

5.—Values of Pelts Sold from Fur Farms in Canada, 1928-36.

Kind of Animal.	1928.	1929.	1930.	1931.	1932.	1933.	1934.	1935.	1936.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Silver fox.....	2,278,611	2,195,253	2,921,835	2,835,470	2,821,593	3,441,020	3,690,431	4,437,301	4,950,290
Patch or cross fox	54,307	43,122	75,676	84,993	93,018	95,522	84,503	75,273	65,182
Red fox.....	21,774	18,585	21,549	20,445	21,924	23,652	17,788	14,301	12,734
Blue fox.....	13,516	19,144	25,318	12,758	9,032	9,325	12,250	9,179	11,071
White fox.....	Nil	Nil	25	792	135	65	50	75	80
Mink.....	3,916	12,471	34,538	99,033	37,604	127,241	145,680	323,263	652,940 ¹
Raccoon.....	1,502	3,027	2,618	4,445	5,096	4,738	5,248	4,410	3,519
Skunk.....	23	48	11	4	10	Nil	Nil	6	Nil
Marten.....	30	Nil	100	79	313	262	175	194	330
Fisher.....	112	320	405	145	1,120	1,576	963	626	1,512
Coyote.....	Nil	340	691	718	395	610	530	322	1,187
Badger.....	28	1,646	3,925	3,101	1,398	629	408	296	106
Lynx.....	45	Nil	100	Nil	Nil	66	Nil	Nil	Nil
Fitch.....	Nil	"	Nil	341	568	2,616	3,184	2,010	1,738
Weasel.....	"	"	7	Nil	34	30	23	25	20
Nutria.....	"	"	Nil	"	Nil	Nil	Nil	50	3
Chinchilla rabbit	526	806	45	65	8	"	"	Nil	3
Rabbit, s. e. s.	246	263	22	Nil	Nil	29	"	"	2
Karakul sheep..	Nil	Nil	Nil	"	246	139	638	338	538
Muskrat.....	9,365	9,335	9,205	8,945	3,723	4,710	4,034	3,213	6,438
Beaver.....	25	560	150	126	410	213	105	113	248
Totals.....	2,389,036	2,304,910	3,096,270	3,071,460	3,046,627	3,712,443	3,966,010	4,870,985	5,708,438¹

¹ Revised since the publication of the 1938 Year Book.

² The publication of information concerning rabbits on farms has been discontinued.

Section 3.—Statistics of Total Production and Trade in Furs.

Fur Production Statistics.*—Early records of raw fur production are confined to the decennial censuses, when account was taken of the number and value of pelts obtained by trappers. In 1920 the Dominion Bureau of Statistics commenced an annual survey of raw fur production, basing its statistics on information supplied by the licensed fur traders. This survey was continued for some years. More recently, annual statements, based on royalties, export tax, etc., have been made available by the provincial game departments (excepting Prince Edward Island), and these statements are now used in the preparation of the statistics issued annually by the Bureau. In the case of Prince Edward Island, the sales of pelts shown on the annual returns of fur farms had, prior to the season 1935-36, been used to prepare statistics of fur production for the province. In the season 1935-36, the Prince Edward Island Department of Agriculture was able to supply a statement of the total fur production, while for the season 1936-37 the statistics are based on returns supplied directly to the Bureau by the fur traders who deal in furs produced in the province.

The value of the raw fur production of Canada in the twelve months ended June 30, 1937, was \$17,526,365, compared with \$15,464,883 in the preceding season and \$12,843,341 in the season 1934-35. These totals comprise the value of pelts of fur-bearing animals taken by trappers and of pelts sold from fur farms, the value of the latter representing 40 p.c. of the whole in 1936-37.

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