

DECREASING NUMBER OF PELTS

Statement, based on the London Sales of C. M. Lampson & Co. By Alfred Fraser, New York)

KIND OF SKIN	DECREASE IN NUMBERS, PERCENTAGE		
	1892-1901 over 1882-1891	1902-1911 over 1892-1901	1892-1911 over 1882-1891
Fox, silver.....	10	45	50
" cross.....	5	65	70
" red.....	53	2	55
" blue.....	34†	40	23
" white.....	750†	25	510†
Marten, pine.....	65†	55	20
Fisher or pekan.....	5†	95	95
Mink.....	75†	55	20
Skunk.....	30†	55†	110†
Muskrat.....	250†	10	215†
Lynx.....	3800†	80	700†
Otter, land.....	45†	30	5†
" sea.....	65	50	85

† Increase

INCREASING PRICES OF PELTS

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KIND OF SKIN	INCREASE IN PRICES, PERCENTAGE		
	1892-1901 over 1882-1891	1902-1911 over 1892-1901	1892-1911 over 1882-1891
Fox, silver.....	155	55	300
" cross.....	10	100	125
" red.....	85	85	245
" blue.....	20*	145	190
" white.....	120	100	350
Marten, pine.....	470	15	580
Fisher or pekan.....	0	430	430
Mink.....	60	150	300
Skunk.....	20	110	150
Muskrat.....	0	230	230
Lynx.....	25	130	200
Otter, land.....	30*	170	80
" sea.....	110	65	240

* Decrease

NOTES.—1. The increase in the price of pelts during the past twenty years has been general averaging about 25 per cent for the staple fur-bearers of Canada.

2. All pelts, except those of skunk, have decreased in numbers during the past ten years.

3. Pelts considered of little value twenty years ago are being hunted to the verge of extinction; e.g., fisher, lynx, marten, mink, cross fox and even muskrat, show signs of failing.

4. The increase in numbers of pelts fifteen years ago was caused by keener hunting. This was inspired by the rising values.