

7.—Exports and Imports of Furs, by Kind, 1956 and 1957—concluded

Kind of Fur	1956			1957		
	United Kingdom	United States	All Countries	United Kingdom	United States	All Countries
	IMPORTS					
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Undressed—						
China and Jap mink.....	7,201	19,238	139,586	—	15,072	50,505
Fox.....	129,449	22,650	182,765	143,615	56,600	327,554
Kolinsky.....	126,319	385	278,207	106,327	5,318	389,413
Marten.....	—	—	—	—	365	365
Mink.....	130,953	3,371,412	3,731,975	162,752	4,248,652	4,659,586
Muskrat.....	112,911	2,034,050	2,221,729	11,024	2,759,768	2,840,797
Opossum.....	—	16,004	16,004	338	8,404	8,742
Persian lamb.....	2,396,723	5,715,927	8,684,322	2,178,180	5,590,743	8,780,980
Rabbit.....	—	59,998	224,415	2,017	61,697	173,882
Raccoon.....	—	806,987	806,987	—	647,892	647,892
Sheep and lamb.....	3,428	218,177	491,592	1,733	358,729	427,295
Squirrel.....	36,848	68,249	127,609	51,463	83,680	118,194
Other.....	309,374	1,098,598	2,325,936	272,724	705,562	2,437,780
Dressed—						
Rabbit.....	—	8,135	51,772	6,887	8,617	77,769
Sheep skins.....	2,841	195,443	199,907	2,396	175,926	178,578
Hatters furs.....	35,198	590,343	1,113,234	43,952	488,295	993,203
Other.....	47,364	2,486,317	2,612,155	182,382	2,598,729	2,877,981
Manufactured.....	51,907	538,943	623,432	29,582	672,138	720,617
Totals.....	3,390,516	17,250,856	23,831,627	3,195,372	18,486,187	25,711,033

Section 6.—The Fur Processing Industry*

The rather general term 'fur processing' includes the fur dressing and dyeing industry and the fur goods industry. The former is concerned with the dressing or dyeing of pelts on a custom basis and the latter is a manufacturing industry that makes up fur goods such as coats, scarves and gloves.

Fur dressing and dyeing industry statistics were first recorded in 1917 when 12 establishments with 511 employees reported receipts of \$1,071,805. Eight establishments in 1924 reported revenues of \$1,120,895, expenditures of \$162,013 on dyes, chemicals and other materials used, and expenditures of \$561,233 on salaries and wages to 539 employees. Of the 3,473,909 skins treated in that year, muskrat pelts made up 47 p.c., rabbit 19 p.c. and squirrel 10 p.c.

The greatest number of skins treated was reported in 1941 when 14,592,079 were handled, but almost 53 p.c. of those were rabbit skins so that the revenue for that year was only \$2,476,289. The record revenue reported was that for 1949 when \$6,691,418 was received and rabbit skins constituted 38 p.c. of the total processed.

In 1957 the number of skins treated was 8,960,044 of which muskrat comprised 48 p.c., Persian and other types of lamb 13 p.c., mink 14 p.c., squirrel 6 p.c. and rabbit 5 p.c.

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