

Statistics of Fur Farming.—The fur-farming industry, which had its origin in Prince Edward Island some fifty years ago, is now established in every province and the annual increase recorded in number of fur farms since its introduction was fairly constant up to the outbreak of war. There was at first a substantial decline in prices due to the War and to the ensuing market dislocation and a large number of marginal farms were forced out of business. These circumstances brought about an increase in quality and this, together with the reduced production, has been instrumental in improving the price level.

1.—Fur Farms, Land and Buildings, and Fur-Bearing Animals, by Provinces, 1939-41

Province or Territory	Fur Farms			Values of Land and Buildings			Values of Fur-Bearing Animals		
	1939	1940	1941	1939	1940	1941	1939	1940	1941
	No.	No.	No.	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
P. E. Island.....	913	734	635	672,265	607,801	567,308	403,980	429,474	467,295
Nova Scotia.....	918	773	673	255,818	248,726	212,991	235,429	245,066	273,657
New Brunswick....	745	648	581	332,863	293,486	299,993	273,888	307,102	394,658
Quebec.....	2,938	2,863	2,637	1,389,794	1,260,086	1,276,550	1,276,850	1,343,268	1,672,160
Ontario.....	1,517	1,408	1,298	1,390,424	1,323,142	1,373,265	1,589,965	1,567,602	1,736,099
Manitoba.....	855	798	701	1,179,956	1,166,164	1,122,333	974,998	1,019,056	1,012,535
Saskatchewan.....	677	628	628	681,830	678,755	709,463	542,317	588,271	616,698
Alberta.....	822	846	858	1,087,353	1,151,919	1,185,757	1,203,953	1,177,892	1,335,170
British Columbia...	506	457	419	419,555	502,098	483,114	413,674	410,596	412,942
Yukon.....	8	9	10	15,450	18,850	12,100	5,410	6,030	5,757
Totals.....	9,899	9,164	8,440	7,425,308	7,251,629	7,242,874	6,920,464	7,094,357	7,928,971

2.—Fur-Bearing Animals on Fur Farms in Canada, as at Dec. 31, 1938-41

Kind of Animal	1938		1939		1940		1941	
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
		\$		\$		\$		\$
Badger.....	26	760	23	510	37	380	5	55
Beaver ¹	677	15,095	737	15,944	2	-	2	-
Chinchilla.....	60	96,000	146	220,850	198	155,250	292	212,150
Coyote.....	37	330	50	430	56	565	39	390
Fisher.....	126	12,655	141	14,190	177	13,990	145	11,745
Fitch.....	649	2,445	539	1,776	470	1,141	398	1,614
Fox, blue.....	978	74,195	1,266	77,232	1,285	80,650	1,462	111,431
Fox, cross.....	1,279	39,730	1,056	25,440	935	23,270	816	20,806
Fox, new type.....	Nil	-	515	83,200	2,314	288,660	6,511	585,847
Fox, red.....	923	8,826	688	6,354	512	5,074	499	6,081
Fox, silver.....	137,819	5,727,611	104,971	3,680,554	93,715	3,604,155	91,543	3,762,922
Fox, white.....	1	40	3	120	7	400	18	1,975
Karakul sheep.....	157	2,335	211	3,960	2	2	2	2
Lynx.....	3	300	4	200	2	2	2	2
Marten.....	200	14,765	194	13,995	261	16,630	305	21,255
Mink.....	106,283	2,894,850	122,849	2,723,728	132,614	2,877,597	153,447	3,173,323
Muskrat ¹	20,155	23,359	18,697	23,588	2	2	2	2
Nutria.....	323	11,225	798	24,884	1,270	23,141	1,165	16,998
Otter.....	Nil	-	Nil	-	Nil	-	2	50
Raccoon.....	678	4,968	521	3,496	418	3,464	279	2,314
Skunk.....	7	15	9	19	Nil	-	2	15
Totals.....	270,351	8,929,504	253,418	6,920,464	234,269	7,094,357	256,928	7,928,971

¹ Based on estimates furnished by the operators of the farms.

² The collection of this information ceased with the year 1939.