

5.—Fur-Bearing Animals on Fur Farms, as at Dec. 31, 1948-51

(Exclusive of Newfoundland)

Kind of Animal	1948		1949		1950		1951	
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
		\$		\$		\$		\$
Chinchilla.....	4,339	1,088,900	5,685	1,428,708	6,053	1,350,860	8,530	1,799,963
Coyote.....	2	10	1	—	—	—	—	—
Fisher.....	83	10,250	116	10,600	99	9,860	45	4,520
Fitch.....	90	473	85	519	43	225	1	1
Fox, blue.....	985	40,103	738	28,220	537	21,359	269	—
Fox, cross.....	102	1,476	2	2	2	2	2	—
Fox, new-type.....	15,442	485,170	9,734	265,694	6,857	187,574	4,260	341,839
Fox, red.....	111	1,115	2	2	2	2	2	—
Fox, silver.....	26,166	690,911	19,578	504,799	16,279	431,267	9,707	—
Fox, other.....	61	1,800	150	1,839	118	1,628	100	—
Lynx.....	4	200	1	1	—	—	—	—
Marten.....	427	39,690	371	30,790	327	31,020	255	21,970
Mink.....	262,827	6,544,333	263,673	6,469,273	286,152	8,408,370	292,125	8,022,408
Nutria.....	130	4,167	67	1,650	38	1,430	58	4,175
Raccoon.....	163	922	147	1,009	114	623	124	623
Skunk.....	3	15	1	1	1	1	1	1
Other.....	—	—	8	124	9	61	12	63
Totals.....	310,935	8,909,535	300,352	8,743,225	316,646	10,444,286	315,485	10,195,561

¹ Included in "Other".

² Included in "Fox, other".

6.—Value of Fur-Bearing Animals and of Pelts Sold from Fur Farms, 1948-51

(Exclusive of Newfoundland)

Kind of Animal	1948		1949		1950		1951	
	Animals	Pelts	Animals	Pelts	Animals	Pelts	Animals	Pelts
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Chinchilla.....	201,557	—	404,161	150	518,750	—	416,318	1
Fisher.....	1,200	1,267	975	177	1	1	1	1,436
Fitch.....	90	1,422	75	280	1	1	1	—
Fox, blue.....	2,030	94,053	210	37,802	185	20,277	—	8,167
Fox, cross.....	105	2,436	2	2	2	2	2	—
Fox, new-type.....	9,459	1,015,612	2,642	427,964	4,287	283,573	8,248	158,368
Fox, red.....	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	—
Fox, silver.....	33,882	977,690	16,615	505,404	14,567	463,181	—	369,478
Fox, other.....	50	1,416	92	1,788	13	930	—	1,194
Marten.....	2,870	877	6,081	1,210	2,754	2,841	6,313	2,519
Mink.....	537,643	5,875,376	288,411	7,820,747	431,212	10,064,005	547,647	10,875,371
Nutria.....	534	388	80	2	1	1	1	1
Raccoon.....	65	15	42	26	1	1	1	39
Other.....	—	—	300	—	730	700	1,649	1,483
Totals.....	789,485	7,970,552	719,684	8,795,550	972,498	10,835,507	980,175	11,418,055

¹ Included in "Other".

² Included in "Fox, other".

Section 3.—Marketing of Furs

The first Canadian fur auction sale was held in 1920 at Montreal, Que., and although that city has always been the leading Canadian fur mart, auction sales are now held at Vancouver, B.C., Edmonton, Alta., Regina, Sask., and Winnipeg, Man. The Saskatchewan Government maintains a Fur Marketing Service at Regina to assist producers in that Province.

Grading.—The grading of furs to secure uniformity was introduced in 1939 by the Federal Department of Agriculture so that furs may be purchased by grade without the necessity of buyers from other countries personally examining the