

19.—Number and Value of Fur-bearing Animals on Fur Farms in Canada, 1920 and 1921.

Kind of Animal.	Number of Fur-bearing Animals.		Value of Fur-bearing Animals.	
	1920.	1921.	1920.	1921.
	No.	No.	\$	\$
Silver Fox.....	13,694	17,321	4,536,417	5,588,315
Patch Fox.....	1,103	1,220	87,735	101,550
Red Fox.....	373	484	11,810	10,035
Blue Fox.....	3	-	748	-
White Fox.....	1	-	100	-
Mink.....	188	210	4,835	5,366
Marten.....	3	8	100	410
Fisher.....	6	5	675	700
Raccoon.....	23	55	260	854
Skunk.....	33	99	125	500
Opossum.....	-	9	-	65
Lynx.....	2	2	100	200
Bear.....	-	2	-	200
Brown Beaver.....	-	39	-	1,300
White Beaver.....	-	1	-	50
Muskrat.....	-	2,250	-	5,550
Karakul Sheep.....	1,100	750	80,000	60,000
Total.....	16,529	22,455	4,722,905	5,775,095

The table shows that the industry is expanding not only as regards increase in the number of foxes, which are the principal fur-producing animals domesticated, but also by the addition of other fur-bearing animals. Mink, raccoon, and skunk have increased in numbers and in 1921 there appear for the first time opossum, bears, beavers and muskrats. The total number of fur-bearing animals on the farms at the end of 1921 was 22,455, with a value of \$5,775,095, as compared with 16,529 animals valued at \$4,722,905 in 1920. The total for 1921 comprises 17,321 silver foxes valued at \$5,588,315; 1,220 patch foxes valued at \$101,550; 484 red foxes valued at \$10,035; 210 mink, value \$5,366; 750 karakul sheep, value \$60,000; 2,250 muskrat, value \$5,550, and 220 miscellaneous, value \$4,279. The number of fur-bearing animals sold from fur farms during 1921 was 3,175, value \$806,139. Of these, 2,668 were silver foxes, value \$779,110. The pelts sold numbered 4,854, valued at \$609,097; they included the pelts of 3,790 silver foxes, value \$579,456, of 402 patch foxes, value \$22,608, of 336 red foxes, value \$4,261, of 91 mink, value \$962 and of 235 miscellaneous, value \$1,810. The total amount received by fur farmers in 1921 from the sale of live fur-bearing animals and pelts was \$1,415,236, as compared with \$1,151,556 in 1920, an increase of \$263,680, or 23 p.c.

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Production and Value of Creamery Butter.—The total quantity of creamery butter produced in Canada in 1921 (Table 20), was 122,776,580 lb., of the value of \$45,893,088, as compared with 111,691,718 lb., of the value of \$63,625,203 in 1920, an increase in quantity of 11,084,862 lb., or 10 p.c., and a decrease in value of \$17,732,111, or 28 p.c. The decrease in value was caused by a lower average price per lb., which dropped from 56 cents in 1920 to 37 cents