

23. **Muskrat**, *Fiber zibethicus* (Linnaeus). Found in great numbers wherever there is water throughout the Province. This animal is an important fur-bearer. Two million of its skins are shipped to London every year by the Hudson's Bay Company, representing of course the entire north-west. It lives in the water, and is rarely seen away from it except when forced to migrate.
24. **Northern Bog-lemming**, *Synaptomys borealis* (Richardson). Never actually taken in the Province, but recorded from surrounding localities which justify its inclusion. It is abundant in the far north, but not elsewhere common.
25. **Gray Pocket-gopher**, *Thomomys talpoides* (Richardson). Abundant on the high, dry prairies of Manitoba, but not extending very far into the woods. It is commonly called Mole by the residents, as it forced up mounds of earth in the fashion of the Mole. It is, however, a herbivorous rodent.
26. **Jumping-mouse**, *Zapus hudsonius* (Zimmermann). This extraordinary creature, famous for its long tail and its jumping habits, is found throughout Manitoba, except on the bare prairies. It appears in two forms. The typical Hudsonian, found in the Canadian forest, and the prairie form (*campestris*), a bright colored race peculiar to the woodland edges in the prairie portions of the south-west.
27. **Canada Porcupine**, *Erethizon dorsatum* (Linnaeus). Generally distributed in the Canadian area of Manitoba, but nowhere abundant. Its quills were formerly the favorite material for embroidery among the Indians, but in recent times the squaws have used glass beads in preference, so that the art is dying out.