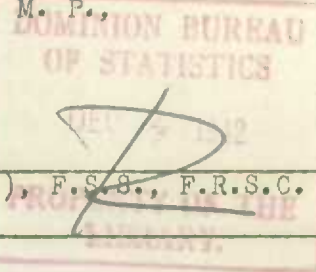


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ADVANCE REPORT ON THE FUR FARMS OF THE MARITIME PROVINCES AND ONTARIO, 1941.

Issued herewith are advance statistics of the fur farming industry of Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Ontario in the year 1941.\*

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The value of fur farm property (land and buildings and fur-bearing animals) in the provinces of Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, combined, in the year 1941, amounted to \$2,181,200, an increase over the preceding year of \$49,545. The number of fur farms in operation in the three provinces was 1,857, a reduction of 298, but the farms which were closed were mainly of small size.

Silver fox is still of first importance in the Maritime provinces, as a whole, although mink farming is making progress in Nova Scotia. The number of silver foxes born on the farms of the three provinces in 1941 was 42,631, while the number of mink was 15,263. Of the number of mink born, 10,450 are recorded by Nova Scotia, 4,505 by New Brunswick, and only 308 by Prince Edward Island. The new type fox (platinum, silver-blue, white-face, etc.) shows a total of 2,081 born during the year, compared with 717 in the preceding year. The total number of fur-bearing animals of all kinds born on the farms of the three provinces was 60,735, compared with 62,851 in 1940.

The amount received by the fur farms of the three provinces in 1941, from the sale of live animals and of pelts, was \$1,043,813, a decrease from the preceding year of \$151,195. To the total amount, the sale of pelts contributed \$923,196, or 88 per cent, and the live animal sales, \$120,617, or 12 per cent. Silver fox is the chief source of revenue, with a total in 1941 for live animals and pelts sold of \$863,457, while mink is second with \$103,921, and the new type fox, third, with \$69,311. The revenue by provinces was: Prince Edward Island, \$414,298; Nova Scotia, \$265,160; and New Brunswick, \$364,355.

The Number of fur-bearing animals on the farms at the end of the year was 33,665, valued at \$1,119,200, an increase in number, compared with the preceding year, of 1,242, and an increase in value of \$137,558. Of first importance, for both number and value, is silver fox - 24,384 at \$892,906. The new type fox is second - 1,555 at \$115,537 - and closely following is mink - 7,294 at \$103,673. Other kinds of fur-bearers raised on the farms are blue, cross and red fox, fitch, marten and nutria.

The following tables present the principal statistics of the industry in each of the provinces in the years 1940 and 1941.

1. Number of Fur Farms and Value of Property, the Maritime Provinces, 1940 and 1941.

Province	1940		1941	
	Total	Total value	Total	Total value
	Fur Farms	of Property	Fur Farms	of Property
	No.	\$	No.	\$
Prince Edward Island	734	1,037,275	623	1,016,428
Nova Scotia .....	773	493,792	674	488,648
New Brunswick .....	648	600,588	560	676,124
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>2,155</b>	<b>2,131,655</b>	<b>1,857</b>	<b>2,181,200</b>

\* A report covering the four western provinces and the Yukon Territory is also available. Statistics for Quebec will be issued shortly.

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

Kind	Prince Edward Island		Nova Scotia		New Brunswick	
	1940	1941	1940	1941	1940	1941
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Silver fox .....	17,533	17,168	12,060	10,841	15,967	14,622
Cross fox .....	281	226	288	189	132	111
Red fox .....	20	44	74	56	19	7
Blue fox .....	-	6	-	-	24	-
New type fox (includes platinum, white-face, silver-blue, etc.) .....	233	484	6	110	478	1,487
Mink .....	1,141	308	10,143	10,450	4,324	4,505
Fitch .....	-	-	-	-	25	30
Marten .....	-	-	-	-	2	1
Nutria .....	-	-	101	90	-	-
Total .....	19,208	18,236	22,672	21,736	20,971	20,763

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

Kind	1940			1941		
	No.	Value	Average value	No.	Value	Average value
		\$	\$		\$	\$
<u>PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND</u>						
Silver fox .....	459	21,031	45.82	610	34,332	56.28
Cross fox .....	10	330	33.00	3	78	26.00
Red fox .....	1	15	15.00	1	10	10.00
New type fox (includes platinum, white-face, silver-blue, etc.) .....	102	20,660	202.55	40	17,860	446.50
Mink .....	5	89	17.80	19	380	20.00
Total .....	577	42,125	-	673	52,660	-
<u>NOVA SCOTIA</u>						
Silver fox .....	265	8,556	32.29	419	17,564	41.92
Cross fox .....	4	91	22.75	15	300	20.00
Red fox .....	15	104	6.93	3	22	7.33
New type fox (includes platinum, white-face, silver-blue, etc.) .....	-	-	-	31	4,060	130.97
Mink .....	415	5,783	13.93	298	5,941	19.94
Nutria .....	24	430	17.92	22	380	17.27
Total .....	723	14,964	-	788	28,267	-
<u>NEW BRUNSWICK</u>						
Silver fox .....	325	11,264	34.66	467	20,118	43.08
Cross fox .....	6	160	26.67	1	35	35.00
Red fox .....	2	25	12.50	-	-	-
Blue fox .....	3	300	100.00	-	-	-
New type fox (includes platinum, white-face, silver-blue, etc.) .....	74	12,352	166.92	165	18,462	111.89
Mink .....	76	798	10.50	47	1,075	22.87
Total .....	486	24,899	-	680	39,690	-



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

Kind	1940			1941		
	No.	Value \$	Average value \$	No.	Value \$	Average value \$
<u>PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND</u>						
Silver fox .....	22,792	413,890	18.16	14,038	352,134	25.08
Cross fox .....	362	7,716	21.31	89	1,868	20.99
Red fox .....	37	300	8.11	16	183	11.44
Blue fox .....	-	-	-	5	125	25.00
New type fox (includes platinum, white-face, silver- blue, etc.) .....	3	141	47.00	58	1,986	34.24
Mink .....	312	2,295	7.36	490	5,342	10.90
TOTAL .....	23,506	424,342	-	14,696	361,638	-
<u>NOVA SCOTIA</u>						
Silver fox .....	16,071	264,883	16.48	7,928	175,849	22.18
Cross fox .....	322	4,227	13.13	159	2,447	15.39
Red fox .....	101	560	5.54	57	410	7.19
New type fox (includes platinum, white-face, silver-blue, etc.) .....	1	200	200.00	-	-	-
Mink .....	8,084	63,233	7.82	7,209	58,182	8.07
Fisher .....	3	225	75.00	-	-	-
Nutria .....	1	10	10.00	6	5	0.83
Raccoon .....	11	25	2.27	-	-	-
TOTAL .....	24,594	333,363	-	15,359	236,893	-
<u>NEW BRUNSWICK</u>						
Silver fox .....	17,488	315,359	18.03	11,232	263,460	23.46
Cross fox .....	99	1,640	16.57	52	1,115	21.44
Red fox .....	18	89	4.94	8	63	8.50
Blue fox .....	1	75	75.00	-	-	-
New type fox (includes platinum, white-face, silver-blue, etc.) .....	122	2,991	24.52	659	26,943	40.88
Mink .....	3,848	35,151	9.13	3,146	33,001	10.49
Fitch .....	17	10	0.59	78	78	1.00
TOTAL .....	21,593	355,315	-	15,175	324,665	-

5. Number and Value of Fur-bearing Animals on Fur Farms, at end of year, 1940 and 1941.

Kind	1940			1941		
	No.	Value \$	Average value \$	No.	Value \$	Average value \$
<u>PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND</u>						
Silver fox .....	10,255	392,567	38.28	10,181	416,550	40.91
Cross fox .....	47	1,285	27.34	37	850	22.97
Red fox .....	23	257	11.17	18	190	10.56
Blue fox .....	-	-	-	14	1,100	78.57
New type fox (includes platinum, white-face, silver-blue, etc.) .....	190	33,335	175.45	302	37,460	124.04
Mink .....	134	2,030	15.15	216	2,520	11.67
TOTAL .....	10,649	429,474	-	10,768	458,670	-

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5. Number and Value of Fur-bearing Animals on Fur Farms, at end of year, 1940 and 1941-  
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Kind	1 9 4 0			1 9 4 1		
	No.	Value \$	Average value \$	No.	Value \$	Average value \$
<u>NOVA SCOTIA</u>						
Silver fox .....	6,295	164,826	26.18	6,261	182,147	29.09
Cross fox .....	139	2,321	16.70	96	1,540	16.04
Red fox .....	48	388	8.08	51	457	8.96
New type fox (includes platinum, white-face, silver-blue, etc.) .....	31	4,765	153.71	117	11,195	95.68
Mink .....	4,501	70,561	15.68	5,202	78,583	15.10
Marten .....	2	60	30.00	-	-	-
Nutria .....	130	2,130	16.38	129	1,735	13.45
Raccoon .....	5	15	3.00	-	-	-
TOTAL .....	11,151	245,066	-	11,856	275,657	-

<u>NEW BRUNSWICK</u>						
Silver fox .....	8,236	244,601	29.69	7,942	294,209	37.05
Cross fox .....	45	898	19.96	32	725	22.66
Red fox .....	17	268	15.77	13	135	10.38
Blue fox .....	17	2,130	125.29	-	-	-
New type fox (includes platinum, white-face, sil- ver-blue, etc.) .....	412	36,347	88.22	1,136	66,882	58.88
Mink .....	1,795	22,468	12.52	1,876	22,570	12.03
Fisher .....	1	50	50.00	-	-	-
Fitch .....	88	100	1.14	32	152	4.75
Marten .....	12	240	20.00	10	200	20.00
TOTAL .....	10,623	307,102	-	11,041	384,873	-



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The value of fur farm property in Ontario in 1941 rose to \$3,058,089 from \$2,890,744 in 1940. The total comprises \$1,725,979 as the value of the fur-bearing animals (an increase over 1940 of \$158,377), and \$1,332,110, the value of the land and buildings (an increase of \$8,968). The number of farms in operation was less than in 1940 - 1,294 compared with 1,408 - owing to the closing of some of the smaller farms. The following statement arranges the farms according to the kinds of fur-bearing animals reported, with the corresponding figure for 1940 in brackets: farms reporting foxes, 558 (632); mink, 837 (884); fisher, 4 (6); fitch, 3 (2); marten, 4 (4); nutria, 13 (15); otter, 1 (-); raccoon, 33 (36); skunk, - (1). The total of these numbers does **not** correspond with the total number of farms, as some farms raise more than one kind of fur-bearer.

The animals born on the farms during the year, chiefly silver foxes and mink, totalled 104,064, compared with 103,053 in 1940. The number of mink born increased by 5,555, or 8 per cent, while there was a decrease of 5,304, or 17 per cent in the number of silver foxes. The number of new type foxes, which classification includes platinum, silver-blue, etc., born was 625, compared with only 62 in 1940.

The record of deaths of fur-bearing animals on the farms shows 3,491 adults and 7,942 young. In the former group are 2,870 mink, 568 silver foxes, and 53 other kinds, and in the group of young animals are 5,596 mink, 2,151 silver foxes, and 195 other kinds.

The fur farm revenue was only slightly less than that reported in 1940 - \$1,216,855 compared with \$1,248,237. To the total amount the sale of pelts contributed \$1,041,121, or 86 per cent, and the sale of live animals, \$175,734, or 14 per cent. The numbers of mink and silver fox pelts sold were less than in 1940, but each kind records an advance in average price - mink from \$8.94 in the earlier year to \$10.41 in 1941, and silver fox from \$18.83 to \$24.28. In the records of live animal sales higher average prices are shown for both silver fox and mink. The new type fox brought an average of \$219.30 per animal, while the average for the pelts of this kind was \$34.54.

The number of fur-bearing animals on the farms of the province at the end of the year was 55,334, an increase over the preceding year of 4,693. The total value of the animals is placed at \$1,725,979, an increase of \$158,375. In Ontario the raising of mink has grown to such an extent that it now surpasses the silver fox branch of the fur farming industry in value of animals on the farms. At the end of the year 1941 the number of mink on the farms was 38,999, valued at \$806,977, while the silver foxes numbered 14,622, valued at \$756,823. The new type fox shows a total of 589, valued at \$76,993, an average per animal of \$130.72. Also raised on the farms, but only to a limited extent, are cross, red and blue foxes, fisher, fitch, marten, nutria, otter and raccoon.

1. Number of Fur-bearing Animals Born on Fur Farms, Ontario, 1940 and 1941.

Kind	1940	1941
	No.	No.
Silver fox .....	31,714	26,410
Cross fox .....	210	205
Red fox .....	50	60
Blue fox .....	606	859
New type fox (includes platinum, white-face, silver-blue, etc.) .....	62	625
Mink .....	70,170	75,725
Fisher .....	6	-
Fitch .....	2	34
Marten .....	4	4
Nutria .....	121	81
Raccoon .....	105	61
Skunk .....	3	-
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>103,053</b>	<b>104,064</b>

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2. Number and Value of Fur-bearing Animals Sold from Fur Farms, Ontario, 1940 and 1941.

Kind	1940			1941		
	No.	Value	Average value	No.	Value	Average value
Silver fox .....	1,056	45,137	42.74	960	67,946	70.78
Cross fox .....	8	215	26.88	14	360	25.71
Red fox .....	23	270	11.74	9	74	8.22
Blue fox .....	13	825	63.46	6	350	58.33
New type fox (includes platinum, white-face, silver-blue, etc.) .....	28	7,077	252.75	105	23,027	219.30
Mink .....	2,932	65,892	22.47	3,361	83,383	24.81
Fisher .....	2	150	75.00	1	100	100.00
Nutria .....	108	3,105	28.75	33	340	10.30
Raccoon .....	22	90	4.09	40	154	3.85
TOTAL .....	4,192	122,761	-	4,529	175,734	-

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

Kind	1940			1941		
	No.	Value	Average Value	No.	Value	Average Value
Silver fox .....	34,684	653,015	18.83	20,484	497,302	24.28
Cross fox .....	191	2,503	13.10	163	2,999	18.40
Red fox .....	97	474	4.89	64	491	7.67
Blue fox .....	69	958	13.88	433	11,558	26.69
New type fox (includes platinum, white-face, silver-blue, etc.) .....	-	-	-	139	4,801	34.54
Mink .....	52,340	468,108	8.94	50,294	523,683	10.41
Fisher .....	4	123	30.75	3	100	33.33
Fitch .....	7	55	7.86	-	-	-
Marten .....	-	-	-	2	62	31.00
Nutria .....	7	30	4.29	3	2	0.67
Raccoon .....	95	203	2.14	37	123	3.32
Skunk .....	5	7	1.40	-	-	-
TOTAL .....	87,499	1,125,476	-	71,622	1,041,121	-

4. Number and Value of Fur-bearing Animals on Fur Farms, Ontario, at end of year, 1940 and 1941.

Kind	1940			1941		
	No.	Value	Average value	No.	Value	Average value
Silver fox .....	15,731	768,338	48.84	14,622	756,823	51.76
Cross fox .....	127	2,581	20.32	158	2,244	18.00
Red fox .....	62	551	8.89	64	525	8.20
Blue fox .....	387	31,847	82.29	599	75,318	125.74
New type fox (includes platinum, white-face, silver-blue, etc.) .....	128	27,465	214.57	589	76,993	130.72
Mink .....	33,859	727,660	21.49	38,999	806,977	20.69
Fisher .....	23	2,650	115.22	16	1,900	118.75
Fitch .....	8	80	10.00	30	201	6.70
Marten .....	16	1,405	87.81	20	1,880	94.00
Nutria .....	167	4,355	26.08	117	1,816	15.52
Otter .....	-	-	-	2	50	25.00
Raccoon .....	132	670	5.08	118	652	5.53
Skunk .....	1	2	2.00	-	-	-
TOTAL .....	50,641	1,567,604	-	55,334	1,725,979	-



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