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

1945

Ottawa, April 17, 1947: This advance statement on the fur farms of Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Ontario is issued today by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics for the year 1945.

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The capital value of plant and animals of fur farms in 1945 was \$3,159,225 for 1,373 farms, as compared with \$2,959,277 on 1,519 farms in 1944. Of the total capital, fur animals constitute the greater part. The value totalled \$2,007,243 as at December 31, 1945. This was an advance of 12.5 per cent over the total value at the same date in 1944 of \$1,784,669. Prince Edward Island accounted for 45.5 per cent, Nova Scotia 22.0 per cent and New Brunswick 32.5 per cent of the total value of the fur-bearers. These values were for 37,614 animals in 1945, and 35,432 in 1944.

The total revenue was \$1,660,564, an increase of \$21,808, or 1.3 per cent, over the previous year. The increase came from live animals as well as from pelts. Live animals brought in \$223,720 as compared with \$217,272 in 1944, while pelts totalled \$1,436,844, an increase of \$15,360 over the revenue from pelts in 1944, when the total was \$1,421,484. Prince Edward Island, with its large fox industry, had the largest revenue, \$782,337, consisting of \$113,220 from live animals and \$669,117 from pelts. New Brunswick followed with a total revenue of \$522,266, of which 88.1 per cent was pelts and Nova Scotia with \$355,961, 86.4 per cent being pelts.

Births of fur animals in Prince Edward Island totalled 24,279; in Nova Scotia 16,316 were born, and 22,656 in New Brunswick. These were increases over the previous year of 1.4, 13.1 and 2.2 per cent respectively.

TABLE 1: FUR FARMS - NUMBER, AND CAPITAL VALUE OF PLANT AND ANIMALS,  
1944 AND 1945

Province	1944		1945	
	Total Fur Farms	Capital Value	Total Fur Farms	Capital Value
	No.	\$	No.	\$
Prince Edward Island ...	619	1,498,764	567	1,561,226
Nova Scotia .....	406	534,841	380	672,766
New Brunswick .....	494	925,672	426	925,233
T O T A L .....	1,519	2,959,277	1,373	3,159,225

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TABLE 2: FUR ANIMALS ON FUR FARMS. Number and Value at December 31, 1944 and 1945

Kind and Province	1944					1945				
	Male	Female	Value	Average Value	Male		Female		Value	Average Value
					No.	No.	\$	\$		
<u>PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND</u>										
Silver fox .....	2,297	8,459	529,736	49	1,836	8,119	519,113	52		
Cross fox .....	10	35	1,195	27	2	47	1,940	40		
Red fox .....	2	38	695	17	5	40	760	17		
Blue fox .....	38	53	16,625	183	74	122	29,005	148		
Platinum fox <sup>1/</sup> ....	648	594	168,249	135	1,022	936	228,886	117		
White marked fox ...	599	1,101	104,076	61	616	1,340	124,942	64		
Mink .....	44	132	4,692	27	50	149	9,570	48		
T O T A L .....	3,638	10,412	825,268	-	3,605	10,753	914,216	-		
<u>NOVA SCOTIA</u>										
Silver fox .....	1,007	2,944	149,694	38	914	2,957	153,123	40		
Cross fox .....	19	40	1,255	21	11	32	1,010	23		
Red fox .....	9	21	465	16	5	26	467	15		
Blue fox .....	17	9	1,475	57	19	20	2,970	76		
Platinum fox <sup>1/</sup> ....	151	130	33,890	121	277	241	59,090	114		
White marked fox ...	335	506	53,089	63	388	710	65,459	60		
Mink, standard ....	623	2,253	77,363	27	829	3,124	130,690	33		
Mink, mutations ....	20	36	5,245	94	66	125	27,435	144		
Other - fisher, fitch marten, nutria, raccoon	4	9	1,675	-	6	12	1,345	-		
T O T A L .....	2,185	5,948	324,151	-	2,515	7,247	441,589	-		
<u>NEW BRUNSWICK</u>										
Silver fox .....	1,638	5,021	284,643	43	1,364	4,725	232,141	38		
Cross fox .....	9	52	1,840	30	6	28	1,025	30		
Red fox .....	3	23	381	15	8	30	464	12		
Blue fox .....	117	250	32,055	87	132	297	33,175	77		
Platinum fox <sup>1/</sup> ....	647	635	122,920	96	895	1,019	176,492	92		
White marked fox ...	907	1,749	137,877	52	767	1,552	121,141	52		
Other new types ....	6	5	1,135	103	2	2	200	50		
Mink, standard ....	436	1,688	44,644	21	494	1,948	65,717	27		
Mink, mutations ....	21	33	9,440	175	85	127	20,750	98		
Other - fitch, marten raccoon .....	3	6	315	-	3	10	332	-		
T O T A L .....	3,787	9,462	635,250	-	3,756	9,738	651,438	-		

<sup>1/</sup> Platinum, platinum silver, pearl platinum, pearlalina and glacier blue.

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TABLE 5: FUR ANIMALS SOLD FROM FUR FARMS. Number and Value, 1944 and 1945

Kind and Province	1944			1945		
	Number	Value	Average Value	Number	Value	Average Value
<u>PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND</u>						
Silver fox .....	510	34,957	69	730	56,163	77
Cross fox .....	7	220	31	4	145	36
Red fox .....	3	73	24	-	-	-
Blue fox .....	10	1,875	188	24	3,712	155
Platinum fox <sup>1/</sup> .....	201	51,935	258	241	36,843	153
White marked fox .....	119	9,360	79	200	14,882	74
Mink .....	2	50	25	9	1,475	164
T O T A L .....	852	98,470	-	1,208	113,220	-
<u>NOVA SCOTIA</u>						
Silver fox .....	194	12,170	63	173	8,022	46
Cross fox .....	-	-	-	1	35	35
Red fox .....	5	91	18	4	75	19
Blue fox .....	4	100	25	1	50	50
Platinum fox <sup>1/</sup> .....	63	8,355	133	53	6,115	115
White marked fox .....	61	5,550	91	64	5,743	90
Mink .....	170	6,918	41	770	28,264	37
T O T A L .....	497	33,184	-	1,066	48,304	-
<u>NEW BRUNSWICK</u>						
Silver fox .....	445	21,136	47	557	23,716	43
Cross fox .....	2	45	23	-	-	-
Red fox .....	1	25	25	1	25	25
Blue fox .....	53	8,135	153	38	2,975	78
Platinum fox <sup>1/</sup> .....	203	37,735	186	170	25,647	151
White marked fox .....	268	14,992	56	108	6,200	57
Mink .....	76	3,550	47	79	3,606	46
Other fur bearing animals ....	-	-	-	9	27	-
T O T A L .....	1,048	85,618	-	962	62,196	-

<sup>1/</sup> Platinum, platinum silver, pearl platinum, pearltina and glacier blue.

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TABLE 4: PELTS SOLD FROM FUR FARMS. Number and Value, 1944 and 1945

Kind and Province	1944			1945		
	Number	Value	Average Value	Number	Value	Average Value
	\$	\$		\$	\$	\$
<u>PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND</u>						
Silver fox .....	15,715	489,978	31	16,219	480,182	30
Cross fox .....	135	3,245	24	39	856	22
Red fox .....	12	159	13	35	490	14
Blue fox .....	3	142	47	10	504	50
Platinum fox <sup>1/</sup> .....	576	50,415	88	1,600	110,763	69
White marked fox .....	1,429	60,588	42	1,867	72,250	39
Mink .....	187	2,725	15	190	4,072	21
T O T A L .....	18,057	607,252	-	19,960	669,117	-
<u>NOVA SCOTIA</u>						
Silver fox .....	6,284	189,716	30	6,338	164,939	26
Cross fox .....	48	925	19	40	710	18
Red fox .....	30	332	11	27	233	9
Blue fox .....	4	100	25	5	150	30
Platinum fox <sup>1/</sup> .....	104	7,127	69	251	15,267	61
White marked fox .....	339	13,889	41	768	27,343	36
Mink .....	4,813	84,580	18	4,561	99,015	22
T O T A L .....	11,622	296,669	-	11,990	307,657	-
<u>NEW BRUNSWICK</u>						
Silver fox .....	9,123	265,656	29	8,398	215,513	26
Cross fox .....	88	2,370	27	68	1,090	19
Red fox .....	21	213	10	30	295	10
Blue fox .....	144	6,894	48	161	6,794	42
Platinum fox <sup>1/</sup> .....	976	67,047	69	1,556	71,078	46
White marked fox .....	2,890	110,132	38	1,962	71,526	36
Fox, other new types .....	1	40	40	-	-	-
Mink .....	3,521	65,166	19	4,680	93,774	20
Fitch .....	14	45	3	-	-	-
T O T A L .....	16,778	517,563	-	16,845	460,070	-

<sup>1/</sup> Platinum, platinum silver, pearl platinum, pearlatina and glacier blue.

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TABLE 5: FUR ANIMALS BORN ON FUR FARMS. 1944 and 1945

Kind and Province	1944	1945
<u>PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND</u>		
Silver fox .....	18,954	17,690
Cross fox .....	72	56
Red fox .....	35	40
Blue fox .....	44	158
Platinum fox 1/.....	2,060	3,413
White marked fox .....	2,561	2,705
Fox, other new types .....	-	-
Mink, standard .....	208	217
Mink, mutations .....	-	-
Other fur-bearing animals .....	-	-
T O T A L .....	23,934	24,279
<u>NOVA SCOTIA</u>		
Silver fox .....	7,404	7,349
Cross fox .....	64	48
Red fox .....	39	50
Blue fox .....	7	28
Platinum fox 1/ .....	393	759
White marked fox .....	890	1,371
Fox, other new types .....	-	-
Mink, standard .....	5,615	6,557
Mink, mutations .....	18	145
Other fur-bearing animals .....	-	9
T O T A L .....	14,430	16,316
<u>NEW BRUNSWICK</u>		
Silver fox .....	11,757	10,517
Cross fox .....	94	75
Red fox .....	49	32
Blue fox .....	332	398
Platinum fox 1/ .....	1,707	3,153
White marked fox .....	3,866	3,141
Fox, other new types .....	9	-
Mink, standard .....	4,324	5,166
Mink, mutations .....	25	156
Other fur-bearing animals .....	10	18
T O T A L .....	22,173	22,656

1/ Platinum, platinum silver, pearl platinum, pearlatina and glacier blue.

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With an increase in fur farms in Ontario to 1,089 in 1945 from 988 in 1944 the capital value of plant and animals advanced to \$5,415,918. This was an increase of \$1,421,659, or 35.6 per cent, over the capital value of \$3,994,259 in 1944.

The total revenue from these farms in 1945 was \$2,525,501, an increase of 32.1 per cent, or \$613,775, over the 1944 revenue of \$1,911,726. The revenue from live animals was \$447,455, as compared with \$284,200 in 1944, and from pelts the revenue amounted to \$2,078,046, the 1944 total being \$1,627,526.

Fur farms of Ontario on December 31, 1945 had on hand 15,307 male and 52,034 female fur animals having a total value of \$3,462,425. They began the year on January 1, 1945 with 12,001 males and 40,601 females, with a total value of \$2,447,177. There was therefore an increase of \$1,015,248, or 41.5 per cent. A slight decline in numbers and in total value of silver foxes was more than offset by increases in numbers and in total value of blue foxes, platinum types, and white marked. Mink of all types increased both in numbers and in total value. The average value of silver foxes increased slightly from \$52 to \$53 but the average value of all other foxed declined. Standard mink also increased, but mutation mink declined in average value from \$158 to \$126.

The sales value of live animals increased in 1945 by 57.4 per cent. There was also an increase in numbers sold. In average sales value per animal, silver, blue and white marked foxes increased; all other foxes declined. Mutation mink also declined in average sales value, although standard mink increased by an average of \$6 per animal.

The average sales value of pelts also declined, with the exception of blue fox and mink, but both numbers and total value of pelt sales increased over the 1944 figures. The increase in total value was 27.7 per cent.

The number of fur animals born on fur farms, 110,975, increased by 15,415, or 16.1 per cent over the 1944 figure of 95,560 births.

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TABLE 1: FUR ANIMALS ON FUR FARMS. Number and Value at December 31, 1944 and 1945

Kind	1944					1945				
	Male		Female		Value Average Value	Male		Female		Value Average Value
	No.	No.	\$	\$		No.	No.	\$	\$	
Silver fox .....	2,261	8,549	564,572	52		1,943	8,480	554,690	53	
Cross fox .....	8	36	1,738	40		11	35	1,465	32	
Red fox .....	15	71	997	12		11	68	795	10	
Blue fox .....	180	413	100,365	169		303	753	170,475	161	
Platinum fox <u>1/</u> .....	832	1,035	310,794	166		1,217	1,574	366,779	131	
White marked fox ....	959	1,745	203,461	75		1,095	2,130	232,695	72	
Fox, other .....	2	2	225	56		2	2	200	50	
Mink, standard .....	7,249	27,961	1,076,371	31		9,029	36,368	1,570,296	35	
Mink, mutations .....	433	718	182,307	158		1,552	2,445	503,327	126	
Other fur bearing animals <u>2/</u> .....	62	71	6,347	-		144	179	61,703	-	
T O T A L .....	12,001	40,601	2,447,177	-		15,307	52,034	3,462,425	-	

TABLE 2: FUR ANIMALS SOLD FROM FUR FARMS. Number and Value, 1944 and 1945

Kind	1944			1945		
	Number	Value	Average Value			
				\$	\$	\$
Silver fox .....	832	47,644	57	841	64,795	77
Cross fox .....	3	315	105	3	54	18
Red fox .....	4	62	16	1	9	9
Blue fox .....	52	8,655	166	101	18,268	181
Platinum fox <u>1/</u> .....	223	63,080	283	231	46,916	203
White marked fox .....	107	12,980	121	169	24,989	148
Mink, standard .....	3,165	113,506	36	4,588	191,760	42
Mink, mutations .....	201	37,728	188	487	82,546	169
Other fur bearing animals <u>2/</u> .....	19	230	-	97	18,118	-
T O T A L .....	4,606	284,200	-	6,518	447,455	-

1/ Platinum, platinum silver, pearl platinum, pearlatina and glacier blue.

2/ Owing to insufficient producers, data are not given of the individual kinds of animals, which, in 1945, were chinchilla, fisher, fitch, marten, nutria, raccoon and skunk.



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TABLE 3: PELTS SOLD FROM FUR FARMS. Number and Value, 1944 and 1945

Kind	1944			1945		
	Number	Value	Average Value	Number	Value	Average Value
	\$	\$	\$		\$	\$
Silver fox .....	15,071	465,004	31	16,979	467,597	28
Cross fox .....	50	1,099	22	99	1,559	16
Red fox .....	134	1,377	10	98	785	8
Blue fox .....	1,371	68,748	50	1,480	74,930	51
Platinum fox 1/.....	693	51,629	75	1,857	130,033	70
White marked fox .....	2,648	120,088	45	4,029	149,105	37
Mink, standard .....	56,463	919,316	16	58,394	1,247,338	21
Mink, mutations .....	-	-	-	306	6,504	21
Other fur bearing animals 2/ .....	66	265	-	33	195	-
T O T A L .....	76,496	1,627,526	-	83,275	2,078,046	-

TABLE 4: FUR ANIMALS BORN ON FUR FARMS, 1944 and 1945

Kind	1944		1945
	No.	No.	
Silver fox .....	19,249		19,599
Cross fox .....	55		102
Red fox .....	107		120
Blue fox .....	1,423		1,686
Platinum fox 1/ .....	2,266		4,024
White marked fox .....	4,155		5,373
Fox, other .....	3		-
Mink, standard .....	67,080		76,251
Mink, mutations .....	1,147		3,604
Other fur bearing animals 2/ .....	75		216
T O T A L .....	95,560		110,975

1/ Platinum, platinum silver, pearl platinum, pearlatina and glacier blue.

2/ Owing to insufficient producers, data are not given of the individual kinds of animals, which, in 1945, were chinchilla, fisher, fitch, marten, nutria, raccoon and skunk.