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FUR PRODUCTION LAST YEAR IN THE DOMINION

Total Value of Raw Furs \$18,864,126. Increase of 25 per cent Over Previous Year.

Figures recently given out in regard to the fur industry in Canada will be surprising to many people. This North Land is particularly interested, because much of Ontario's raw furs are trapped in this North. In the following facts and figures the data is for last winter, the season of 1926-1927 as it is termed.

The production of raw furs continues to be a profitable industry for those engaged in it whether trapper or fur farmer. The total value of the raw fur production of the Dominion for the season 1926-27 was \$18,864,126, as compared with \$15,072,244 in the previous year, the increase of 25 per cent, being

attributable to a general advance in the prices of furs. This total comprises the value of the pelts of fur-bearing animals taken by trappers and of those raised on fur farms, the steady advance of the fur-farming industry in accounting for a greater proportion of the annual production being noticeable. From about 3½ per cent. in 1920-21, the pelts of animals raised on fur farms accounted for 5 per cent. of the year's production in 1925-26 and increased this to 6 per cent. in 1926-27.

Ontario is the leading province of Canada in fur production, accounting for a value of \$3,919,491, or 21 per cent. of the total. Quebec and the Northwest Territories followed closely, the former with \$3,065,323 and the latter \$2,981,829, each being about 16 per cent. of the total. Alberta with a value of \$2,256,353 accounted for 12 per cent. of all production value. British Columbia's value was \$1,798,026, Saskatchewan's \$1,621,436, and Manitoba's \$1,618,368, each of these representing about 9 per cent. of the total production. Prince Edward Island with \$480,342, New Brunswick with \$428,667, the Yukon Territory with \$382,261, and Nova Scotia with \$312,030, each accounted for approximately 2 per cent. of the total. All the provinces showed increases in total values over the previous seasons with the exception of Manitoba, which registered a decrease.

The total number of pelts of all kinds marketed in the year was 4,289,233 as compared with 3,686,148 in the previous year, the increase in the total being due to an addition of 807,283 in the number of rabbit pelts and of 60,654 in the number of squirrel pelts. In Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, where fox farming is a leading industry, silver fox leads in order of value of raw fur production. In Quebec and British Columbia the beaver is first; in Ontario and the Prairie Provinces the muskrat leads; and in the Northwest Territories the white fox is the principal fur bearer; while in the Yukon Territory the lynx is supreme. Muskrat accounted for the greatest number of pelts with a total of 1,774,954, followed by rabbit 1,234,850, and ermine (weasel) with 493,146 and beaver 100,364 occupying third and fourth places respectively.

Muskrat similarly accounted for the greatest revenue, returning a total of \$3,341,446, the average pelt being worth \$1.88. Beaver occupied second place with a total of \$2,292,871, the average price being \$22.85, followed closely by white fox in third place with \$2,237,076, with an average pelt value of \$43.64. Other high revenue producers were silver fox \$1,674,344; red fox \$1,511,891;

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AERIAL SURVEYS MADE OF LARGE AREAS IN CANADA

1928 Flying Operations About Completed. Fifty-three Thousand Square Miles Photographed

Civil flying operations are rapidly increasing in Canada, year by year, and one of the fields in which the most marked advance has been made is that of aerial surveying. The preliminary report for 1928 of the aerial photographic work for survey purposes done by the Topographical Survey, Department of the Interior, in co-operation with the Royal Canadian Air Force, shows in round numbers a total of 53,000 square miles of territory covered. Of this, 22,000 square miles was by vertical photography and 31,000 by oblique.

The operations extended into eight of the nine provinces of Canada for such various purposes as geological mapping, water-power investigation, determination of pulpwood and lumber resources, the preparation of topographical maps, and experimental work. The demand for mapping is very urgent and, for areas beyond the limits of present settlement, the oblique aerial photograph fits in well with present needs when maps on the scale of four or more miles to an inch are required. When greater detail and a larger scale in the resulting map sheets are necessary the vertical method is employed. Of oblique photographs three series are taken on each flight of the aeroplane—one straight ahead and one on each side—thus covering a very much greater area per flight than if the vertical method were used. In the latter case only one series of photographs is possible covering the territory immediately beneath the plane.

Of the 31,000 square miles covered in 1928 by oblique photographs 9,500 were in the vicinity of Kenora, Ontario; 14,600 in the valley of the Churchill river in Saskatchewan and Manitoba; and 4,400 in Alberta, north of lake Athabasca. As a result of this work several new and important map sheets of the National Topographic series on the scale of four miles to an inch will be issued by the Survey. Vertical aerial operations varied in size from the photographing of an area of 3,000 miles only. There were fourteen operations covering individual areas of a greater extent than 100 square miles each and about twenty-five operations of lesser size. By provinces the amount of vertical aerial work carried on to date during the season was as follows: Nova Scotia, 2,000 square miles; New Brunswick, 870; Quebec, 8,470; Ontario, 5,000; Manitoba, 1,680; and British Columbia, 3,890 square miles.

Work was done for the departments of Public Works, Mines, National Defence, and for the following branches of the Department of the Interior: Forestry, National Parks, the Dominion Observatories, and Water Power and Reclamation.

One of the striking features of the season's operations was the taking of vertical aerial photographs of the Lac Seul area and their use in connection with the creation of a reservoir to regulate the flow of waters in the Winnipeg and English rivers, for the development of power. This is another instance of the value of aerial photographs in the furthering of engineering projects in which areas are involved. By ordinary methods a survey of the Lac Seul area to determine the extent of country which would be

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SURVEYING PROPERTIES OF GOLD CENTRE MINES.

Mining engineers are now surveying the properties of Gold Centre Porcupine Mines Limited, according to a statement issued by the Company. The report also points out that the development work which is contemplated will be under the direction of a prominent mining engineer.

Some surface work is to be done but the principal part of the development campaign will be the diamond drilling. Much importance must necessarily be attached to the geology of the area in which is located the Gold Centre Mine. The relative position of the property to the producing mines of the Porcupine Camp is also interesting. According to reports made from time to time by various mining engineers the geological conditions existing on these properties are practically identical with those on the Hollinger and McIntyre properties which they adjoin.

North Bay Nugget:—Doctors say that many people are needlessly alarmed over disorders of the heart. Especially young people in springtime.

Diamond Drilling at The Parmac Porcupine

Diamond drilling at the property of Parmac Porcupine Mines Limited has now reached a depth of slightly over 1250 feet, according to an official statement issued by the company. In his report on the diamond drilling campaign, Mining Engineer D. A. Mutch points out that for the last few feet the formation shows considerably more schistosity than formerly and that the mineralization is much more pronounced. Mr. Mutch reports that it indicates that the hole is approaching a change in structure and it should now be fairly close to the porphyry. The latter intrusive is probably accountable for the schistosity now showing. Officials of the company are expecting important news from the property in a very short time.

Provided that ore is cut by the diamond drilling it is the intention of the company to start shaft sinking with the first objective 1,000 feet. From there further diamond drilling and lateral work will be undertaken.

Quartz stringers have been encountered in the basalt schist which show considerable mineralization. In addition to this the drilling has shown the presence of graphite. This graphite in the Porcupine district is usually found in association with important ore. Its occurrence under such conditions on the McIntyre and Hollinger properties to the west is very marked.

Drilling at the Parmac is considered by engineers to be of decided importance to the Porcupine district as this section which has ideal geological structure has not yet been explored by any workings in the district.

Toronto Telegram:—Slaughter of pedestrians by motorists continues. There is still no danger of the motorist being killed with the pedestrian.

Sharon Springs (Kan.) Times:—Probably the peppiest middle-aged man is the one who has no more idea than a rabbit what his blood pressure ought to be.

affected by the project would have entailed same two or three years' work. However, with the aid of vertical aerial photographs taken during the past summer the whole area was mapped in a little over three months and the actual construction of the immense storage dam is now being proceeded with.

Creemore Star: For a real good supper just take a trip to a Scotch Presbyterian event and you will not be disappointed. In spite of the elements which seemed to have special control of the evening a good crowd attended the annual fowl supper and entertainment at the old Kirk, commonly called East Nottawasaga. The supper which was a feast fit for a king was served in Mr. John Lewis' vacant house adjoining the church. The entrance to this event was by way of the cellar, not that any appetizer was being served but as a matter of convenience.

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