

Fur Trade Notes.

J. Walsh, fur-buyer, bought \$1,800 worth of furs at Edmonton recently.

The New York *Fur Trade Review* for April, just out, says: "Our early forecasts of the prospects of sundry articles have thus far been borne out by the results of the sales to date, which show a steady advance. Russian sable, marten and mink will undoubtedly prove important articles for the coming season, and natura' furs will very generally find increased favor, both here and in Paris. The continually decreasing quantities of many articles brought from or sent forward to the London public sales is noticeable, and may be accepted as evidence that the steady slaughter of fur-bearing animals is tending toward their slow but sure extinction. The process which we are witnessing does not, however, attract the interest it merits. The increased quantities in Messrs. C. M. Lampson & Co.'s present sale is accounted for by the fact that the prices on some articles were too high for local consumption; and in consequence, many skins that otherwise would have been used here, were sent forward in the expectation that they would find a better market abroad. It may also be noted that the later date of the sale enabled shippers to secure the greater part of the year's collection. The contrast in supply is clearly shown in the Hudson Bay company's offerings; and the effect is manifest in the prices realized. Lynx, skunk, beaver and opossum continue in excellent demand; bear is in good request; and dark-red fox is very popular.

MOORE & Co., Winnipeg, have assigned in trust to S.A.D. Bertrand.

CHALMERS BROS. & BETHUNE, Pilot Mound, will ship a car-load of cattle this week.

SPARKLING, butcher, of Pilot Mound, has sold out his branch establishment to J. Geddes.

H. S. WESBROOK is building a large implement warehouse opposite the postoffice, Carberry, Man.

EDWARD P. ALLIS, of the Reliance Works, mill furnishing, etc., Milwaukee, Wis., died suddenly on April 1st.

THE immigration arrivals at Winnipeg last week aggregate 1,403. The number which arrived last month was 6,015, the heaviest in the history of the province.

THE Pacific Hotel, Vancouver, B. C., has changed hands, Noland, the late proprietor, having sold to Fritz Schneider, formerly *chef de cuisine* of the Hotel Vancouver.

It is said that the Manitoba Government has abandoned the idea of endeavoring to have a government organ established in Winnipeg. This is evidently a wise conclusion.

Lineham, of Calgary has purchased the plant for a cheese factory and intends to start an establishment convenient to that town. He is bringing an experienced cheese maker from the east to manage the concern.

R. Scott, Shoal Lake, Man., has selected a site for his new creamery. Men are now employed at the building, which is 50x30 feet in size. The best plant will be put in, and the

services of a first-class dairyman has been secured.

A convention of the dairymen of Canada, with a view to organizing a Dominion Association of Dairymen, will be held in Ottawa, beginning on the 8th April. Arrangements will be made for railway excursion rates for those who are to attend the convention.

HON. THOS. GREENWAY, the Manitoba Premier, is sending out circulars asking different parties in settled townships to act as crop correspondents for the Government. The circular states that it is the intention of the Government to give each correspondent some standard work on agriculture.

PRICES to farmers at Brandon last week, according to the *Times*, were: Wheat—The market is quiet, with the prices ranging from 90 to 95c for No. 1 hard. There is scarcely any coming in at present, and a number of the buyers have dropped off the market until after seeding. Oats—Good clean oats for feed are being sold at 22c. White oats, for milling purposes, are quoted at 25c per bushel. Barley—There is none on the market, and no demand except for feed, with the price ranging from 24 to 26c. Cattle—The market is a shade better than last week, with the price at 3½c per lb. Sheep—The price quoted is 5c per lb. Hogs are bringing from 4½ to 5c per lb. Butter—The price at present is from 18 to 20c per lb. It is rather hard to get good fresh butter, and farmers who have some to sell would do well to dispose of it now, as there is a ready market for good butter. Eggs—The price quoted is 13c per dozen.

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