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VALUABLE FURS SHIPPED FROM ALASKA.

The value of furs, exclusive of fur seal, shipped out of Alaska for the calendar year 1924 amounted to \$1,707,834, according to figures just compiled by the Biological Survey, United States Department of Agriculture, which has jurisdiction over land fur-bearing animals in the Territory. These figures are derived from reports received by the bureau from postmasters and express agents in the Territory. Combining this amount with the value of the skins taken out by other means the total will easily reach \$2,000,000. This makes one of the best records of fur production for any year, in spite of the fact that the average price of skins for 1924 was lower than for 1923 and that there was a close season on two of the most valuable fur-bearers -- beavers and martens. A total of 286,347 skins were reported shipped. Mink, numbering 39,356, led all others in value, at \$334,526; red fox skins, numbering 13,353, come next, at \$257,060; others in order of value were white fox, numbering 5,743 at \$229,162; muskrat, numbering 194,053, at \$194,053; marten (trapped 1923), numbering 6,019, at \$150,475; and beaver (trapped 1923), numbering 5,713 at \$114,260. The most notable decrease in skins shipped out during 1924 as compared with 1923 was in muskrats, which showed a falling off of 25,558. One of the notable increases was in blue fox skins, which showed a gain of 810; of skins having a lesser value mink shipments increased by 18,688 over last year.