

1943 to \$33,100,000 in 1944 as a result of a further advance in prices per pelt for most kinds. Pelts of silver fox increased from \$24.84 to \$33.99 while those of mink increased from \$11.08 to \$19.55.

**6.—Pelts of Fur-Bearing Animals Taken in Canada, by Kinds, Years Ended June 30, 1943 and 1944**

| Kind of Pelt                              | Pelts            |                  | Total Values      |                   | Average Values |       |
|---|------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|-------|
|   | 1943             | 1944             | 1943              | 1944              | 1943           | 1944  |
|   | No.              | No.              | \$                | \$                | \$             | \$    |
| Badger.....                               | 7,575            | 11,212           | 52,331            | 46,470            | 6.91           | 4.14  |
| Bear, grizzly.....                        | 1                | 9                | 1                 | 180               | 1              | 20.00 |
| Bear, white.....                          | 65               | 95               | 385               | 2,375             | 5.92           | 25.00 |
| Bear, unspecified.....                    | 1,032            | 1,448            | 3,293             | 4,769             | 3.19           | 3.29  |
| Beaver.....                               | 102,241          | 130,779          | 3,026,652         | 4,841,221         | 29.96          | 37.02 |
| Cat, domestic.....                        | 366              | 62               | 184               | 31                | 0.50           | 0.50  |
| Chinchilla.....                           | Nil              | 5                | —                 | 78                | —              | 15.60 |
| Coyote or prairie wolf <sup>2</sup> ..... | 43,477           | 59,176           | 673,211           | 950,341           | 15.48          | 16.06 |
| Ermine (weasel).....                      | 707,726          | 801,544          | 1,118,097         | 1,742,714         | 1.58           | 2.17  |
| Fisher.....                               | 2,165            | 3,319            | 109,611           | 252,937           | 50.63          | 76.21 |
| Fitch.....                                | 543              | 374              | 1,415             | 1,020             | 2.61           | 2.73  |
| Fox, blue.....                            | 3,141            | 2,805            | 82,854            | 89,166            | 26.38          | 31.79 |
| Fox, cross.....                           | 34,796           | 41,702           | 611,895           | 784,779           | 17.59          | 18.82 |
| Fox, red.....                             | 139,304          | 192,523          | 1,741,709         | 2,676,897         | 12.50          | 13.90 |
| Fox, silver.....                          | 187,753          | 129,184          | 4,663,079         | 4,390,912         | 24.84          | 33.99 |
| Fox, new type.....                        | 3,414            | 13,086           | 141,321           | 775,574           | 41.39          | 59.27 |
| Fox, white.....                           | 74,190           | 30,332           | 2,104,645         | 995,829           | 28.37          | 32.83 |
| Fox, other.....                           | 148              | 298              | 1,564             | 5,039             | 10.57          | 16.91 |
| Lynx.....                                 | 7,606            | 10,197           | 336,783           | 530,874           | 44.28          | 52.06 |
| Marten.....                               | 15,087           | 19,565           | 595,057           | 905,975           | 39.44          | 46.31 |
| Mink.....                                 | 527,663          | 365,759          | 5,848,242         | 7,151,809         | 11.08          | 19.55 |
| Muskrat.....                              | 2,068,468        | 2,038,868        | 5,671,910         | 4,654,641         | 2.74           | 2.28  |
| Nutria.....                               | 83               | 90               | 286               | 504               | 3.45           | 5.60  |
| Otter.....                                | 9,200            | 12,089           | 177,845           | 290,064           | 19.33          | 23.99 |
| Rabbit.....                               | 1,080,285        | 593,156          | 214,256           | 175,044           | 0.20           | 0.30  |
| Raccoon.....                              | 23,189           | 33,467           | 115,784           | 178,962           | 4.99           | 5.35  |
| Skunk.....                                | 143,277          | 219,106          | 320,230           | 682,715           | 2.24           | 3.12  |
| Squirrel.....                             | 2,227,161        | 1,601,182        | 766,319           | 817,813           | 0.34           | 0.51  |
| Wild cat.....                             | 2,117            | 2,214            | 27,958            | 36,454            | 13.21          | 16.47 |
| Wolf <sup>2</sup> .....                   | 6,599            | 10,181           | 97,596            | 157,550           | 14.79          | 15.47 |
| Wolverine.....                            | 300              | 413              | 2,521             | 4,655             | 8.40           | 11.27 |
| <b>Totals.....</b>                        | <b>7,418,971</b> | <b>6,324,240</b> | <b>28,505,033</b> | <b>33,147,392</b> |                |       |

<sup>1</sup> Included with "Bear, unspecified" with wolf pelts.

<sup>2</sup> Coyote or prairie wolf pelts for Manitoba are included

**Fur Trade.**—Since the War of 1914-18, Montreal has been recognized as an international fur market, holding the first Canadian fur auction sale in 1920. Through the medium of the Canadian fur auctions, grading and marketing of furs have been placed on a scientific footing, resulting in more stabilized prices to the benefit equally of trapper, breeder, manufacturer, distributor and consumer. Fur-auction sales are held also at Winnipeg, Edmonton, Vancouver, Toronto and Regina.

During the past twenty years or so, immense improvements have been made in the dressing, dyeing and finishing of furs. In 1944, the 18 fur-dressing and -dyeing plants in Canada treated 8,606,642 fur skins, the chief kinds being rabbit (3,593,393), muskrat (1,641,374) and squirrel (994,306). In 1943 the number of plants engaged in the manufacture of fur goods—coats, capes, scarves, muffs, etc.—numbered 495 with a total output valued at \$39,131,614.

The fur-farming industry was adversely affected by the impact of war. The London market, which in normal times took about 80 p.c. of the total production of Canadian fox furs, was lost and other outlets had to be explored. The United States, fearing their market would become flooded with pelts from Canada and