

pelts. Grading offers many advantages to the producer as well as to the trade in general. It educates the rancher as to the proper value of his pelts and creates an incentive to improve the quality of the product; it furnishes guidance in the planning of future matings, aids in raising the standard of quality of the entire crop of pelts and helps in advancing the level of prices for high-quality pelts.

Exports and Imports.—Prior to World War II, Canada marketed fur pelts mainly in the United Kingdom but, since that market was practically dormant during the war years, the fur trade was carried on mainly with the United States. A definite revival of trade with the United Kingdom was shown between 1946 and 1948 but decreases of 39 p.c. and 18 p.c., respectively, in exports of furs to that market were shown in 1949 and 1950.

The Canadian fur trade, both export and import, is chiefly in undressed furs, the value of dressed and manufactured furs going out of or coming into Canada making up a comparatively small proportion of the total. Exports consist largely, of course, of furs which Canada produces in greatest abundance, mink being the most valuable followed by beaver, muskrat and fox. On the other hand, furs such as Persian lamb, certain types of muskrat, rabbit, squirrel, sheep and lamb, which are not produced to any extent in Canada, make up the major portion of the imports.

Total exports and imports of all furs to and from the United States, the United Kingdom and all countries are given for the years 1947-49 in Part I, Section 4, of the Foreign Trade Chapter XXI, Tables 13 and 14.

7.—Exports and Imports of Furs, by Kinds, 1950

Kind of Fur	Exports			Kind of Fur	Imports		
	United Kingdom	United States	All Countries		United Kingdom	United States	All Countries
	\$	\$	\$		\$	\$	\$
Undressed—				Undressed—			
Beaver.....	655,500	3,306,790	3,986,172	China and Jap mink.....	—	288,238	310,886
Ermine.....	191,218	496,452	687,670	Fox.....	884	68,686	69,570
Fisher.....	31,816	89,561	132,767	Kolinsky.....	—	141,426	141,426
Fox, all types.....	472,569	680,565	1,383,743	Marine.....	—	31,022	31,022
Lynx.....	7,571	86,070	93,985	Mink.....	28,011	1,514,575	1,544,381
Marten.....	47,582	257,225	304,807	Muskrat.....	9,361	4,689,444	4,688,805
Mink.....	987,774	12,336,524	13,368,028	Opossum.....	2,535	15,405	19,052
Muskrat.....	883,835	1,627,280	2,539,657	Persian lamb.....	235,844	6,456,027	7,415,647
Otter.....	28,102	207,336	235,438	Rabbit.....	—	446,987	755,435
Rabbit.....	476	30,681	31,157	Raccoon.....	—	273,295	273,295
Raccoon.....	3,797	56,416	60,288	Sheep and lamb.....	—	507,651	971,812
Seal.....	13,035	4,669	17,704	Squirrel.....	15,732	857,762	889,964
Skunk.....	3,184	5,918	9,895	Other.....	14,878	1,568,936	1,640,287
Squirrel.....	661,528	13,277	676,807	Dressed—			
Weasel.....	7,476	183,529	191,005	Astrakhan, Russian hare.....	—	2,859	2,859
Wolf.....	1,290	26,828	28,118	Rabbit.....	13,346	8,428	67,564
Other.....	2,411	36,873	45,012	Sheep skins.....	3,484	82,878	89,465
Dressed—				Other.....	62,830	603,233	692,408
Fox.....	—	80	1,993	Manufactured.....	331,327	552,571	936,255
Other.....	9,771	513,282	630,514	Totals ¹	718,232	18,109,423	20,550,133
Manufactured.....	700	848,388	873,496				
Totals.....	4,009,635	20,907,744	25,298,256				

¹ Not including hatters' furs.