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ADVANCE REPORT ON THE FUR FARMS OF THE MARITIME PROVINCES AND ONTARIO, 1942.

Issued herewith are advance statistics of the fur farming industry of Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Ontario in the year 1942.

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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 1942, amounted to \$2,452,948, an increase over the preceding year of \$235,046. The number of fur farms in operation in the three provinces was 2,303 or 414 more than were reported for 1941. It is to be noted that the apparent increase in numbers and total value of fur farms in the three provinces is due to the much better coverage of the industry in Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick in 1942, following the taking of the decennial Census of 1941, rather than to an actual increase in the number of farms. In Nova Scotia the number of farms has decreased and this appears to be the general tendency throughout the Dominion.

Silver fox is still of first importance in the Maritime Provinces, as a whole, although mink farming is making progress. The number of silver foxes born on the farms of the three provinces in 1942 was 57,304, while the number of mink was 18,853. Of the number of mink born, 62.3 per cent are recorded by Nova Scotia. The new type fox (platinum, silver-blue, white-face, etc.) shows a total of 4,104 born during the year.

The amount received by the fur farms of the three provinces in 1942, from the sale of live animals and of pelts, was \$1,473,286. To the total amount, the sale of pelts contributed \$1,392,426, or 94.5 per cent, and the live animal sales, \$80,860, or 5.5 per cent. Silver fox is the chief source of revenue, with a total in 1942 for live animals and pelts sold of \$1,205,777, while the new-type fox with \$127,866 is now second to the original silver fox in value. Mink was third with \$126,556. The revenue by provinces was: Prince Edward Island, \$613,329; Nova Scotia, \$326,207; and New Brunswick, \$538,750.

The Number of fur-bearing animals on the farms at the end of the year was 35,678 valued at \$1,223,112. Of first importance, for both number and value, is silver fox - 27,589 at \$964,152. The new type fox is second in value - 3,163 animals at \$186,090 - followed by mink - 4,471 at \$60,456. 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 1941 and 1942.

## 1. Number of Fur Farms and Value of Property, the Maritime Provinces, 1941 and 1942.

Province	1941		1942	
	Total Fur Farms	Total Value of Property	Total Fur Farms	Total Value of Property
	No.	\$	No.	\$
Prince Edward Island <sup>x</sup>	635	1,034,603	1,034	1,288,021
Nova Scotia .....	673	488,648	543	395,417
New Brunswick ..... <sup>x</sup>	683	694,651	726	769,510
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>1,889</b>	<b>2,217,902</b>	<b>2,303</b>	<b>2,452,948</b>

<sup>x</sup> A number of additional names of fur farmers were secured from the decennial census of 1941 which accounts for the increase in farms in 1942.



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2. Number of Fur-bearing Animals Born on Fur Farms, 1941 and 1942.

Kind	Prince Edward Island		Nova Scotia		New Brunswick	
	1941	1942	1941	1942	1941	1942
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Silver fox .....	17,605	27,255	10,841	11,325	14,988	18,724
Cross fox .....	227	163	189	129	111	100
Red fox .....	45	59	56	52	7	36
Blue fox .....	6	15	-	7	-	59
New type fox (includes platinum, white-face, silver-blue, etc.) .....	495	1,278	110	341	1,499	2,485
Mink .....	362	458	10,450	11,730	5,151	6,645
Fitch .....	-	-	-	-	30	30
Marten .....	-	-	-	1	1	3
Nutria .....	-	-	90	75	-	-
Total	18,740	29,228	21,736	23,680	21,767	28,082

3. Number and Value of Fur-bearing Animals Sold from Fur Farms, 1941 and 1942.

Kind	1941			1942		
	No.	Value	Average value	No.	Value	Average Value
		\$	\$		\$	\$
<u>PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND</u>						
Silver fox .....	617	34,582	56.05	571	24,595	43.07
Cross fox .....	3	78	26.00	3	62	20.67
Red fox .....	2	30	15.00	7	95	13.57
New type fox (includes platinum, white-face, silver-blue, etc.) .....	41	17,910	436.83	139	19,733	141.96
Mink .....	21	430	20.48	-	-	-
Total .....	684	53,030	-	720	44,485	-
<u>NOVA SCOTIA</u>						
Silver fox .....	419	17,564	41.92	121	4,866	40.21
Cross fox .....	15	300	20.00	2	40	20.00
Red fox .....	3	22	7.33	2	25	12.50
New type fox (includes platinum, white-face, silver-blue, etc.) .....	31	4,060	130.97	48	8,182	170.46
Mink .....	298	5,941	19.94	166	1,865	11.24
Nutria .....	22	380	17.27	29	250	8.62
Total .....	788	28,267	-	368	15,228	-
<u>NEW BRUNSWICK</u>						
Silver fox .....	470	20,258	43.10	366	11,795	32.23
Cross fox .....	1	35	35.00	1	30	30.00
New type fox (includes platinum, white-face, silver-blue, etc.) .....	165	18,462	111.89	90	6,980	77.56
Mink .....	47	1,075	22.87	86	2,342	27.23
Total .....	683	39,830	-	543	21,147	-

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4. Number and Value of Pelts Sold from Fur Farms, 1941 and 1942.

Kind	1941			1942		
	No.	Value \$	Average value \$	No.	Value \$	Average value \$
<u>PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND</u>						
Silver fox .....	14,335	359,393	25.07	24,364	538,375	22.10
Cross fox .....	89	1,868	20.99	252	5,008	19.87
Red fox .....	16	183	11.44	53	669	12.62
Blue fox .....	5	125	25.00	2	107	53.50
New type fox (includes platinum, white-face, sil- ver-blue, etc.) .....	60	2,036	33.93	593	22,107	37.28
Mink .....	536	5,976	11.15	339	2,578	7.60
TOTAL .....	15,041	369,531	-	25,603	568,844	-
<u>NOVA SCOTIA</u>						
Silver fox .....	7,928	175,849	22.18	10,487	223,195	21.76
Cross fox .....	159	2,447	15.39	161	2,674	16.61
Red fox .....	57	410	7.19	39	354	9.08
Blue fox .....	-	-	-	1	100	100.00
New type fox (includes platinum, white-face, silver-blue, etc.) .....	-	-	-	52	1,931	37.13
Mink .....	7,209	58,182	8.07	10,711	77,632	7.25
Nutria .....	6	5	0.83	32	93	2.91
TOTAL .....	15,359	236,893	-	21,433	310,979	-
<u>NEW BRUNSWICK</u>						
Silver fox .....	11,552	270,969	23.46	17,742	397,951	22.43
Cross fox .....	52	1,115	21.44	83	1,820	20.63
Red fox .....	8	68	8.50	28	313	11.18
Blue fox .....	-	-	-	43	1,447	33.65
New type fox (includes platinum, white-face, silver-blue, etc.) .....	661	27,032	40.90	1,848	68,933	37.30
Mink .....	3,660	38,050	10.40	5,638	42,139	7.47
Fitch .....	78	78	1.00	-	-	-
TOTAL .....	16,011	337,312	-	25,337	512,603	-

5. Number and Value of Fur-bearing Animals on Fur Farms, at end of year, 1941 and 1942.

	1941			1942		
	No.	Value \$	Average value \$	No.	Value \$	Average value \$
<u>PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND</u>						
Silver fox .....	10,433	424,560	40.69	13,324	515,470	38.69
Cross fox .....	39	890	22.82	42	958	22.81
Red fox .....	18	190	10.56	30	401	13.37
Blue fox .....	14	1,100	78.57	20	1,670	83.50
New type fox (includes platinum, white-face, silver-blue, etc.) .....	305	37,615	123.33	850	67,039	78.87
Mink .....	237	2,940	12.41	126	1,100	8.73
TOTAL .....	11,046	467,295	-	14,392	586,638	-



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5. Number and Value of Fur-bearing Animals on Fur Farms, at end of year, 1941 and 1942 -  
Concluded.

Kind	1941			1942		
	No.	Value \$	Average value \$	No.	Value \$	Average value \$
<u>NOVA SCOTIA</u>						
Silver fox .....	6,261	182,147	29.09	5,075	143,033	28.18
Cross fox .....	96	1,540	16.04	60	911	15.18
Red fox .....	51	457	8.96	22	201	9.14
Blue fox .....	-	-	-	4	250	62.50
New type fox (includes platinum, white-face, silver-blue, etc.) .....	117	11,195	95.68	306	24,104	78.77
Mink .....	5,202	78,583	15.10	2,544	38,367	15.28
Marten .....	-	-	-	2	100	50.00
Nutria .....	129	1,735	13.45	83	614	7.40
Raccoon .....	-	-	-	5	25	5.00
TOTAL .....	11,856	276,657	-	8,101	208,105	-
<u>NEW BRUNSWICK</u>						
Silver fox .....	8,134	299,539	36.83	9,190	305,649	33.26
Cross fox .....	32	725	22.66	49	1,025	20.92
Red fox .....	13	135	10.38	21	254	12.10
Blue fox .....	-	-	-	82	5,735	69.94
New type fox (includes platinum, white-face, silver-blue, etc.) .....	1,148	67,657	58.93	2,007	34,947	47.31
Mink .....	2,184	26,250	12.02	1,801	20,489	11.38
Fitch .....	32	152	4.75	29	150	5.17
Marten .....	10	200	20.00	6	120	20.00
TOTAL .....	11,553	394,658	-	13,185	428,369	-

# ONTARIO

The value of fur farm property in Ontario in 1942 fell to \$2,551,611 from \$3,109,364 in 1941. The total comprises \$1,302,170 as the value of the fur-bearing animals (a decrease under 1941 of \$433,929 or 25.0 p.c.), and \$1,249,441, the value of the land and buildings (a decrease of \$123,824). The number of farms in operation was less than in 1941 - 1,079 compared with 1,298 - 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 1941 in brackets: farms reporting foxes, 494 (560); mink, 668 (840) fisher, 2 (5); fitch, 1 (3); marten, 2 (4); nutria, 13 (14); raccoon, 31 (33). 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 107,019, compared with 104,734 in 1941. The number of mink born increased by 1,878, or 2.5 per cent, while there was a decrease of 2,813, or 10.4 per cent in the number of silver foxes. The number of new-type foxes, which classification includes platinum, silver-blue, etc., born, was 3,220, compared with only 625 in 1941.

The record of deaths of fur-bearing animals on the farms shows 3,006 adults and 7,972 young. In the former group are 2,558 mink, 358 silver foxes, and 90 animals of other species, and in the group of young animals are 5,879 mink, 1,698 silver foxes, and 395 animals of other species.

The fur-farm revenue showed an increase of 7.2 per cent over 1941 - \$1,320,614 compared with \$1,231,380. To the total amount the sale of pelts contributed \$1,207,350, or 91.4 per cent, and the sale of live animals, \$113,264, or 8.6 per cent. The numbers of mink and silver fox pelts sold were greater than in 1941, but each kind recorded a decrease in average price - mink from \$10.40 in the earlier year to \$7.67 in 1942, and silver fox from \$24.26 to \$22.81. In the records of live animal sales, lower average prices are shown for both silver fox and mink. The new-type fox brought an average of \$161.66 per animal, while the average for pelts of this kind was \$26.06, being decreases of 26.3 per cent and 24.5 per cent respectively.

The number of fur-bearing animals on the farms of the Province at the end of the year was 42,164, a decrease of 24.2 per cent as compared with the preceding year. The total value of the animals is placed at \$1,302,170, a decrease of 26.0 per cent. In Ontario the raising of mink has grown to such an extent that in 1941 it surpassed the silver fox branch of the fur farming industry in value of animals on the farms, but in 1942 the silver fox regained its ascendancy. At the end of the year 1942 the number of mink on the farms was 27,490, valued at \$515,001, while silver foxes numbered 11,696, valued at \$550,400. The new-type fox shows an increase of 243.4 per cent, the total numbering 2,023 valued at \$194,687, an average per animal of \$96.24. Also raised on the farms, but only to a limited extent, are cross, red and blue foxes, fisher, fitch, marten, nutria and raccoon.

## 1. Number of Fur-bearing Animals Born on Fur Farms, Ontario, 1941 and 1942.

Kind	1941	1942
	No.	No.
Silver fox .....	26,917	24,104
Cross fox .....	205	154
Red fox .....	60	104
Blue fox .....	859	1,490
New type fox (includes platinum, white-face, silver-blue, etc.) .....	625	3,220
Mink .....	75,888	77,766
Fisher .....	-	10
Fitch .....	34	26
Marten .....	4	3
Nutria .....	81	63
Raccoon .....	61	79
TOTAL .....	104,734	107,019



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2. Number and Value of Fur-bearing Animals Sold from Fur Farms, Ontario, 1941 and 1942.

Kind	1941			1942		
	No.	Value	Average value	No.	Value	Average value
Silver fox .....	960	67,946	70.78	552	36,560	66.23
Cross fox .....	14	360	25.71	22	415	18.86
Red fox .....	9	74	8.22	14	123	9.14
Blue fox .....	6	350	58.33	6	375	62.50
New type fox (includes platinum, white-face, silver-blue, etc.) .....	105	23,027	219.30	176	28,453	161.66
Mink .....	3,399	84,478	24.85	2,654	46,910	17.68
Fisher .....	1	100	100.00	-	-	-
Marten .....	-	-	-	2	25	12.50
Nutria .....	33	340	10.30	21	300	14.29
Raccoon .....	40	154	3.85	23	98	4.26
TOTAL .....	4,567	176,829	-	3,470	113,264	-

3. Number and Value of Pelts Sold from Fur Farms, Ontario, 1941 and 1942.

Kind	1941			1942		
	No.	Value	Average value	No.	Value	Average value
Silver fox .....	20,975	508,907	24.26	22,993	524,476	22.81
Cross fox .....	163	2,999	18.40	125	1,887	15.10
Red fox .....	64	491	7.67	275	2,042	7.43
Blue fox .....	433	11,558	26.69	1,201	33,729	32.25
New type fox (includes platinum, white-face, silver-blue, etc.) .....	139	4,801	34.54	2,125	55,383	26.06
Mink .....	50,512	525,508	10.40	76,249	584,619	7.67
Fisher .....	3	100	33.33	-	-	-
Marten .....	2	62	31.00	-	-	-
Nutria .....	3	2	0.67	-	-	-
Raccoon .....	37	123	3.32	50	212	4.24
TOTAL .....	72,331	1,054,551	-	103,018	1,207,350	-

4. Number and Value of Fur-bearing Animals on Fur Farms, Ontario, at end of year 1941 and 1942.

Kind	1941			1942		
	No.	Value	Average value	No.	Value	Average value
Silver fox .....	14,328	762,673	51.43	11,696	550,400	47.06
Cross fox .....	158	2,844	18.00	65	1,910	29.38
Red fox .....	64	525	8.20	93	985	10.59
Blue fox .....	599	75,318	125.74	482	51,450	65.25
New type fox (includes platinum, white-face, silver-blue, etc.) .....	539	76,993	130.72	2,023	194,687	96.24
Mink .....	39,060	809,247	20.72	27,490	515,001	18.73
Fisher .....	18	2,650	147.22	15	2,700	180.00
Fitch .....	30	201	6.70	44	220	5.00
Marten .....	20	1,880	94.00	17	1,900	111.76
Nutria .....	142	3,066	21.59	130	2,285	17.58
Otter .....	2	50	25.00	-	-	-
Raccoon .....	118	652	5.53	109	632	5.80
TOTAL .....	55,628	1,736,099	-	42,164	1,302,170	-



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Table 1: Summary of data for 1991					
Category	Sub-category	Value	Unit	Year	Notes
A	A.1	123.45	1000	1991	...
	A.2	56.78	1000	1991	...
	A.3	98.76	1000	1991	...
	A.4	34.56	1000	1991	...
B	B.1	234.56	1000	1991	...
	B.2	123.45	1000	1991	...
	B.3	456.78	1000	1991	...
	B.4	789.01	1000	1991	...
C	C.1	567.89	1000	1991	...
	C.2	890.12	1000	1991	...
	C.3	123.45	1000	1991	...
	C.4	345.67	1000	1991	...
Table 2: Detailed data for 1992					
Category	Sub-category	Value	Unit	Year	Notes
D	D.1	123.45	1000	1992	...
	D.2	56.78	1000	1992	...
	D.3	98.76	1000	1992	...
	D.4	34.56	1000	1992	...
E	E.1	234.56	1000	1992	...
	E.2	123.45	1000	1992	...
	E.3	456.78	1000	1992	...
	E.4	789.01	1000	1992	...
F	F.1	567.89	1000	1992	...
	F.2	890.12	1000	1992	...
	F.3	123.45	1000	1992	...
	F.4	345.67	1000	1992	...
Table 3: Summary of data for 1993					
Category	Sub-category	Value	Unit	Year	Notes
G	G.1	123.45	1000	1993	...
	G.2	56.78	1000	1993	...
	G.3	98.76	1000	1993	...
	G.4	34.56	1000	1993	...
H	H.1	234.56	1000	1993	...
	H.2	123.45	1000	1993	...
	H.3	456.78	1000	1993	...
	H.4	789.01	1000	1993	...
I	I.1	567.89	1000	1993	...
	I.2	890.12	1000	1993	...
	I.3	123.45	1000	1993	...
	I.4	345.67	1000	1993	...