

London Fur Sales.

C. M. Lampson & Co. offered: Monday, January 25: 10,000 beaver, 67,000 squirrel. Tuesday: 23,000, 3,500 white fox, 1,600 lynx, 500 wolverine, 4,500 wolf, 43,900 nutria, 3,000 Persian lamb, 16,000 Japanese fox, 250,000 Australian opossum, 40,000 wallaby and 5,000 wombat. Wednesday: 7,000 bear, and 1,000,000 musquash. Thursday: 150,000 raccoon, 60,000 mink, 15,000 gray fox, and 150,000 American opossum. Friday, January 29: 220,000 skunk, 7,000 hair seals, and sundries.

Goad, Rigg & Co. offered, January 20, 4,800 Lobos Island fur seals, salted, which sold 25 per cent. lower than in October, 1891.

C. M. Lampson & Co.'s sale, January 20: Copper Island seals, salted, 20 per cent. lower than in October, 1891. North West Coast seals, salted, 30 per cent. lower than in October, 1891. Cape Horn seals, salted, 30 per cent. lower than in October, 1891.

Average prices Copper Island seals (hillings): Wigs, 82.6; middlings, 84; middlings, smalls, 87; small, 82.6; large pups, 72.6; middling pups, 68.6; small pups, 57.6; extra small pups, 50.

Results by cable: Hudson's Bay Company sale: Beaver 25 per cent. lower than in January '91. Musquash 45 per cent. lower than in January '91.

C. M. Lampson & Co.'s sale: Beaver 25 per cent. lower than in May '91; marten 5 per cent. higher than in January '91; lynx 20 per cent. higher than in January '91; white fox 35 per cent. lower than in October '91; wolf same as in October '91; wolverine 20 per cent. lower than in October '91. Japanese fox same as in October, '91. Russian sable 10 per cent. higher than in October, '91. Nutria 5 per cent. higher than in October '91. Wallaby 15 per cent. lower than in October, '91. Wombat sold well at a good advance. Australian opossum same as in October, '91. Black and brown bear 10 per cent. lower than in October, '91; grizzly bear same as in October, '91. Musquash, spring, 20; fall, 35; winter, 30; black, 10 per cent. lower than in May, '91. Raccoon, 15 per cent. lower than in October, '91. Mink, 10 per cent. lower than in October, '91. Gray fox, 25 per cent. higher than in October, '91. American opossum, 15 per cent. higher than in October, '91. Skunk sold firmly, without material change.

Phillips, Politzer & Co. report as follows: Northwest coast seals declined 25 to 30 per cent. Copper Island seals, middlings and smalls declined 12½, smalls 20; large pups 22½, middling pups 20, small pups 22½ and extra small pups 15 per cent. Hudson's Bay Co.'s sale: Beaver declined 25 and musquash 40 per cent. Best marten advanced 30 per cent., inferior unchanged; Russian sable advanced 15 to 20, lynx 20, Japanese fox 10 per cent.; white fox declined 25. Bears brought fully October prices; muskrats, firsts and seconds, declined 30; inferior qualities, 40 per cent. Best raccoon unchanged; inferior declined 10 per cent.; mink advanced slightly; gray fox advanced 25; American opossum, firsts, 15; seconds, 45 per cent.—New York Fur Trade Review.

Fur Trade Notes.

The London correspondent of the New York Fur Trade Review, writing on January 11th, says:—The outlook of the fur trade at the commencement of this year is certainly not very encouraging, for 1891 had a most disastrous termination—two firms having failed with liabilities exceeding £20,000, and this to come at the close of a very unsatisfactory season makes it very hard to bear, and until the sales are over we shall not be in much of a position to talk about the most likely articles to go this season, but we quite expect that prices generally at the coming auctions will rule firm, because we are of the opinion that the stocks of skins in merchants' hands are very small. We feel

pretty sure that shippers of skunk, bear, gray fox and American opossum will be well satisfied with the prices they will obtain this month, for, without a doubt, all rough goods will be in pretty good demand. The 31,000 Copper Island seals, which will be offered on 20th inst., by C. M. Lampson & Co., will fetch fully last sale prices, but we cannot speak so sanguinely about beaver, as we are rather inclined to think that it will experience a decline of about twenty per cent. Lynx will sell well, particularly the best grades, the bobbies of these skins being in good request just now. Nutria, dressed, pulled and silvered, we believe, will have another run, as we feel sure that the rolled collar jacket, which has been so very much in vogue during the latter part of last season, will sell again this year. Australian opossum. The supply for the present sales is not nearly so large as last year, and there is no doubt that prices will advance. These skins were very largely used last year by the mantle houses, both natural and dyed, and we expect will be in demand for the same purpose again this season, although it is full early to say with any certainty whether it is to be a fur-lined mantle or the ulster season. We are inclined to think that the honors will be divided between the two. Musquash will certainly not advance, and we should not be at all surprised if it sees a drop of ten to fifteen per cent. There was a good deal of disappointment about the article last year. It was generally expected that pulled and dyed musquash would have a very ready sale on account of the very high prices ruling for dyed fur seal, but this anticipation was not realized, for there were less than usual sold, and to-day it is almost a dead letter. The 15,000 gray fox in Lampson's sale will sell freely and fetch good prices. These were very much sought after last year, and the demand is as great as ever.

The Leipzig (Germany) correspondent of the Fur Trade Review writes as follows on January 11th:—Retail furriers have had a poor business. The New Year's fair began on the 2nd inst., and amounted only to a comparison of views on the part of visiting merchants; they think stonemarten should be cheaper owing to small demand from Russia where the duty has been increased; the tails have no fixed value; 6 to 8½ marks should be the price per skin; fitch, they think, may do a little better, as Russia will take lower and smaller skins; it is expected that America will take some large skins of good quality. European foxes should bring about 3½ marks; otter is expected to bring lower prices than one year ago; mottled cats are neglected; black skins sold out, and will be in good demand at full prices; lower prices are offered for mink tails; dark sable tails have been purchased for France and England; there is less request for American marten tails; kotinsky tails sell slowly. Canadian orders for black-dyed Persian lambs are not important; superior grades are still taken for France; some new transactions have been noted in natural and dyed Astrakhan lambs; selected parcels are also taken for America; still-born lamb skins, of which a large supply has come into the market, have found a good sale to France; krimmer has been freely purchased for Canada. French and Leipzig firms have purchased white hares; black-dyed hares have sold somewhat better; squirrels sell slowly. Trade in American furs shows but little change, and it is considered certain that the goods will have better values at home than over here; the only American article really in fashion on this side of the water is mink, which is required for small articles in Paris; of late American opossum has been in request for dyeing in skunk imitation; skunk has had a satisfactory sale; musquash has sold only in limited quantity; but little demand for marten; nutria has sold well for England.

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