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Skins with the white stripe shaved out or any portion cut out, blackened or tampered with, must be bought at half price.

Fur-bearing animals must not be killed till they have at least a fair growth of fur. Stop trapping as soon in early spring as the fur begins to shed or becomes thin or a little faded.

Fur Trade Matters.

The New York Trade Review says: Raw furs are coming in only in small quantities, and the fact is a very good indication of the conservatism in the trade. There is no apparent disposition to offer unreasonably high prices with the uncertainty of inviting losses, each one being willing to give all the others a free field in these regards. In the country collectors are holding skins for better prices. We do not advise them to rush their goods to market, as the goods are not now required, but we merely suggest that they exercise fair judgement as to values when offers are made. Prices in general are nominal, and consequently no important changes have been made in the price current of last month.

A raw fur collector somewhere in New York State sent a large bag of muskrat skins to a New York house C. O. D. about a week prior to the London sales—so near to the sales that the New Yorker let the goods remain at the express office pending results from London, and when the cable announced the advance the New Yorker rushed for the goods, not supposing the countryman would know of the rise. But alas! the shipper, weary of delay, had in the meantime sold the rats to another party, not so cautious as B—for an advance of \$61 85 over C. O. D. rate.

An effort is being made on the Alutian Islands to farm the blue fox. Some of the small islands in the group suitable for the purposes of farming have been leased by some of the old trappers of the Hudson Bay and Alaska Commercial companies for a nominal rent, and these have been stocked with foxes. The animals are stockaded and regularly fed by the farmer, who is usually a "squaw" man, that is, one living with a native woman, who is settled with his family on the island. In time the animals become domesticated and are then easily managed.

The taxidermists at Denver, Col., report their business better than 1891. Prices were cut twenty per cent. during the panic and since have never been restored. This makes the value of work done for the past year, \$7,000, smaller than in 1890 and 1891, but the amount of work is estimated to have been

about equal to the best year. In this business there are only about four working months a year. During that time five workmen have been kept busy and \$2,000 was paid them for their services. More has been done in the line of mounting deer heads than in any other branch, and most of the work was done on Colorado orders, very few orders being received from the East. But few elk or moose heads were mounted this year and the demand for mounted birds has been very light.

Pacific Coast "Lumber Trust."

A Seattle, Wash., dispatch says: "The agreement made by the great lumber trust formed a week ago has gone into effect. Known as the Central Lumber Company of California, this trust represents nearly \$70,000,000 of capital, and is by far the largest combination of trade interests ever formed on the Pacific coast. Its membership includes every mill, ship owner and wholesale and retail dealer of any prominence on the western slope of the United States, as well as those of British Columbia. All charters of vessels and sales of lumber must be effected through the Central Lumber Company, which regulates freights and puts the buying and selling price on lumber, regulating also the product of each mill and proportionate amount of lumber each vessel should carry. Not only are the markets of the Pacific coast thus controlled, but lumber shipments to foreign countries are placed under the same restrictions. Every mill on the coast has its product regulated. The first order issued by the company was an advance in the price of lumber \$2 a thousand, which will mean an increase in profits of many thousands of dollars during the coming year."

The Ottawa River Canal Scheme.

The projectors of the Ottawa River and Georgian Bay Ship canal interviewed Premier Bowell on Tuesday, with a view of obtaining Dominion government aid. They pointed out that to deepen the waterways of the Ottawa and French rivers and Lake Nipissing to a depth of fourteen feet would necessitate the construction of about sixteen miles of actual canal work. The other operations would be confined to the removal of obstructions. The total cost is estimated at \$16,000,000. The deputation asked that the government of Canada guarantee the interest on the bonds to secure the construction of the canal. It was pointed out that the new route would shorten the distance between Montreal and Lake Superior by 368 miles, as compared with the St. Lawrence and Welland canal route. As compared with the route to New York via Buffalo and the Erie canal, a decrease of 495 miles would be effected.

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