

FOX FARMING

The supply of fur-bearing animals is gradually decreasing everywhere, with the exception of the extreme North, and this decrease is concurrent with a constantly increasing demand for the highest priced and finest qualities of furs.

The only practical proposal yet made for the preservation of valuable species and for meeting the continually increasing demand for the higher quality of furs, seems to be the raising in captivity of fur-bearing animals upon the same lines as the farming of domestic cattle.

Fur farming is no longer an experiment, at least so far as foxes and muskrat are concerned. Unless these animals are raised in captivity in considerable numbers, they will be unable in the not-far-distant future to hold their own against the constantly increasing number of trappers and fur dealers.

The Hon. Chas. A. Dalton, of Tignish, P. E. I., was one of the pioneers in the industry, out of which he has accumulated a large fortune. Commencing a score of years ago with two Black foxes, he has cleared as much as \$42,000 of net profit in one year out of his ranch, and in 1912 formed a joint stock company to take over his fox raising property and stock at a valuation of \$600,000.