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ADVANCE REPORT ON THE FUR FARMS OF THE MARITIME PROVINCES AND ONTARIO, 1943

Ottawa, March 5, 1945.- The Dominion Bureau of Statistics issues today an advance statement on the fur farming industry of Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick in the year 1943. Statistics for Ontario are shown on pages 5 and 6.

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The total amount received by the fur farmers of the Maritime Provinces from the sale of live animals and pelts was \$1,930,084 in 1943 as compared with \$1,473,286 in the preceding year. Higher average prices for both live animals and pelts more than offset the decline in numbers sold in the three provinces in 1943 as compared with 1942. The sale of pelts accounted for \$1,710,142 of the total income, while live animals contributed \$219,942. Silver fox is the most common type raised on the fur farms of the Maritimes but much interest has been displayed in the new type foxes in recent years. These include platinum, silver-blue, and white-face. Numbers of these new types have been increasing despite a general decline in total numbers of animals reported on fur farms. Numbers of mink on farms were slightly higher at the end of 1943 compared with the year previously. Other kinds of fur-bearers raised on the farms are blue, cross and red fox, fitch, marten, nutria and raccoon.

The value of fur farm property (land and buildings and fur-bearing animals) in the three Maritime Provinces combined in the year 1943 amounted to \$3,039,649, an increase over the preceding year of \$586,701. The number of fur farms in operation in the three provinces was 1,924 or 379 less than was reported for 1942. The decline was common to all provinces. The value of silver foxes on farms at the end of 1943 showed increases of from \$10 to \$15 over average values a year previously. More substantial increases were shown in the values of the new type animals and the average values of mink on farms were also sharply higher.

The number of fur-bearing animals on farms at the end of the year was 34,780 valued at \$1,831,772. First in importance for both number and value was silver fox--23,655 at \$1,161,490. New type fox was second in value--5,849 animals at \$527,506 followed by mink--4,612 at \$102,120.

The following tables present the principal statistics of the industry in each of the provinces for the years 1942 and 1943.

1. Number of Fur Farms and Value of Property, The Maritime Provinces, 1942 and 1943

Province	1942		1943	
	Total Fur Farms	Total Value of Property	Total Fur Farms	Total Value of Property
	No.	\$	No.	\$
Prince Edward Island	1,034	1,288,021	840	1,588,037
Nova Scotia	543	395,417	474	510,512
New Brunswick	726	769,510	610	941,100
TOTAL	2,303	2,452,948	1,924	3,039,649

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2. Number of Fur-bearing Animals Born on Fur Farms, 1942 and 1943

Kind	Prince Edward Island		Nova Scotia		New Brunswick	
	1942	1943	1942	1943	1942	1943
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Silver fox	27,255	20,235	11,325	8,347	18,724	12,386
Cross fox	163	134	129	56	100	115
Red fox	59	33	52	30	36	50
Blue fox	15	10	7	13	59	280
Platinum, including silver-blue and pearl platinum fox))))))
	1,278)	888	341)	229	2,485)	807
White marked fox .....	)	1,991	)	547	)	2,668
Mink, standard .....	)	247	)	5,226	)	4,446
Mink, mutations	458)	-	11,750)	15	6,645)	1
Fitch	-	-	-	-	30	10
Marten	-	-	1	3	3	2
Nutria	-	-	75	-	-	-
TOTAL	29,228	23,538	23,680	14,466	28,082	20,765

3. Number and Value of Fur-bearing Animals Sold from Fur Farms, 1942 and 1943

Kind	1942			1943		
	Number	Value	Average Value	Number	Value	Average Value
<u>PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND</u>						
Silver fox	571	24,595	43.07	968	67,556	69.79
Cross fox	3	62	20.67	8	220	27.50
Red fox	7	95	13.57	8	200	25.00
Blue fox	-	-	-	2	200	100.00
Platinum, including silver-blue and pearl platinum fox)))			
	139)	19,733)	141.96	188	37,400	198.94
White marked fox .....	)	)	)	177	15,900	90.34
Mink	-	-	-	1	25	25.00
TOTAL	720	44,485	-	1,352	121,591	-
<u>NOVA SCOTIA</u>						
Silver fox	121	4,866	40.21	282	14,363	50.93
Cross fox	2	40	20.00	4	150	37.50
Red fox	2	25	12.50	1	30	30.00
Blue fox	-	-	-	8	550	68.75
Platinum, including silver-blue and pearl platinum fox)))			
	48)	8,182)	170.46)	43	6,388	148.56
White marked fox .....	)	)	)	66	6,615	100.23
Mink	166	1,865	11.24	163	3,369	20.67
Nutria	29	250	8.62	7	85	12.14
TOTAL	368	15,228	-	574	31,550	-
<u>NEW BRUNSWICK</u>						
Silver fox	366	11,795	32.23	430	20,268	47.13
Cross fox	1	30	30.00	3	130	43.33
Red fox	-	-	-	5	115	23.00
Blue fox	-	-	-	52	4,763	91.60
Platinum, including silver-blue and pearl platinum fox)))			
	90)	6,980)	77.56)	132	23,268	176.27
White marked fox)))	192	16,915	88.10
Mink	86	2,342	27.23	40	1,342	33.55
TOTAL	543	21,147	-	854	66,801	-

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4. Number and Value of Pelts Sold from Fur Farms, 1942 and 1943

Kind	1942			1943		
	Number	Value	Average Value	Number	Value	Average Value
	\$	\$	\$		\$	\$
<u>PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND</u>						
Silver fox	24,364	538,375	22.10	20,367	610,921	30.00
Cross fox	252	5,008	19.87	125	2,793	22.34
Red fox	53	669	12.62	26	459	17.65
Blue fox	2	107	53.50	8	321	40.13
Platinum, including silver-blue and pearl platinum fox	) 593)	22,107)	37.28)	224	26,795	119.62
White marked fox .....	)	)	)	860	43,396	50.46
Mink	339	2,578	7.60	303	2,585	8.53
TOTAL	25,603	568,844	-	21,913	687,270	-
<u>NOVA SCOTIA</u>						
Silver fox	10,487	228,195	21.76	10,235	278,753	27.24
Cross fox	161	2,674	16.61	90	1,881	20.90
Red fox	39	354	9.08	47	577	12.28
Blue fox	1	100	100.00	-	-	-
Platinum, including silver-blue and pearl platinum fox	) 52)	1,931)	37.13)	42	4,204	10.01
White marked fox .....	)	)	)	205	8,987	43.84
Mink	10,711	77,632	7.25	9,386	115,806	12.34
Nutria	32	93	2.91	71	202	2.85
TOTAL	21,483	310,979	-	20,076	410,410	-
<u>NEW BRUNSWICK</u>						
Silver fox	17,742	397,951	22.43	12,649	412,815	32.64
Cross fox	88	1,820	20.68	84	2,186	26.02
Red fox	28	313	11.18	51	708	13.88
Blue fox	43	1,447	33.65	126	6,316	50.13
Platinum, including silver-blue and pearl platinum fox	) 1,848)	68,933)	37.30)	484	40,958	84.62
White marked fox .....	)	)	)	1,735	86,351	49.77
Mink	5,638	42,139	7.47	3,595	63,112	17.56
Fitch	-	-	-	9	16	1.77
TOTAL	25,387	512,603	-	18,733	612,462	-

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5. Number and Value of Fur-bearing Animals on Farms at End of Year,
1942 and 1943

Kind	1942			1943		
	Number	Value	Average Value	Male	Female	Total Value
				\$	\$	\$
<u>PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND</u>						
Silver fox	13,324	515,470	38.69	2,839	9,135	640,251
Cross fox	42	958	22.81	6	35	1,115
Red fox	30	401	13.37	9	31	769
Blue fox	20	1,670	83.50	15	11	3,735
Platinum, including silver-blue and pearl platinum fox	)	)	)	333	325	117,325
	850)	67,039)	78.87)			178.31
White marked fox .....	)	)	)	537	935	113,596
Mink	126	1,100	8.73	42	118	2,535
TOTAL	14,392	586,638	-	3,781	10,590	879,326
<u>NOVA SCOTIA</u>						
Silver fox	5,075	143,033	28.18	1,319	3,284	198,335
Cross fox	60	911	15.18	12	36	1,218
Red fox	22	201	9.14	4	19	393
Blue fox	4	250	62.50	10	10	1,100
Platinum, including silver-blue and pearl platinum fox	)	)	)	80	57	21,710
	306)	24,104)	78.77)			158.47
White marked fox .....	)	)	)	192	308	39,050
Mink, standard	2,544)	38,867)	15.28)	576	2,015	62,231
Mink, mutations				5	12	730
Marten	2	100	50.00	2	2	200
Nutria	83	614	7.40	10	15	69
Raccoon	5	25	5.00	1	4	25
TOTAL	8,101	208,105	-	2,211	5,762	325,061
<u>NEW BRUNSWICK</u>						
Silver fox	9,190	305,649	33.26	1,933	5,145	322,904
Cross fox	49	1,025	20.92	20	55	3,305
Red fox	21	254	12.10	6	22	462
Blue fox	82	5,735	69.94	102	195	27,880
Platinum, including silver-blue and pearl platinum fox	)	)	)	372	399	85,128
	2,007)	94,947)	47.31)			110.41
White marked fox .....	)	)	)	870	1,441	150,697
Mink, standard	1,801)	20,489)	11.38)	401	1,435	34,674
Mink, mutations				4	4	1,950
Fitch	29	150	5.17	11	16	135
Marten	6	120	20.00	2	3	250
TOTAL	13,185	428,369	-	3,721	8,715	627,385

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The revenue of fur farmers of Ontario from the sale of live animals and pelts amounted to \$2,059,123 in 1943 compared with \$1,384,588 in 1942. The sales of pelts contributed \$1,793,568 of the total while live animals were sold to the value of \$245,555. The number of fur farms operating in the province was slightly lower at 1,046 farms in 1943 as compared with 1,101 farms in 1942. Despite this reduction, the numbers of most types of animals on farms, however, were higher at the end of the year than at the beginning. This was particularly true of the new type foxes and of mink.

The value of fur farm property in Ontario in 1943 rose to \$3,629,598 from \$2,670,798 in 1942. Of the 1943 total the value of the fur-bearing animals themselves amounted to \$2,190,542 while the land and buildings were valued at \$1,439,056. The following statement arranges the farms according to the kind of fur-bearing animals reported with the corresponding figures for 1942 in brackets: Farms reporting foxes 476 (499); mink 657 (688); fisher 2 (2); fitch 2 (1); marten 5 (3); nutria 9 (13) and raccoon 31 (31). The total of these numbers does not correspond with the total number of farms as some farms raised more than one kind of fur bearer.

During the year 1943 there was a total of 90,663 animals born on fur farms compared with a total of 110,914 in 1942. The number of mink born decreased from 80,545 to 62,456 and the number of silver foxes born decreased by 3,593 to a total of 21,447 in 1943. The number of new type foxes, including platinum, silver-blue and so forth, born was 4,726 compared with 3,352 in 1942.

The average price of silver fox increased from \$23.05 to \$31.95 and the increase in the price of mink pelts was from \$7.63 to \$14.65. Pelts from new type foxes brought an average of \$51.89 in 1943 as compared with \$26.18 in 1942. The average value of animals sold alive showed corresponding increases.

The number of fur-bearing animals on the farms in the province at the end of the year was 49,165, an increase of 12 per cent as compared with the preceding year. In 1943, on the basis of value of animals on farms, mink was the most important individual type, although the total for all classes of fox, including new types, was higher than that for mink alone. At the end of 1943 the number of mink on farms was 33,204 valued at \$935,127 while silver fox numbered 11,572 valued at \$734,698. The new type foxes numbered 3,312 valued at \$409,209, an average per animal of \$123.55. Also raised on the farms of the province, but only to a limited extent, were cross, red and blue foxes, fisher, fitch, marten, nutria and raccoon.

1. Number of Fur-bearing Animals Born on Fur Farms
Ontario, 1942 and 1943

Kind	1942		1943	
	No.	No.	No.	No.
Silver fox	25,040		21,447	
Cross fox	154		146	
Red fox	104		201	
Blue fox	1,536		1,520	
Platinum, including silver-blue and pearl platinum fox	3,352)	)	1,194	
White marked fox .....		)	3,532	
Mink, standard	80,545)	)	62,316	
Mink, mutations		140		
Fisher	10		-	
Fitch	26		37	
Marten	3		-	
Nutria	63		47	
Raccoon	79		83	
TOTAL	110,914		90,663	

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2. Number and Value of Fur-bearing Animals Sold from Fur Farms, Ontario, 1942 and 1943

Kind	1942			1943		
	Number	Value	Average Value	Number	Value	Average Value
Silver fox	553	36,635	66.25	933	91,548	98.12
Cross fox	22	415	18.86	9	270	30.00
Red fox	14	128	9.14	4	70	17.50
Blue fox	9	525	58.33	31	4,450	143.55
Platinum, including silver-blue and pearl platinum fox.))				
	218	39,498	181.18	197	59,880	304.00
White marked fox .....	)	)		126	19,618	155.70
Mink, standard	2,690	47,515	17.66	2,513	67,766	26.97
Mink, mutations .....	)	)		12	1,700	141.67
Marten	2	25	12.50	1	125	125.00
Nutria	21	300	14.29	2	20	10.00
Raccoon	23	98	4.26	18	108	6.00
TOTAL	3,552	125,139	-	3,846	245,555	-

3. Number and Value of Pelts Sold from Fur Farms, Ontario, 1942 and 1943

Kind	1942			1943		
	Number	Value	Average Value	Number	Value	Average Value
Silver fox	23,936	551,676	23.05	22,600	721,994	31.95
Cross fox	132	2,041	15.46	156	3,824	24.51
Red fox	275	2,042	7.43	219	2,930	13.38
Blue fox	1,203	38,774	32.23	350	9,037	25.82
Platinum, including silver-blue and pearl platinum fox.))				
	2,128	55,711	26.18	386	35,749	92.61
White marked fox .....	)	)		2,601	119,270	45.86
Mink, standard	79,784	608,993	7.63	61,422	900,047	14.65
Mink, mutations .....	)	)		1	25	25.00
Fitch	-	-		15	105	7.00
Marten	-	-		5	145	29.00
Nutria	-	-		2	16	8.00
Raccoon	50	212	4.24	81	426	5.26
TOTAL	107,508	1,259,449	-	87,838	1,793,568	-

4. Number and Value of Fur-bearing Animals on Fur Farms, Ontario, at End of Year, 1942 and 1943

Kind	1942			1943		
	Number	Value	Average Value	Male	Female	Total Value
Silver fox	12,126	579,880	47.82	2,799	8,773	734,698
Cross fox	65	1,910	29.38	15	59	2,840
Red fox	93	985	10.59	20	70	1,569
Blue fox	499	31,800	63.73	167	462	99,185
White fox	-	-	-	1	-	100
Platinum, including silver-blue and pearl platinum fox.))				
	2,074	201,437	97.12	484	575	192,240
White marked fox .....	)	)		772	1,481	216,969
Mink, standard	28,772	540,558	18.79	7,202	25,774	900,583
Mink, mutations .....	)	)		84	144	34,544
Fisher	15	2,700	180.00	4	8	2,400
Fitch	44	220	5.00	17	30	170
Marten	19	2,300	121.05	10	10	2,575
Nutria	130	2,285	17.58	36	44	1,665
Raccoon	109	632	5.80	44	80	1,004
TOTAL	43,946	1,364,707	-	11,655	37,510	2,190,542