

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. Though a definite revival of trade with the United Kingdom took place after the War, almost 80 p.c. of Canadian fur exports still go to the United States.

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 being 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 1949-52 in Part I, Section 4, of Chapter XXI, Tables 13 and 14.

### 7.—Exports and Imports of Furs, by Kind, 1951 and 1952

Kind of Fur	1951			1952		
	United Kingdom	United States	All Countries	United Kingdom	United States	All Countries
	Exports					
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Undressed—						
Beaver.....	1,591,155	2,661,421	4,418,160	820,565	2,408,969	3,480,460
Ermine.....	156,615	531,400	688,015	69,648	363,729	433,399
Fisher.....	95,235	74,595	173,051	95,741	31,389	151,681
Fox, all types.....	938,891	772,490	1,945,218	440,476	538,764	1,047,008
Lynx.....	37,145	27,959	66,234	81,934	3,736	86,618
Marten.....	107,229	437,632	545,408	50,393	228,870	281,710
Mink.....	1,171,240	13,641,754	14,932,206	1,034,963	14,061,757	15,161,795
Muskrat.....	1,618,051	1,367,417	3,034,220	542,125	844,035	1,416,453
Otter.....	38,721	364,396	406,463	11,393	103,968	115,451
Rabbit.....	675	1,200	1,875	742	31,161	31,903
Raccoon.....	4,357	87,459	92,516	9,466	67,987	77,453
Seal.....	—	70,564	70,564	36,993	—	36,993
Skunk.....	51,449	27,683	80,815	41,809	16,139	58,855
Squirrel.....	1,451,079	44,358	1,498,466	769,511	32,696	813,989
Weasel.....	41,090	168,387	209,477	11,264	160,265	171,529
Wolf.....	9,167	103,230	112,514	9,683	69,822	79,505
Other.....	1,556	35,841	40,765	22,144	13,189	62,306
Dressed—						
Fox.....	—	413	4,703	—	—	5,132
Other.....	10,232	808,141	913,008	204	282,364	372,016
Manufactured.....	1,692	608,319	630,523	3,846	483,298	521,275
<b>Totals.....</b>	<b>7,325,579</b>	<b>21,834,659</b>	<b>29,864,201</b>	<b>4,052,900</b>	<b>19,742,138</b>	<b>24,405,531</b>