

20s. Seconds and thirds were about 25 per cent. cheaper. American buyers took most of the best skins, France, Germany and England the cheaper grade. Next came 16,332 skunk, which sold as a rule as high as last Spring. Inferior grades declined about 10 per cent. This ended the second day's sale of the Hudson's Bay Co.

The best mink skins sold about 15 per cent. cheaper than a year ago, excepting smalls, which held their price. The seconds and thirds declined fully 20 per cent. German buyers took the bulk of these, and a few were bought for the American market. Only 1,078 beaver were offered and these not very good. The first lot went for 33s 6d per skin, compared with Jan. 33s 6d. Some small ones only brought 7 or 8 shillings, but the inferior quality accounted for the falling off in price. After 1,884 Musquash, at about an average price of 6d. came 4,749 wolf skins. A few Y. F. sold for 25s 3d against 24s last year. Large seconds declined 40 per cent., and the smalls 60 per cent. American buyers took the best, and English nearly all the remainder.

Sundries, odds and ends, etc., finished the Hudson's Bay Co.'s sale, which included goat, ermine (at 7s per 40), hare 8s 6d per doz., Raccoon at 4s 3d, squirrel at 6s per 100, swan 3s a piece, weenusk at 3s. Among the final lots, rabbits', loons', panthers', coons', badgers', lynxes', and sea otters' tails were mingled, and were knocked down to doubtless happy buyers who could start quite a large natural history museum with their purchases if they felt so inclined.

The first sale of C. M. Lampson & Co., took place on Monday afternoon and evening following the sale of the Hudson's Bay Co.

3,031 cross fox were offered, which brought lower prices than at the Hudson's Bay sale.

Lot 1, of 45 skins, sold for 38s each. The best seconds went at 39s. Prices varied considerably. Dark sold as high as 78s and 69s. The lots as usual were most carefully sorted, and some of the fourths and fifths went very cheap at 3s, seconds at 23s, and thirds at 10s to 13s each.

Russian sable, consisting of 4,579 skins, were disposed of the next evening. Opening at 75s for firsts (A. color, silvery), the seconds brought 37s 6d, and 12s 6d. The best prices realized were 210s each for a lot of 14 firsts, 320s each for 12 skins, A. color and silvery, 147s 6d each for 14 skins, 120s each seconds (silvery) and 50s each for firsts (A. color, silvery.)

Blue fox, 2,292 skins, came on the third day's sale, March 14th. The dark firsts sold for 155s and 165s a piece to begin with. The seconds for 125s and 130s. Blue firsts for 125s, 135s and 145s, 105s and 100s. Six skins sold for 280s each, being firsts and seconds. Seven skins, firsts and seconds, blue, for 235s a piece. Pale seconds for 65s and 60s. Thirds for 30s each. Most of these were bought by Revellon & Co., for the French market.

Only 910 skins of the expensive silver fox were offered, the first lot (one skin) going for £36, the second for £29, the third (two skins) at £25 a piece. The price for less choice firsts was £7 10s 0d a skin. One II. skin sold for £32, another for £22, another lot of these at £13,

another £10, and some few seconds as low as £6 a piece. Thirds went for £5, £4 10s 0d, £2 10s 0d, and some as cheap as £1 10s 0d. Fourths for 10s. These lots were all most carefully sorted, and the 912 skins were divided in 8141 lots.

2,436 fisher began at 30s each for 21 skins. Seconds followed at 30s (30 skins). Thirds at 13s and 12s. The highest price obtained for fisher was 59s each for 14 skins. Prices varied according to quality all the way down to 8s and even less.

1,246 Fur Seal opened at 28s each for 34 skins. Other lots (about 25 in all) sold at 10s 20s, 27s, 31s, and fully as low as 6s and 4s each skin.

To sum up the results of Messrs. C. M. Lampson & Co.'s sales in March 1888:

Fox, Cross, sold 20 per cent. lower than a year ago, Russian Sable 15 per cent. lower, Blue Fox 20 per cent. higher, Silver Fox 30 per cent. lower, Sea Otter 25 per cent. lower, Fisher, 6 per cent. lower, Fur Seal, dry, 15 per cent. lower than in January.

Red Fox from United States and Canada, sold 15 per cent. higher than last June, while Asiatic and Alaskan 15 per cent. lower than March last.

Musquash about the same as in January.

Grey Fox, 7½ per cent. lower than in January.

Marten, same as in January.

Skunk, 10 per cent. higher than in January.

Black and short striped advancing most; white and long striped bringing nearly old prices.

Mink 5 per cent. higher than in January. All kinds of small skins in demand. Large

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