

original home, was given in the Census and Statistics Monthly for May, 1914, at p. 110, while a still more detailed account of the earlier history of the industry was given in a publication of the Commission of Conservation, Ottawa, entitled "Fur Farming in Canada", by J. Walter Jones, B.A., B.S.A., the second edition of which was published in 1914.

**Fur Farms of Canada.**—The term "fur farm" includes farms devoted entirely to the raising of fur-bearing animals (principally silver foxes), together with parts of farms where the raising of fur-bearing animals is carried on as a distinct branch of the operations. Such farms increased in number from 429 in 1919 to 6,237 in 1930, or, if muskrat and beaver farms are included, to 6,524, and the industry is still rapidly growing both in numbers of farms and in numbers and varieties of fur-bearing animals on those farms. Although the fox has proved the most suited to domestication, other kinds of fur-bearing wild animals are being raised in captivity—mink, raccoon, skunk, marten, fisher and rabbit. Mink farms are now the most numerous of the miscellaneous class, raccoon farms coming second and muskrat third. A few of the fox farms also raise miscellaneous fur-bearing animals in addition to the foxes.

**Capital Investment.**—The earliest Dominion-wide statistics of fur farms were collected for the year 1919, and since then annual statistics have been obtained. Statistics showing the increasing numbers and values of fur-bearing animals on fur farms are given in Tables 20 and 21, the former showing an increase of eighteen fold in numbers since 1922, and the latter almost a three-fold increase in values from \$5,864,153 to \$16,197,747. The capital investment in lands and buildings in 1930 was \$8,583,346, making a grand total investment of \$24,781,093 in the industry in that year.

**20.—Number of Fur-bearing Animals on Fur Farms in Canada at Dec. 31, 1922-30.**

Kind of Animal.	1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.	1926.	1927.	1928.	1929.	1930.
Silver fox.....	22,318	25,186	31,204	42,125	47,657	57,961	72,631	97,190	105,894
Patch or cross fox.....	1,394	1,556	1,596	1,736	1,742	1,747	1,853	2,563	3,335
Red fox.....	435	627	720	1,196	1,163	1,198	1,489	2,348	3,018
Blue fox.....	10	12	216	735	1,050	1,713	1,331	1,576	1,755
Silver-blue fox.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-
White fox.....	16	2	3	-	-	-	1	4	64
Mink.....	288	489	663	982	1,650	2,615	5,028	10,436	20,726
Raccoon.....	105	159	245	445	689	1,238	1,852	2,870	3,895
Skunk.....	34	92	133	129	88	114	99	78	20
Marten.....	3	11	13	35	69	112	152	187	228
Fisher.....	7	8	9	15	46	87	136	184	195
Opossum.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Coyote.....	-	9	22	59	4	29	30	73	135
Badger.....	-	-	-	3	-	-	113	726	559
Lynx.....	3	2	4	3	3	2	9	10	13
Otter.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-
Bear.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fitch.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25	150
Ferret.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	1
Weasel.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	6
Nutria.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10
Siberian hare.....	-	24	25	35	39	16	-	-	-
Chinchilla rabbit.....	-	222	351	1,215	1,843	3,085	3,464	1,438	1,205
Rabbit, n.e.s.....	-	-	353	967	252	1,129	1,733	428	475
Karakul sheep.....	941	883	1,545	1,209	177	1,082	94	96	193
Muskrat <sup>1</sup> .....	5,157	10,820	-	23,105	35,838	55,390	168,961	711,111	425,525
Beaver <sup>2</sup> .....	81	23	-	155	360	505	799	698	1,112
<b>Totals.....</b>	<b>30,782</b>	<b>40,135</b>	<b>37,102</b>	<b>79,149</b>	<b>92,670</b>	<b>128,020</b>	<b>259,682</b>	<b>832,659</b>	<b>648,618</b>

<sup>1</sup> Statistics not available.

<sup>2</sup> Based on estimates furnished by the operators of the farms.