

Preface to Second Edition

Rapid progress has marked the fur-farming industry since the publication of the Commission's first report on the subject a year ago. From all parts of Canada requests have been received for information and for copies of the report. To meet this demand it was deemed advisable to issue a revised and enlarged edition, so as to make the report as up-to-date as possible.

Assistance in the preparation of the original report, as well as the revision, has been received from various sources, many of which it is impossible to acknowledge here. It seems fitting, however, that special mention should be made of the courtesy and assistance rendered by Mr. Ernest Thompson Seton for helpful suggestions, as well as for permission to reproduce from his "Life Histories of Northern Animals," the maps showing the ranges in Canada of the Red Fox, Raccoon, Mink, American Marten, Skunk, Muskrat, and Beaver. Valuable statistics of fur production and sales were furnished by the Hudson's Bay Co., through the office of the Canadian High Commissioner, by Messrs. C. M. Lampson & Co., Messrs. A. and W. Nesbitt, Mr. Emil Brass, Mr. J. D. Whelpley and others. Messrs. Henry and Ernest Poland, of P. R. Poland & Sons, London, England, courteously revised a number of tables of statistics, in addition to providing considerable new material. Mr. R. H. Campbell supplied a short article on the Reindeer, Mr. Johann Beetz on the conservation of game in Quebec, and reports of the American Breeders' Association, and the Fur News Magazine have been freely quoted.

Mention should also be made of the kindness shown by Provincial game authorities and others who furnished the names and addresses of fur farmers and fur-farming companies given in Appendix XI.