

Hudson's Bay Co's Fur Sale

Following are the London fur prices obtained at the Hudson's Bay Company's sale in January. Beaver, Yorkfort: Firsts large, 31.3 to 36.8; firsts small, 15; seconds large, 24.6 to 28.6; seconds small, 10 to 11.9; thirds large, 17.6 to 17.9; thirds small, 5.9 to 6; cubs, 3.3 shillings. Mackenzie River: Firsts large, 29 to 32; firsts small, 11 to 11.6; seconds large, 24.6 to 27.6; seconds small, 9 to 10.9; thirds large, 11 to 16.9; thirds small, 5 to 6.9; cubs, 3.3 shillings. Moose River and East Main: Firsts large, 35 to 40; firsts small, 16.9 to 19; seconds large, 30 to 32.3; seconds small, 13.9 to 14.3; thirds large, 18.3 to 19.3; thirds small, 8.9; cubs, 4 shillings. Bursamas, etc.: Firsts, 36.6; firsts small, 16.3 to 18.3; seconds large, 26 to 29.9; seconds small, 12.9; thirds large, 19.6 to 20; thirds small, 8.3; cubs, 3.9 shillings. Canada: Firsts large, 32.6 to 36; firsts small, 17; seconds large, 24 to 26.6; seconds small, 11.6 to 12.3; thirds large, 19.6; thirds small, 6 to 7.6; cubs, 4 shillings. North West: Firsts large, 29 to 32.9; firsts small, 10.6 to 11.6; seconds large, 24.9 to 25.9; seconds small, 8.6 to 10.9; thirds large, 14 to 17.9; thirds small, 5.3 to 7.6; cubs, 4 shillings.

Musquash, Yorkfort: Firsts, 9 1-5; small firsts, 4 4-5; seconds, 4 3-5; thirds, 3 1-4; fourths, 2 1-4 pence. Mackenzie River: Firsts, 4 1-2; small firsts, 3 1-4; seconds, 3 2-3; thirds, 2 3-4; fourths, 1 3-4 pence. Moose River: Firsts, 9 3-4; small firsts, 6 1-4; seconds, 4 3-4; thirds, 3 3-8; fourths, 2 1-4 pence. E. M., etc.: Firsts, 12 1-2; small firsts, 8; seconds, 7; thirds, 3 3-4; fourths 2 1-2 pence. Northwest: Firsts, 6 1-2; seconds, 5; thirds, 3 3-5; fourths, 2 1-4 pence. Kitts range from 1 to 1 1-2 pence.

London Fur Sales

Phillips, Politzer & Co. report as follows on C. M. Lamson & Co.'s London fur sale in January.

Under the influence of a very large attendance of buyers, and also better reports about weather and trade in January, the tendency of prices was very firm throughout.

Compared with last October, we have to record, with one or two exception, a general advance in prices, in many instances where least expected; the cause being obviously the growing international character of these sales, and the frequent unexpected support of prices from one quarter against the passive attitude of another.

The results are as follows;

Marten, 29,786 skins (last year 36,000). Continue in brisk demand for England and France, and a further advance of 15 per cent was established in October.

Russian sables, 1,581 skins (last year 2,647). A small and poor collection sold 15 per cent higher.

Bear, black, 5,650 skins (last year 4,800). Were 10 per cent lower, although it is still expected to form an important article of the home trade next season.

Bear, brown, 550 skins (last year, 250). Were 10 per cent lower, although it is expected to form an important article of the home trade next season.

Bear, grizzly, 1,350 skins (last year 1,500). Have advanced 10 per cent; the sales last year having proved good to the end.

Beaver 9,800 skins (last year 14,600). Notwithstanding unsatisfactory results and some stocks held over, October prices were fully maintained.

Fox, white, 3,040 skins (last year 7,100). As anticipated, met with very animated bidding, and the current prices are double to those of last year. The demand is more particularly for England.

Lynx, 4,619 skins (last year 4,300). Neglected, without much change in prices.

Fox, Japanese, 7,905 skins (last year 16,500). A small supply and good demand resulted in an advance of 20 per cent.

Fox, red, 16,810 skins (last year 12,500). Are ten per cent higher.

Opossum, Australian, 448,000 skins (last year 550,000). Notwithstanding a large accumulation of old stocks and the present full supply, last October prices were well maintained, and in the absence of actual requirements the article was bought on account of cheapness.

Wombat, 55,095 skins (last year 24,000). A very indifferent collection, met with better inquiry and advanced 10 per cent.

Wallaby, 42,946 skins (last year 71,896). Continue in fair request, but prices are 7 1/2 per cent to 10 per cent under last October.

Chinchilla, bastard, 11,662 skins (last year 1,498). Have been largely used in France and the United States, more moderately in England, and met with good competition.

The dark skins brought last sale prices, the pale 25 per cent. more.

Thibet, 5,948 skins, 318 coats (last year 4,463 skins, 32 coats, 122 crosses). Sold very freely during last season and continue in good demand at improved prices; the advance being now quite 20 per cent.

Opossum, American, 121,000 skins (last year 120,000). In fair request at last sale prices.

Wolf, 24,000 skins (last year 3,100). Although the supply is excessive, there is no material change in values.

Cat, common, 10,000 skins (last year 1,700.) Unaltered.

Cat, house, 18,000 (last year 7,100) The black are 20 per cent. higher, other sorts unaltered.

Musquash, 1,286,000 skins (last year 1,528,000). There was a good demand for the best large skins for dyeing purposes, also for small seconds, and prices ruled 15 per cent. over last October.

Musquash, black, 22,500 skins (last year 2,000). Advanced 15 per cent.

Mink, 129,000 skins (last year 150,000). The sale of this article has considerably improved quite lately, and partly through American orders, the high price of martens, and in general sympathy with the favorable course of the sales, the present large supply was quickly disposed of at an advance of 15 per cent.; the enquiry being in particular for large skins which are now quite 30 per cent. higher.

Fox, gray, 13,000 skins (last year 5,300) Advanced 10 per cent.

Raccoon, 288,000 skins (last year 224,000). Continue to recede in the absence of any demand, and the decline compared with October is 12 1/2 per cent.

Skunks, 182,000 skins (last year 209,000). Sold contrary to general expectations, 15 to 20 per cent higher than last October; the prices being now as near as possible the same as in January last year. The striped and white skins are again in most demand and very high in price.

Hair seals, dry, 3,110 skins (last year 3,100). Unaltered.

HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY'S SALE.

Hudson's Bay Company sold beaver (43,245, last year 46,412); Messrs. C. M. Lamson & Co. sell on Tuesday (9,773, last year 13,256). Although the supply of the world is gradually, but steadily decreasing, the fashion for this fur has been poor and prices were decreased on average 12 1/2 per cent. The prime and second large pale skins maintained last year's prices, but all dark skins, which were very high last year, and small skins declined 15 per cent.; thirds and cubs were 20 per cent lower.

Musquash (686,996, last year 648,687). Messrs. Lamson & Co. selling on Thursday

(1,286,000, last year 1,528,525). The Hudson's Bay Company's skins averaged a decline of rather over 10 per cent. chiefly on the common skins, the prime skins remaining nearly exactly last January prices. At Messrs. Lamson & Co.'s sale the demand for good skins was much improved on last October and June sales and show a full 10 per cent advance, excepting for the small and poor skins; they now range nearly up to last January prices—were largely purchased for Germany, and many fine skins taken for France.

Musquash, black (22,957, last year 1,723). a large and good collection, improved 15 per cent in value—many purchased for Russia.

Salted fur seals (5,695, last year 29,092) consisting of 3,985 Northwest Coast, 78 Australian and 1,631 Lobos skins. The latter realized exactly last November prices; the former, allowing for quality, do not show any appreciable variation. Some of them did not appear in very desirable condition.

Interesting Legal Decision

RAILWAY TICKET NOT GOOD AFTER DATE OF ISSUE.—Mr. Justice Burbridge gave judgment at Ottawa last week in the case of Henry F. Coombs vs. the Queen. The suppliant on Good Friday went to a ticket office of the Intercolonial Railway at Moncton, N. B., and asked for an excursion ticket to Chatham Junction and having paid the fair was given a ticket on the face of which (on the "going half") printed in capitals, were the words "Good on date of issue only" and immediately thereunder in heavy type "No stop-over allowed." He knew there was printing on the ticket but did not read it. The train by which he purposed to make the journey left Moncton on that evening between eight and nine o'clock and by it he travelled as far as Harcourt station, which is about half-way between Moncton and Chatham Junction. Here he stopped for the night as he was not feeling well and had business to do there.

The next day, having finished his business, he proceeded on his journey by a regular passenger train. Being asked by the conductor of this train for his ticket he produced the one on which he had travelled the night before. The conductor told him that this ticket was good for a continuous passage on the day of issue only. He demanded payment of the prescribed fare and the suppliant persistently refusing to pay it, the conductor removed him from the train at a proper place, using no unnecessary force. The judge held that (1) that the suppliant had sufficient notice of the condition printed upon the face of the ticket under which he was to be carried and that if under the circumstances he saw fit to put the ticket in his pocket without reading it, he had only his own carelessness or indifference to blame for it. (2) That apart from "No stop over" condition printed on the face of the ticket the contract to carry in such a case is for one continuous journey. Petition dismissed with costs.

Representatives from the Canadian match factories met at Montreal recently to consider an advance in prices. Cutting has been reported in prices and the production is very much in excess of the demand. It was reported that some of the smaller concerns loaded Quebec city jobbers at one dollar a case, though well-known brands were bringing from \$3.30 to \$3.50. No action was decided upon, in consequence of the large stocks on hand.

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