

3.—Pelts of Fur Bearing Animals Taken, by Kind, Years Ended June 30, 1960 and 1961

Kind	1960			1961 <sup>1</sup>		
	Pelts	Total Value	Average Value	Pelts	Total Value	Average Value
	No.	\$	\$	No.	\$	\$
Badger.....	1,466	7,819	5.33	827	2,709	3.28
Bear, white.....	544	30,077	55.29	575	34,500	60.00
Bear, other.....	411	2,944	7.16	404	3,297	8.16
Beaver.....	344,766	4,732,573	13.73	399,459	4,725,877	11.83
Coyote or prairie wolf.....	6,948	34,121	4.91	6,156	25,487	4.14
Ermine (weasel).....	276,111	268,612	0.97	197,948	175,223	0.89
Fisher.....	6,462	117,876	18.24	6,206	68,586	11.05
Fox, blue.....	175	1,474	8.42	370	2,813	7.60
Fox, cross and red.....	17,616	57,414	3.26	17,885	50,953	2.85
Fox, silver.....	383	2,035	5.31	349	1,756	5.03
Fox, white.....	14,457	353,366	24.44	51,995	1,013,413	19.49
Fox, not specified.....	34	66	1.94	18	53	2.94
Lynx.....	40,408	704,613	17.44	42,016	449,900	10.71
Marten.....	29,226	194,374	6.65	39,009	205,607	5.27
Mink, standard.....	341,182	6,115,878	17.93	418,749	5,277,143	12.60
Mink, mutation.....	882,306	15,530,735	17.60	964,112	13,942,539	14.46
Muskrat.....	1,562,617	1,303,661	0.83	1,745,576	1,179,642	0.68
Otter.....	15,296	384,953	25.17	17,408	410,799	23.60
Rabbit.....	175,731	109,149	0.62	186,318	122,381	0.66
Raccoon.....	25,015	53,158	2.13	25,266	44,685	1.77
Skunk.....	2,145	1,875	0.87	1,111	736	0.66
Squirrel.....	2,241,771	1,032,937	0.46	2,099,046	834,126	0.40
Wildcat.....	1,336	3,820	2.86	1,326	2,133	1.61
Wolf.....	538	7,199	13.38	773	10,254	13.27
Wolverine.....	503	7,955	15.82	435	6,554	15.07
Other.....	11,964	127,394	...	14,257	151,292	...
<b>Totals.....</b>	<b>5,999,414</b>	<b>31,186,078</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>6,237,594</b>	<b>28,742,458</b>	<b>...</b>

**Fur Farm Production.**—Fur bearing animals were first raised in Canada on farms in Prince Edward Island about 1887 and in Quebec in 1898; today fur farming is carried on in all the provinces. There was a slow but steady increase in the number of farms until 1920 when 587 were reported, followed by a period of more rapid growth to 1938 when the number reached 10,454 with a production value of \$6,500,000. During the war years many fur farms went out of business and although prices rose considerably after the War, operating costs increased and the number of fur farms, particularly those conducted in conjunction with other farming operations, continued to decrease. By 1960 only 2,331 farms reported but the value of their production was \$17,040,000. Although there were 127 fewer farms in 1960 than in 1959, the number of animals on such farms increased from 536,276 to 559,215 and the number of pelts taken from 5,999,414 to 6,237,594.

4.—Fur Farms and Value of Pelts Produced Thereon, by Province, 1959 and 1960

Province	Fur Farms at Year End		Value of Pelts Produced on Fur Farms	
	1959	1960	1959	1960
	No.	No.	\$	\$
Newfoundland.....	36	35	483,144 <sup>1</sup>	414,222
Prince Edward Island.....	22	20	53,721	62,010
Nova Scotia.....	102	108	477,961	541,993
New Brunswick.....	47	39	96,008	69,542
Quebec.....	333	313	1,037,603	905,155
Ontario.....	686	667	5,143,372	5,042,253
Manitoba.....	271	249	3,514,190	3,078,690
Saskatchewan.....	158	162	1,197,058	1,084,298
Alberta.....	315	294	2,695,834	2,066,631
British Columbia.....	488	444	4,126,460	3,774,563
<b>Totals.....</b>	<b>2,458</b>	<b>2,331</b>	<b>18,825,603<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>17,039,733<sup>1</sup></b>

<sup>1</sup> Includes some pelts not valued by province.