

## HATS. CAPS AND FURS.



THE summery days are fast fading into the cold autumnal season. The straw hat has been vanquished, and the man of the street wears a brown stiff hat. The sunshine, though not strong, is still chery enough to make him avoid the sombre black, it will be time enough for that when the leaves are falling.

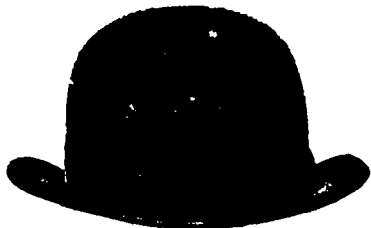
The fur trade is looking up in the prospect of an increased demand. The large orders have been placed, but there are a number of small dealers to be looked after yet.

The leading stiff hat of the day is the style shown in our first illustration. This is taking well in Toronto, London, Hamilton, Guelph, St. Thomas and other western cities. The easterly cities have not touched it yet. They are still running on the plainer narrow-brimmed hats.

## THE ILLUSTRATIONS.

The accompanying cuts show three of the latest styles of hats as shown by A. A. Allan & Co.:

No. 785 is a new shape in stiff hats, and is shown in blacks and browns; it has a medium wide brim and a medium full crown. The "World's Fair" hat is similar in width of brim



No. 785.

and height of crown, but there is a little more taper in the crown.

The "New Fall Special" is a new stiff hat with medium and full crown, and possessing a slightly broader brim than used last season. The brim is well rolled at the side. This is a hat suitable for middle-aged persons.

Wakefield's Latest in silk hats is also shown, the crown being more bell-shaped than last season. They are shown in different widths of brim to suit the different ages of customers. It is an exceedingly fashionable hat at a low price.

## SEALSKIN NEWS.

A shipment of sealskins, valued at \$150,000, consigned to London, England, were shipped from New Westminster recently. There was active competition among the agents of the various railway lines to secure the big shipment; finally the Great Northern cut lowest and got the order. A smaller consignment, valued at \$60,000, will follow in a few days. The R. P. Rithet Co. are the shippers.

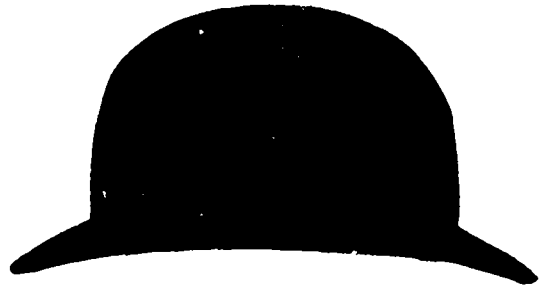
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A Victoria, B.C. despatch of August 25, says:—"Sealing schooner Pioneer arrived late last night with catches of several schooners abroad. Her own was 1,050; the Mary Taylor's, 1,000; the Brenda's, 840; Libbie, 1,250; Annie C. Moore, 825; City of San Diego, 1,000. The Pioneer caught all her seals this side of the ocean. On July 26 she took the skins from the Moore far south of the Copper islands, which seems to throw doubt on the Moore being seized only one day later by the Russians. No action was taken here by the authorities in the

case of the seized schooner Minnie, which failed to report at Yokohama. It is likely instructions are awaited from the home Government."

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Now it is known that the sealing catch will be short, a better feeling is expected. Skins are going up on the market, in which

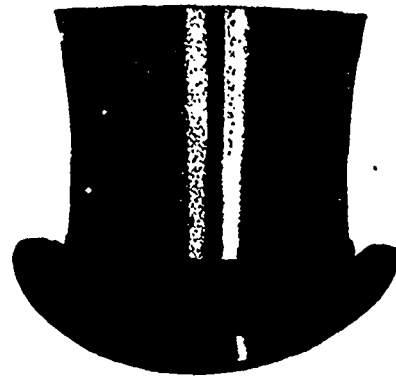


"NEW FALL SPECIAL."

there is little or no stock on hand, and with a shortened catch the price is likely to be good.

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The seal skins brought in by the C. D. Rand were perhaps the largest caught in the Northern Pacific. The usual weight of a skin is from five to eight pounds, but a case of thirty of those by the Rand weighed 420 pounds.



"WAKEFIELD'S LATEST."

## TORONTO FUR MARKET.

Badger, per skin.....	\$ 25	to	\$ 75
Bear, black.....	15 00	to	30 00
Bear, brown.....	15 00	to	30 00
Bear, grizzly.....	10 00	to	20 00
Beaver.....	2 00	to	7 00
Beaver, castors, per pound....	2 50	to	4 00
Fisher.....	50	to	7 00
Fox, cross.....	75	to	6 00
Fox, kit.....	10	to	45
Fox, red.....	25	to	1 50
Fox, silver.....	5 00	to	80 00
Lynx.....	25	to	4 00
Marten.....	75	to	2 50
Mink.....	25	to	1 75
Musquash.....	02	to	10
Otter.....	8 00	to	12 00
Raccoon.....	50	to	85
Skunk.....	25	to	1 00
Timber wolf.....	25	to	3 50
Prairie wolf, large.....	25	to	1 00
" " small.....	25	to	65
Wolverine.....	50	to	3 50