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ADVANCE REPORT ON THE FUR FARMS OF THE MARITIME PROVINCES AND ONTARIO, 1944

Ottawa, March 4, 1946: - The Dominion Bureau of Statistics issues to-day an advance statement on the fur farming industry of Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Ontario in the year 1944. Statistics for Ontario are shown on pages 6 to 8.

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The total revenue received by the fur farmers in the Maritime Provinces from the sale of live fur-bearing animals and pelts was \$1,615,192 as compared with \$1,930,084 in 1943, or a decrease of 16 per cent. The income from the sale of live animals was \$216,372 and from that of pelts \$1,398,820. The value of animals sold decreased by 2 per cent and of pelts sold by 18 per cent. Standard silver fox is the most common type raised but the numbers of new type foxes including platinum, pearl platinum, silver blue, glacier blue and white marked foxes show steady increases. Mink is next in importance. Other kinds of fur bearers raised are blue, cross and red fox, fisher, fitch, marten, nutria and raccoon.

The value of fur farm property (land, buildings and animals) in the three Maritime Provinces combined in 1944 was \$2,742,671, which was a decrease from 1943 of \$296,978. The number of farms in 1944 was 1,518 compared with 1,924 in 1943. There was a decrease in all three provinces in the number of standard silver foxes on the farms at the end of the year but an increase in the numbers of new type foxes. Average values were lower for standard silvers and for the new types. A small increase in the number of mink on the farms is shown over the previous year and a higher average value.

The number of fur-bearing animals on the farms at the end of the year 1944 was 34,573 valued at \$1,773,063 compared with 34,780 valued at \$1,831,772 in 1943. Standard silver foxes accounted for 21,366 with a value of \$964,073, new type foxes for 8,018 valued at \$621,532 and mink for 4,647 valued at \$129,472.

The following tables present the principal statistics of the industry in each of the provinces for the years 1943 and 1944.

1. Number of Fur Farms and Value of Property, The Maritime Provinces, 1943 and 1944

Province	1943		1944	
	Total Fur Farms	Total Value of Property	Total Fur Farms	Total Value of Property
	No.	\$	No.	\$
Prince Edward Island	840	1,588,037	619	1,498,764
Nova Scotia	474	510,512	406	355,137
New Brunswick	610	941,100	493	908,770
TOTAL	1,924	3,039,649	1,518	2,742,671

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2. Number of Fur-bearing Animals Born on Fur Farms, 1943 and 1944

Kind	Prince Edward Island		Nova Scotia		New Brunswick	
	1943	1944	1943	1944	1943	1944
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Silver fox	20,235	18,954	8,547	7,404	12,386	11,757
Cross fox	134	72	56	64	115	94
Red fox	33.	35	50	59	50	49
Blue fox	10:	44	13	7	280	352
Platinum, including silver blue and pearl platinum fox	888	2,060	229	593	807	1,707
White marked fox	1,991	2,561	547	890	2,668	3,868
Other new types	-	-	-	-	-	9
Mink, standard	247	208	5,226	5,615	4,446	3,054
Mink, mutations	-	-	15	18	1	17
Other fur-bearing animals	-	-	3	-	12	10
TOTAL	23,538	23,934	14,466	14,430	20,765	20,875

3. Number and Value of Fur-bearing Animals Sold from Fur Farms, 1943 and 1944

Kind	1943			1944		
	Number	Value	Average	Number	Value	Average
			Value			Value
<u>Prince Edward Island</u>						
Silver fox	968	67,556	70	510	34,957	69
Cross fox	8	220	28	7	220	31
Red fox	8	200	25	3	73	24
Blue fox	2	200	100	10	1,875	188
Platinum, including silver blue and pearl platinum fox	188	37,400	199	201	51,935	258
White marked fox	177	15,990	90	119	9,360	79
Mink	1	25	25	2	50	25
TOTAL	1,352	121,591	-	852	98,470	-

Nova Scotia

Silver fox	282	14,363	51	194	12,170	63
Cross fox	4	150	38	-	-	-
Red fox	1	30	30	5	91	18
Blue fox	8	550	69	4	100	25
Platinum, including silver blue and pearl platinum fox	43	6,388	149	63	8,355	133
White marked fox	66	6,615	100	61	5,550	91
Mink	163	3,369	21	170	6,918	41
Nutria	7	85	12	-	-	-
TOTAL	574	31,550	-	497	33,184	-

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3. Number and Value of Fur-bearing Animals Sold from Fur Farms, 1943 and 1944
Concluded

Kind	1943			1944		
	Number	Value	Average	Number	Value	Average
			Value			\$
<u>New Brunswick</u>						
Silver fox	430	20,268	47	445	21,136	47
Cross fox	3	130	43	2	45	23
Red fox	5	115	23	1	25	25
Blue fox	52	4,763	92	53	8,135	153
Platinum, including silver blue and pearl platinum fox	132	23,268	176	203	37,735	186
White marked fox	192	16,915	88	268	14,992	56
Mink	40	1,342	34	66	2,650	40
TOTAL	854	66,801	-	1,038	84,718	-

4. Number and Value of Pelts Sold from Fur Farms, 1943 and 1944

Kind	1943			1944		
	Number	Value	Average	Number	Value	Average
			Value			\$
<u>Prince Edward Island</u>						
Silver fox	20,367	610,921	30	15,715	489,978	31
Cross fox	125	2,793	22	135	3,245	24
Red fox	26	459	18	12	159	13
Blue fox	8	321	40	3	142	47
Platinum, including silver blue and pearl platinum fox..	224	26,795	120	576	50,415	88
White marked fox	860	43,396	50	1,429	60,588	42
Mink	303	2,585	9	187	2,725	15
TOTAL	21,913	687,270	-	18,057	607,252	-

Nova Scotia

Silver fox	10,235	278,753	27	6,284	189,716	30
Cross fox	90	1,881	21	48	925	19
Red fox	47	577	12	30	332	11
Blue fox	-	-	-	4	100	25
Platinum, including silver blue and pearl platinum fox .	42	4,204	100	104	7,127	69
White marked fox	205	8,987	44	339	13,889	41
Mink	9,386	115,806	12	4,813	84,580	18
Nutria	71	202	3	-	-	-
TOTAL	20,076	410,410	-	11,622	296,669	-

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4. Number and Value of Pelts Sold from Fur Farms, 1943 and 1944 - Concluded

Kind	1943			1944		
	Number	Value	Average Value	Number	Value	Average Value
	\$	\$		\$	\$	\$
<u>New Brunswick</u>						
Silver fox	12,649	412,815	33	9,123	265,656	29
Cross fox	84	2,186	26	88	2,370	27
Red fox	51	708	14	21	213	10
Blue fox	126	6,316	50	144	6,894	48
Platinum, including silver blue and pearl platinum fox	484	40,958	85	976	67,047	69
White marked fox	1,735	86,351	50	2,890	110,132	38
Other new types	-	-	-	1	40	40
Mink	3,595	63,112	18	2,370	42,502	18
Fitch	9	16	2	14	45	3
TOTAL	18,733	612,462	-	15,627	494,899	-

5. Number and Value of Fur-bearing Animals on Farms at December 31, 1943 and 1944

Kind	1943			1944				
	Male	Female	Average Value	Male	Female	Average Value		
	No.	No.	\$	No.	No.	\$		
<u>Prince Edward Island</u>								
Silver fox	2,839	9,135	640,251	53	2,297	8,459	529,736	49
Cross fox	6	35	1,115	27	10	35	1,195	27
Red fox	9	31	769	19	2	38	695	17
Blue fox	15	11	3,735	144	38	53	16,625	183
Platinum, including silver blue and pearl platinum fox	353	325	117,325	178	648	594	168,249	135
White marked fox	537	935	113,596	77	599	1,101	104,076	61
Mink	42	118	2,535	16	44	132	4,692	27
TOTAL	3,781	10,590	879,326	-	3,638	10,412	825,268	-

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5. Number and Value of Fur-bearing Animals on Farms at December 31, 1943 and 1944
Concluded

Kind	1 9 4 3				1 9 4 4			
	Male No.	Female No.	Value \$	Average Value	Male No.	Female No.	Value \$	Average Value
<u>Nova Scotia</u>								
Silver fox	1,319	3,284	198,335	43	1,007	2,944	149,694	38
Cross fox	12	36	1,218	25	19	40	1,255	21
Red fox	4	19	393	17	9	21	465	16
Blue fox	10	10	1,100	55	17	9	1,475	57
Platinum, including silver blue and pearl platinum fox	80	57	21,710	158	154	132	34,186	120
White marked fox	192	308	39,050	78	335	506	53,089	63
Mink, standard	576	2,015	62,231	24	623	2,253	77,363	27
Mink, mutations	5	12	730	43	20	36	5,245	94
Other - Fisher, marten, nutria, raccoon	13	21	294	-	4	9	1,675	-
TOTAL	2,211	5,762	325,061	-	2,188	5,950	324,447	-

<u>New Brunswick</u>								
Silver fox	1,933	5,145	322,904	46	1,638	5,021	284,643	43
Cross fox	20	55	3,305	44	9	52	1,840	30
Red fox	6	22	462	17	3	23	381	15
Blue fox	102	195	27,880	94	117	25	32,055	226
Platinum, including silver blue and pearl platinum fox	572	399	85,128	110	647	635	122,920	96
White marked fox	870	1,441	150,697	65	907	1,749	137,877	52
Other new types	-	-	-	-	6	5	1,135	103
Mink, standard	401	1,435	34,674	19	314	1,188	34,692	25
Mink, mutations	4	4	1,950	244	17	20	7,490	202
Fitch	11	16	135	5	1	2	15	5
Marten	2	3	250	50	2	4	300	50
TOTAL	3,721	8,715	627,585	-	3,661	8,724	625,348	-

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The revenue from fur farms in the province of Ontario in 1944, from the sale of live fur-bearing animals and pelts amounted to \$1,917,379, a decrease from 1943 of \$121,744, or 6 per cent. The value received from the sale of pelts was \$1,627,526 and from live animals \$289,853.

The number of farms in operation was 988, a decrease from 1943 of 58 farms. However, there was an increase in the number of animals on the farms, new type foxes and mink showing larger numbers. Farms reporting foxes were 440, mink 641, fisher 3, marten 3, nutria 3 and raccoon 17. The total of these numbers does not correspond with the total number of farms as some farms have more than one kind of fur bearer.

The value of fur farm property (including land, buildings and animals) amounted to \$3,994,034, an increase over 1943 of \$364,336 or 10 per cent. In 1944, land and buildings were valued at \$1,547,082 and animals at \$2,446,952.

The total number of animals born was 95,560 compared with 90,663 in 1943. Increases in births are recorded for new type foxes and mink.

Average prices for live animals were generally lower with the exception of mink which showed an increase.

The number of fur-bearing animals on the farms at the end of the year 1944 was 52,601 compared with 49,168 in 1943. This is an increase of 7 per cent. Of these 10,810 were standard silver foxes, valued at \$564,572, 4,571 were new type foxes valued at \$514,255 and 36,361 were mink of all types valued at \$1,258,678. Other kinds of fur bearers raised were cross, red and blue foxes, fisher, marten, nutria and raccoon.

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1. Number of Fur-bearing Animals Born on Fur Farms, Ontario, 1943 and 1944.

Kind	1943	1944
	No.	No.
Silver fox	21,447	19,249
Cross fox	146	55
Red fox	201	107
Blue fox	1,520	1,423
Platinum, including silver blue and pearl		
platinum fox	1,194	2,266
White marked fox	3,532	4,155
Fox, other	-	3
Mink, standard	62,316	67,080
Mink, mutations	140	1,147
Fisher	-	1
Fitch	37	-
Marten	-	3
Nutria	47	15
Raccoon	83	56
TOTAL	90,663	95,560

2. Number and Value of Fur-bearing Animals Sold from Fur Farms, Ontario, 1943 and 1944

Kind	1943			1944		
	Number	Value	Average Value	Number	Value	Average Value
	\$	\$	\$		\$	\$
Silver fox	933	91,548	98	832	53,297	64
Cross fox	9	270	30	3	315	105
Red fox	4	70	18	4	62	16
Blue fox	31	4,450	144	52	8,655	166
Platinum, including silver blue						
and pearl platinum fox	197	59,880	304	223	63,080	285
White marked fox	126	19,618	156	107	12,980	121
Mink, standard	2,513	67,766	27	3,165	113,506	36
Mink, mutations	12	1,700	142	201	37,728	188
Marten	1	125	125	-	-	-
Nutria	1	20	20	11	175	16
Raccoon	18	108	6	8	55	7
TOTAL	3,845	245,555	-	4,606	289,855	-

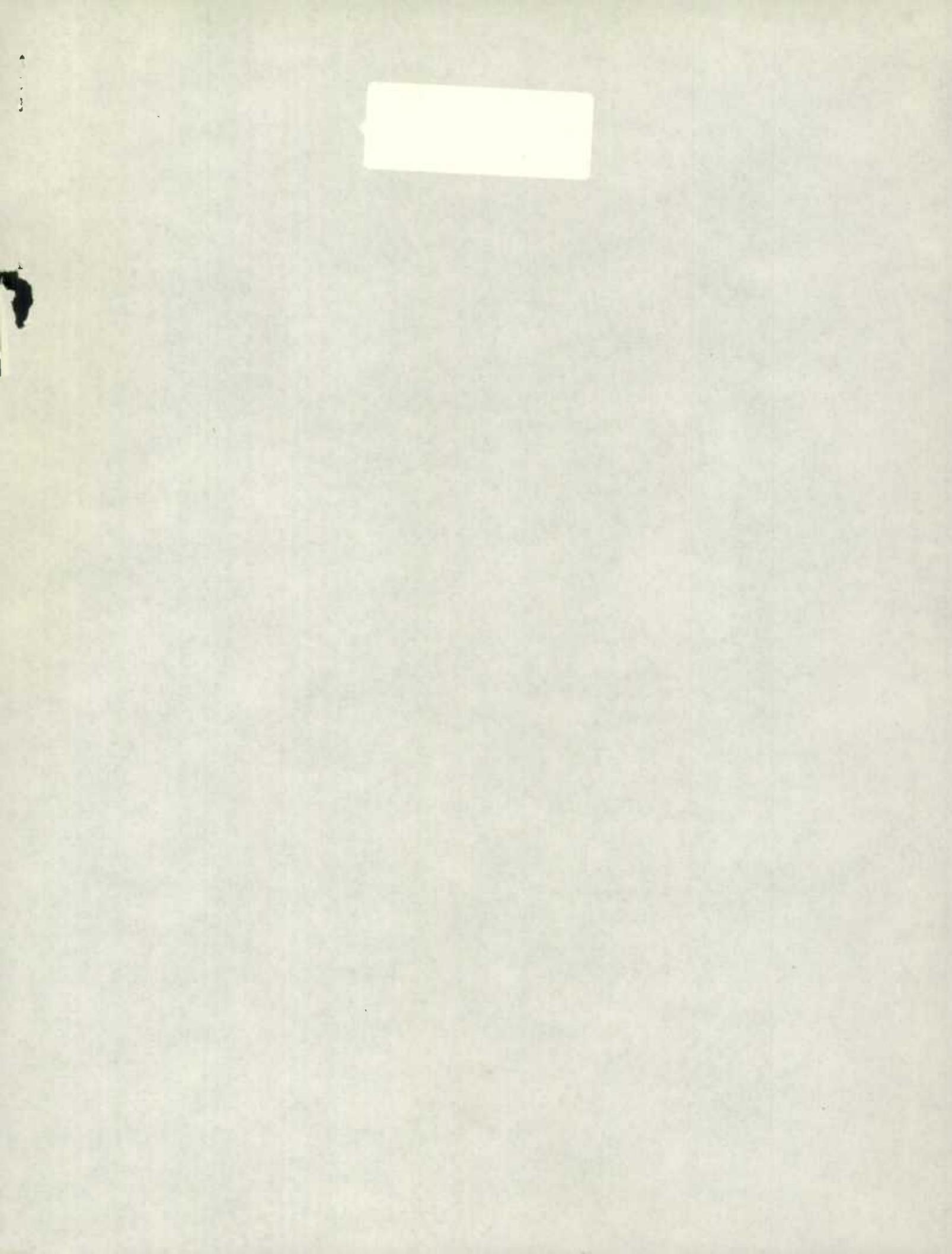
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3. Number and Value of Pelts Sold from Fur Farms, Ontario, 1943 and 1944

Kind	1943			1944		
	Number	Value	Average	Number	Value	Average
			Value			Value
Silver fox	22,600	721,994	32	15,071	465,004	31
Cross fox	156	3,824	25	50	1,099	22
Red fox	219	2,930	13	134	1,377	10
Blue fox	350	9,037	26	1,371	68,748	50
Platinum, including silver blue and pearl platinum fox	386	35,749	93	693	51,629	75
White marked fox	2,601	119,270	46	2,648	120,088	45
Mink, standard	61,422	900,047	15	56,463	919,316	16
Mink, mutations	1	25	25	-	-	-
Fitch	15	105	7	-	-	-
Marten	5	145	29	2	50	25
Nutria	2	16	8	38	152	4
Raccoon	81	426	5	26	63	2
 TOTAL	87,838	1,793,568	-	76,496	1,627,526	-

4. Number and Value of Fur-bearing Animals on Fur Farms, Ontario, at December 31,
1943 and 1944

Kind	1943				1944			
	Male	Female	Value	Average	Male	Female	Value	Average
				Value				Value
	No.	No.	\$	\$	No.	No.	\$	\$
Silver fox	2,799	8,773	754,698	63	2,261	8,549	564,572	52
Cross fox	15	59	2,840	38	8	36	1,738	40
Red fox	20	73	1,569	17	15	73	1,022	12
Blue fox	167	462	99,185	158	180	413	100,365	169
Platinum, including silver blue and pearl platinum fox	484	575	192,240	182	832	1,055	310,794	166
White marked fox	772	1,481	216,969	96	959	1,745	203,461	75
Fox, other	1	-	100	100	2	2	225	56
Mink, standard	7,202	25,774	900,583	27	7,249	27,961	1,076,371	31
Mink, mutations	84	144	34,544	152	433	718	182,307	158
Fisher	4	8	2,400	200	6	9	2,700	180
Fitch	17	30	270	6	-	-	-	-
Marten	10	10	2,575	129	8	6	2,050	146
Nutria	36	44	1,665	21	19	22	925	23
Raccoon	44	80	1,004	8	28	32	422	7
 TOTAL	11,655	37,513	2,190,642	-	12,000	30,601	2,446,952	-



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