

values for both live animals and pelts and the industry has gradually become stabilized on a pelt basis rather than on a live animal basis. In the latest year, 1937, the value of live silver foxes sold was only \$517,782 while that of silver fox pelts sold was \$5,019,487, and for all fur farms the sales of pelts represented 85 p.c. of the total revenue.

**Statistics of Fur Farms.**—The earliest Dominion-wide statistics of fur farms were collected for the year 1919. The statistics of 1919 recorded 429 fur farms with 8,326 fur-bearing animals.

**1.—Numbers of Fur Farms, Values of Land and Buildings, and Values of Fur-Bearing Animals, by Provinces, 1935-37.**

| Province.             | Fur Farms.   |              |              | Values of Land and Buildings. |                  |                  | Values of Fur-Bearing Animals. |                  |                  |
|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
|                       | 1935.        | 1936.        | 1937.        | 1935.                         | 1936.            | 1937.            | 1935.                          | 1936.            | 1937.            |
|                       | No.          | No.          | No.          | \$                            | \$               | \$               | \$                             | \$               | \$               |
| P.E. Island.....      | 771          | 730          | 1,216        | 884,895                       | 876,446          | 878,934          | 1,192,410                      | 1,088,647        | 945,542          |
| Nova Scotia.....      | 853          | 958          | 1,002        | 314,687                       | 337,422          | 319,305          | 557,447                        | 608,202          | 510,769          |
| New Brunswick.....    | 983          | 1,028        | 1,012        | 508,221                       | 531,955          | 521,983          | 949,101                        | 908,215          | 734,002          |
| Quebec.....           | 2,408        | 2,570        | 2,541        | 1,173,107                     | 1,226,657        | 1,348,655        | 1,910,659                      | 1,910,811        | 1,797,806        |
| Ontario.....          | 1,029        | 1,170        | 1,278        | 1,321,913                     | 1,401,675        | 1,445,654        | 1,848,343                      | 2,044,500        | 2,085,875        |
| Manitoba.....         | 400          | 512          | 662          | 700,403                       | 797,602          | 1,029,280        | 913,072                        | 1,109,299        | 1,311,427        |
| Saskatchewan.....     | 308          | 349          | 491          | 413,752                       | 567,550          | 678,014          | 545,552                        | 629,432          | 689,770          |
| Alberta.....          | 463          | 514          | 587          | 905,913                       | 972,632          | 1,047,408        | 1,085,050                      | 1,164,714        | 1,186,450        |
| British Columbia..... | 272          | 304          | 380          | 356,184                       | 367,747          | 400,788          | 373,916                        | 362,635          | 402,646          |
| Yukon.....            | 8            | 7            | 10           | 11,750                        | 17,350           | 17,150           | 6,275                          | 11,825           | 12,144           |
| <b>Totals.....</b>    | <b>7,495</b> | <b>8,142</b> | <b>9,179</b> | <b>6,590,825</b>              | <b>7,097,036</b> | <b>7,687,171</b> | <b>9,381,825</b>               | <b>9,838,280</b> | <b>9,676,431</b> |

Table 2 indicates that the numbers of silver foxes and mink, the two fur-bearing animals that have proved most readily adaptable to domestication, were higher in 1937 than in any previous year. The values of animals on fur farms, on the other hand, have been greatly affected by the decline in prices since 1929.

**2.—Numbers of Fur-Bearing Animals on Fur Farms in Canada as at Dec. 31, 1929-37.**

| Kind of Animal.         | 1929.          | 1930.          | 1931.          | 1932.          | 1933.          | 1934.          | 1935.          | 1936.          | 1937.          |
|-------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Badger.....             | 726            | 559            | 307            | 119            | 63             | 45             | 22             | 27             | 20             |
| Beaver.....             | 698            | 1,112          | 806            | 1,118          | 1,029          | 1,010          | 1,180          | 888            | 787            |
| Chinchilla.....         | Nil            | Nil            | Nil            | Nil            | Nil            | Nil            | Nil            | Nil            | 2              |
| Coyote.....             | 73             | 135            | 72             | 44             | 34             | 22             | 18             | 27             | 47             |
| Ferret.....             | 5              | 1              | Nil            | 3              | 4              | 1              | 6              | Nil            | Nil            |
| Fisher.....             | 184            | 195            | 244            | 200            | 183            | 164            | 163            | 126            | 120            |
| Fitch.....              | 25             | 150            | 826            | 1,587          | 1,857          | 1,558          | 1,144          | 1,001          | 575            |
| Fox, blue.....          | 1,576          | 1,755          | 1,219          | 858            | 689            | 691            | 669            | 649            | 723            |
| Fox, cross.....         | 2,563          | 3,335          | 3,369          | 2,978          | 2,574          | 2,472          | 1,931          | 1,723          | 1,388          |
| Fox, red.....           | 2,348          | 3,018          | 2,879          | 2,526          | 2,244          | 2,031          | 1,548          | 1,248          | 1,119          |
| Fox, silver.....        | 97,190         | 105,894        | 95,734         | 92,703         | 103,842        | 125,577        | 141,509        | 151,696        | 153,822        |
| Fox, silver-blue.....   | Nil            | Nil            | 12             | 5              | 2              | Nil            | Nil            | Nil            | Nil            |
| Fox, white.....         | 4              | 64             | 65             | 39             | 11             | 5              | "              | "              | 4              |
| Karakul sheep.....      | 96             | 193            | 140            | 108            | 107            | 111            | 102            | 102            | 180            |
| Lynx.....               | 10             | 13             | 16             | 10             | 1              | Nil            | Nil            | Nil            | Nil            |
| Marten.....             | 187            | 228            | 272            | 207            | 202            | 154            | 113            | 122            | 136            |
| Mink.....               | 10,436         | 20,726         | 21,062         | 17,212         | 18,640         | 25,435         | 31,946         | 44,695         | 71,410         |
| Muskrat.....            | 711,111        | 425,525        | 119,285        | 132,973        | 65,324         | 35,556         | 20,539         | 17,769         | 10,000         |
| Nutria.....             | Nil            | 10             | 27             | 56             | 64             | 46             | 72             | 62             | 152            |
| Opossum.....            | "              | 3              | Nil            | Nil            | Nil            | Nil            | Nil            | Nil            | Nil            |
| Otter.....              | 2              | Nil            | "              | "              | "              | "              | "              | "              | "              |
| Rabbit, chinchilla..... | 1,438          | 1,206          | 239            | 80             | 79             | 79             | 2              | 2              | 2              |
| Rabbit, n.e.s.....      | 428            | 475            | 207            | 285            | 291            | 118            | 57             | 2              | 2              |
| Raccoon.....            | 2,870          | 3,395          | 3,600          | 3,057          | 2,522          | 1,867          | 1,334          | 930            | 865            |
| Skunk.....              | 78             | 20             | 54             | 20             | 12             | 19             | Nil            | 2              | 6              |
| Weasel.....             | 11             | 6              | 11             | 17             | 8              | 9              | 8              | 8              | 3              |
| <b>Totals.....</b>      | <b>832,659</b> | <b>568,018</b> | <b>250,446</b> | <b>256,205</b> | <b>199,782</b> | <b>196,970</b> | <b>202,363</b> | <b>221,079</b> | <b>241,359</b> |

<sup>1</sup> Based on estimates furnished by the operators of the farms. concerning rabbits on farms has been discontinued.

<sup>2</sup> The publication of information