	-
New type fox (includes platinum, white-face, silver-blue, etc.)	28	9,235	190	33,335
Mink	228	2,870	134	2,030
Total	11,594	403,980	10,649	429,474

Kind	Nova Scotia		New Brunswick	
	1939	1940	1939	1940
	No.	\$	No.	\$
Silver fox	7,262	163,218	6,295	164,826
Cross fox	162	2,201	139	2,321
Red fox	61	470	48	388
Blue fox	-	-	-	25
New type fox (includes platinum, white-face, silver-blue, etc.) ..	-	-	31	4,765
Mink	4,655	67,290	4,501	70,561
Fisher	3	250	-	1
Fitch	2	10	-	95
Karakul sheep	2	70	(a)	(a)
Marten	-	-	2	60
Muskrat	5	20	(a)	(a)
Nutria	72	1,825	130	2,130
Raccoon	22	75	5	15
Total	12,246	235,429	11,151	245,066
	11,161	273,888	10,623	307,102

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

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