

London Fur Sales.

Phillips, Polizer & Co., of London, England, have issued the following report of C. M. Lampson & Co.'s last fur sale:

Almost every article was disposed of at a substantial rise; dealers and manufacturers from all parts of the Continent participated in the purchase of goods, and orders for American houses were executed in articles which were not usually secured by them in this market. For the first time on this occasion C. M. Lampson & Co. included in their catalogue Australian furs, and have in so far scored a success that these goods, through their strict and reliable assortment, realized about 10 per cent. more than the same goods in the hands of other brokers.

Beavers, 12,672 skins; last year, 18,248.—Average about 20 per cent. advance, the large skins meeting with more favor; principally secured by English and German buyers.

Musquash, 610,000 skins; last year, \$62,855.—Old stocks being entirely cleared and the fresh supply unusually small, resulted in an advance of 50 per cent. on firsts and seconds, and 80 to 90 per cent. on thirds and fourths; the largest portion went to Germany; a part was bought for France and England.

Musquash, black, 22,000 skins; last year, 33,759.—Were 75 per cent. higher.

Fox, gray, 5,000 skins; last year, 5,071.—Declined 10 per cent.

Australian opossum, 175,000 skins; last year, none.—Realized about 10 per cent. more than in the sales held during last week, and consequently, 20 per cent. over November prices.

Wallaby 9,400 skins; last year, none.—Have only lately come into extensive use, and commanded very high prices compared with former years.

Both rock and swamp wallaby are of equal value, prices for good blue skins being as follows: Extra large, firsts, 2s 3d; seconds, 2s 1d; thirds, 10d. Large, firsts, 2s 6d; seconds, 1s 8d; thirds, 8½d. Small, firsts, 1s 9d; seconds, 1s 3d; thirds, 9d.

Wombat, 3,000 skins; last year, none.—Like wallaby, have only lately come into more request, and prices were considerably above those of last week; best skins sold at 13d to 16d.

Fox, Japanese, 1,760 skins; last year none.—The prices for first large, according to quality and size, varied from 3s 3d to 4s 6d; seconds, 2s 1d to 2s 9d, and thirds, 1s 1d to 1s 7d.

Raccoons, 150,000 skins; last year, 103,000.—First and seconds advanced 20 per cent; thirds, 40 per cent., and fourths, more than double of what they brought in June; chiefly bought for Germany, some for France and England and some of the lower sort for American account.

Skunk, 135,000 skins; last year, 137,000.—A considerable portion consisted of somewhat dry and faded skins, which, compared with the same sort sold last summer, show an advance of 25 per cent; fresh goods rose fully 40 per cent.; the striped skins being eagerly competed for at very high prices.

Lynx, 3,217 skins; last year, 8,110.—At the low value of this article last year it found ready sale, and stocks have been entirely disposed of;

besides the importation of the Hudson's Bay Company, being less than half of last year's, the result was an advance of over 50 per cent. on first large, and just about 100 per cent. on all other grades.

Fox, white, 2,264 skins; last year, 4,825.—Has not sold very freely yet; owing probably to the present supply, we have to record an advance of 10 per cent.

Squirrel, 50,000 skins; last year, 62,668.—This article has been greatly neglected of late years, and prices were so low that gradually it has forced itself into general and very extensive use; values since last summer have been constantly advancing, and in the present sale a rise of 40 per cent. was obtained, compared with January, 1888.

Wolves, 1,665 skins; last year, 4,377, are in very little demand and somewhat lower than last June.

Badger, 1,500 skins; last year none. A very indifferent parcel, of which one lot of really fine skins realized 31s 6d.

Cat, common, 1,000 skins, last year, 1,039, sold very high, in some instances at more than double of last year's prices.

Cat, house, 6,000 skins; last year, 7,060. Average considerably less than last year.

Hair seals, 9,000 skins; last year, 7,880, are not in request and declined about thirty per cent.

Marten, 23,000 skins; last year, 23,521. Even at the extremely low prices of last year, this article could not be satisfactorily disposed of in England; but judging from this sale, a more promising future seems to be near at hand, for, although the lower class skins show scarcely an improvement, yet the largest portion of the present collection, consisting of superior goods, advanced to an enormous extent, all better grades and good colored skins being eagerly competed for at double and even treble the price of last year. Purchases were chiefly for America.

Mink, 65,000 skins; last year, 117,833. The demand for this article is decidedly increasing; considerable orders for American account were received, which fact, coupled with the present small collection, caused an advance of forty per cent., more especially on the better grades.

American opossums, 68,000 skins; last year, 74,175, in good request. Firsts were twenty per cent. and seconds even fifty per cent. higher.

17,133 Northwest Coast and 5,500 Lobos Island, 1,009 Japanese and Cape Horn; last year, 26,605 Northwest Coast, 7,402 Lobos and 4,321 Japanese, Cape Hope and Cape Horn. All sold readily at November prices and were bought chiefly for America, but also a good many for England and France.

British Columbia.

W. H. S. Perkins, dry goods, Nanaimo, style now Spencer & Perkins.

A. J. Smith, of Smith & Clark, planing mill and contractors, Victoria, has formed a partnership with R. McIntosh, under the style of Smith & McIntosh.

The annual report of the Minister of Agriculture for the Dominion for the year 1888, just issued, shows that British Columbia received

11,000 immigrants, distributed as follows: Vancouver City, 7,000; New Westminster City and district, 1,000; Yale and Kootenay district, 1,000; Victoria City, 1,000; Nanaimo, Wellington and East Coast, 1,000.

Peter Birrell, salmon packer, has purchased from the estate of W. T. Coleman & Co., of San Francisco, the British Columbia Packing Co's cannery, situated on the Fraser river, near Westminster. The cannery was built by Birrell some years ago and operated by him for a time. The purchase includes all the boats, nets and plant of the establishment.

There seems to be little doubt of the truth of the report that the Northern Pacific Railway Company has secured control of the railway now in course of construction, destined to connect Westminster, and probably Vancouver, with Puget Sound points. The Vancouver World says: Thomas F. Oakes, vice-president and general manager of the Northern Pacific Railway, is in Tacoma. He will visit Seattle, Whatcom and New Westminster, before he returns to St. Paul, and possibly may extend his visit to Vancouver. All matters connected with the construction of the New Westminster Southern Railway and the Fraser River Ferry will be settled during this gentleman's visit to the coast.

Through the kindness of Langley & Co., wholesale druggists, Victoria, we have received a report of a movement to form a Pharmaceutical Association for British Columbia. A few weeks ago a meeting of the druggists of Victoria was held in the office of Langley & Co., to consider the advisability of forming a Pharmaceutical Association for this province. T. M. Henderson, who had outlined of an act, presented it for approval, and a committee composed of Messrs. Shotbolt, Moore, Blanchard and Henderson, was appointed to draft in detail. A copy was forwarded to each of the druggists in the province who have approved of its provisions. The bill, which has been placed in the hands of T. Davie, to bring before the House, provides that all engaging in the business of chemist and druggist in this province shall be properly qualified persons to be known as the British Columbia Pharmaceutical Association. The affairs of the association shall be conducted by a council composed of six licentiates of pharmacy resident in the province, who shall appoint annually a board of examiners. The examining board shall meet biennially. The annual general meeting of the association shall be held alternately in Victoria, Vancouver, New Westminster and Nanaimo on the second Thursday in the month of June. Every person engaged in the practice of pharmacy will be required to register under the Act. The leading clause of the Act provides that no person shall keep open shop for retailing, dispensing or compounding poisons (named in a schedule) unless registered under this act, under a penalty of a fine of \$20 and costs of prosecution for the first offence, and \$50 and costs for the second offence, which shall be recovered in a summary manner before two justices of the peace or a police magistrate. Nothing in the act shall prevent any person from selling goods of any kind to any person legally authorized to carry on the business of an apothecary or interfere with wholesale dealers in the sale of poisons.