

### Fur Bearing Animals.

W. J. Burnett, of the Northwestern Hide and Fur Company, of Minneapolis, Minn., has devised an interesting pictorial chart, showing the fur bearing animals of North America. Through the courtesy of Mr. Burnett, we are enabled to reproduce a cut, in reduced size, of his original picture. The original is a copyrighted picture in colors. The fierce old grizzly bear, the monarch of our forests, has the chair and is calling the meeting to order, while the brown bear is secretary. The animals are arranged in family groups. Each in their natural poses. The following is a list according to the enumeration: 1 grizzly bear, 2 brown bear, 3 black bear, 4 cougar, 5 wild cat, 6 Canadian lynx, 7 bob cat or bay lynx, 8 black wolf, 9 dark timber wolf, 10 light timber wolf, 11 brush wolf, 12 prairie wolf or coyote, 13 kit fox, 14 cross fox, 15 red fox, 16 Woods

trade. But possibly these may be more than made up by vessels coming in from the grain market, and accepting lumber in the absence of profitable wheat business."

Chicago Trade Bulletin says: The lake and rail lines are now taking the bulk of the grain. Rates are easy at 15c per 100 lbs on flour and grain from Chicago to New York and 20 to 25c on provisions. Ocean rates are easier at 3 1-1d per bushel from New York to Liverpool. The through rate from Chicago to Liverpool on wheat is 12 1-2 per bushel and corn 12 1-4c. Flour 27 to 28c per 100 lbs and provisions 45 to 46 7-8c. Lake rates are firmer at 13-8c for wheat, 11-4c for corn to Buffalo and 23-4c for corn to Lake Ontario ports.

The Canadian Pacific railway has resumed the acceptance of package freight to points east by the lake and rail via Fort William and Owen Sound.

of the atmosphere will not exert its force upon the ends of the cars.

### The Dauphin Road.

After many months of speculation the public has now something tangible to discuss with respect to the provincial government's railway policy. The resolutions introduced in the legislature granting subsidies of \$8,000 a mile to the Winnipeg and Southeastern Railway company and the Lake Manitoba Railway and Canal company is really the first authentic information in connection with the subject to come from official sources, though some close guesses have been ventured from time to time. The details of the agreement with the companies, both of which are controlled by Mr. William McKenzie, will now be awaited with increased interest. These will be forthcoming when the premier's bill is



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gray fox, 17 dark silver fox, 18 civet cat or small striped skunk, 19, 20, 21, 22 skunks, 23, 24, 25 minks, 26 badger, 27 otter, 28, 29 beavers, 30 muskrat, 31 wolverine, 32 opossum, 33, 34, 35 raccoons, 36, 37, 38 martens, 39 fisher, 40 polar bear, 41 blue fox, 42 black fox, 43 white fox, 44 seal, 45 sea otter, 46 ermine.

### Transportation Matters.

R. P. Rithet & Co., of Victoria, say of Pacific coast freights: "Grain freights continue weak, and are decidedly down from last month. In San Francisco there has lately been nothing at all doing, and nominally the rate is 25s. It is doubtful, however, if more than 22s 6d could be obtained. In the lumber market tonnage continues almost as scarce as ever, and this seems likely to be intensified within the next two months, owing to withdrawals for the Alaska

The Canadian Pacific Railway company will dispatch their steamer "Lytton" from Revelstoke to the Big Bend of the Columbia river about the first week in May. The freight rate from Revelstoke will be \$10 per ton of 2,000 lbs. Intending shippers of freight for points on the Columbia river north of Revelstoke, should make immediate arrangements to dispatch their goods to connect with this steamer.

It is the intention of the Canadian Pacific Railway company to shortly run their through expresses as solid vestibuled trains. The vestibules are wide and built on the folding principle, the results of which, when in use, will be to convert each train into a continuous structure, enabling passengers to pass from one car to another without going into the open air. One great advantage of the system will be to increase speed as the resistance

read a second time in the house on Thursday.

With respect to the Winnipeg and Southeastern railway it may be stated that the agreement carries with it specific rates on certain commodities such as timber, cord wood, etc. For instance on saw logs the rate is to be \$2.50 per thousand feet, and it is claimed that at that rate manufactured lumber can be sold as cheaply in Winnipeg as at Rat Portage, as the sale of refuse, such as slabs and sawdust, will pay the freight. The rate on cord wood will make a difference in the Winnipeg price of from \$1 to \$1.50 per cord. The Rainy River district is the contemplated source of business in the matter of saw logs. It is further claimed that the road will be of much benefit to settlements between Red river and Lake of the Woods throughout the southeastern part of the province, the claims of these settlements for modern transportation