

ed at present from Alaska consist of the skins of bears, both black and brown; foxes of three or four different species, including the most valuable among them, the silver or black fox, and another known as the blue fox, the land otter, which inhabits all the rivers and streams, the marten or Alaska sable, the beaver, the mink and the muskrat, to which must be added a few pelts of the lynx, wolf and wolverine. The pelagic furs consist of two kinds, the sea otter and fur seal. Of these fur-bearing animals the fur seal is by far the most important, constituting, so far as explored and known, fully one-half of Alaska's natural wealth and resources. The value of fur sealskins shipped from the territory and sold in the London markets during the twenty three years of American occupancy foots up nearly \$33,000,000, while the total value of all other products combined during the same period does not quite reach \$30,000,000, of which more than one half, or \$16,000,000, represents furs of various kinds, chief among which is that of the sea otter.

OBITUARY.

Toronto has good reason to sincerely mourn the loss of one of her leading merchants and staunchest friends in the person of Ald. George E. Gillespie, senior member of the firm of Gillespie, Ansley, & Martin, wholesale hatters and furriers, Toronto. When he left Toronto on March 19th to spend a few weeks with his invalid wife, who had been in California for some months in search of health, he never felt better, and therefore the sad announcement of his death on April 11th, at Pasadena, California, from la grippe, was a great surprise to every one. His death was all the more sad from the fact that he was far away from home and friends, having only his invalid wife with him when he passed away. The remains were brought to Toronto for interment. The deceased gentleman was born in the county of Wicklow, Ireland, about 56 years ago, and left for the United States in 1854. He lived in New York for a long time, where he received a thorough business training and came to Toronto ten years ago having purchased the business of his brother.

He was a man of known probity, fearless in his denunciation of wrong-doing and an earnest and consistent advocate of anything beneficial to his fellow-citizens. He quickly took a prominent position in business circles and four years ago was induced to enter municipal life as alderman for St. George's Ward. In the municipal arena he was never tired of inaugurating and persistently carrying to a successful issue many much needed civic reforms and had he been spared he would undoubtedly have been honored with the highest tribute to a public spirited man in the gift of the citizens the position of Chief magistrate of the city. In January last his friends desired him to stand as a candidate for the mayoralty but he declined. He was a strong advocate of temperance principles and took an active part in philanthropic work. Six children, all minors, are left to mourn the loss of a fond father. The City Council at their regular meeting on the 13th passed a fitting resolution of sympathy to his widow and family and then adjourned, without transacting any other business, as a mark of respect to the deceased alderman's memory. On the same day the Wholesale Dry Goods Section of the Board of Trade met and passed the following resolution. "The Wholesale Dry Goods Section of the Board of Trade of the city of Toronto desires to place on record its deep sense of sorrow at receiving intelligence of the death of one of its members, Ald. George E. Gillespie, who has been so suddenly removed from amongst us and under circumstances so distressing. Mr. Gillespie was highly esteemed by all who knew him. He was faithful in the discharge of his public duties, and fearless and conscientious in carrying out his convictions. His death will be deeply regretted by the whole community in having lost so public-spirited a citizen. They desire to convey this sincere expression of sympathy to his bereaved wife and family."

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