

Fur Trade Notes.

The cuts shown herewith are from the catalogue of J. H. Rogers, Winnipeg.

A sale of chinchilla recently took place in London. Real reached a very high price. Bastard also maintained a high figure.

Herskovits & Roth, fur dealers of New York, have opened a purchasing branch at Edmonton under charge of W. B. Sennett, a well known fur buyer of that place.

Furs are being marketed very slowly at Edmonton this season owing to the mild weather and lack of snow. Fur bearing animals are said to be numerous, and wherever there is snow a good catch is being made. Silver foxes are especially numerous.

Fur has attained such popularity this season that the fashion for it has almost amounted to a craze. It is seen on everything, from ball gowns

per cent compared with the last December sale. Northwest coast skins advanced 7 1-2 to 10 per cent. These skins are excluded from the United States by the new law, hence the smaller advance. Lobos skins advanced 20 per cent and Cape Horn 10 per cent higher than last March sale.

The next London fur sale of C. M. Lampson & Co., will begin on January 16 and continue to January 20. The Hudson's Bay company will hold their sale on January 16, and, in addition to the regular articles brought forward at that sale, will offer about 7,000 salted North West coast fur seal skins and about 6,000 dressed North West coast fur seal skins. The following shows the quantity of furs to be offered by the Hudson's Bay company, compared with the two previous years:

	Total 1898.	Total 1897.	Total 1896.
Badger	1,104	1,238	1,954

Winnipeg Raw Fur Prices.

Prices as to size and color, for prime skins: skins taken out of season range much lower:

Badger.....	\$.25	\$.50
Bear black	5.00	25.00
Bear brown	4.50	20.00
Bear, black yearlings.	5.00	7.00
Bear, brown yearlings ..	3.00	4.50
Bear, grizzly.....	4.50	20.00
Beaver large.....	5.00	6.75
Beaver, medium	3.00	4.75
Beaver, small	1.50	2.50
Beaver, cuts.....	.50	1.00
Beaver, castors, lb.....	2.50	5.50
Fisher, dark	6.00	8.00
Fisher, pale	3.00	5.00
Fox, cross dark, large	5.00	10.00
Fox, cross pale	2.50	5.00
Fox, kitt .....	.25	.75
Fox, red	1.00	1.60
Fox, silver dark	50.00	75.00
Fox, pale	25.00	60.00



LATEST STYLES IN FURS

to hats, and no street costume is complete without it, used either as trimming or as a distinct part of a suit. All of the large fur establishments have made efforts to originate new and effective styles in furs, and many odd and beautiful fashions are shown. Chicago women also recognize the fact that there is nothing for winter wear quite as becoming and attractive as fur. It is therefore, safe to predict that its popularity will last for several seasons.—Chicago Inter-Ocean.

Sales of sealskins in London during the past year have not been encouraging. During the early months of the year sealskins were slow sale in England and on the continent. The December sale, however, showed a decided improvement. Of Alaska skins 20,762 were offered, or about 2,000 less than a year ago. There was active buying, particularly for the United States, and prices advanced 30

Bear, black ...	8,345	8,597	8,670	Lynx, large	1.50	2.25
" brown	862	923	921	Lynx, medium	1.00	1.50
" gray	155	175	196	Lynx, small .....	.50	.75
" white	127	132	74	Marten, dark	3.00	5.50
Beaver	32,908	42,492	51,089	Marten, pale or brown	2.50	4.25
Ermine	9,137	5,725	8,316	Marten, light pale.....	1.00	3.00
Fisher	4,609	5,092	4,787	Mink, dark .....	.50	2.00
Fox, blue	60	44	42	Mink, pale .....	.75	1.50
" cross	4,845	5,838	6,981	Musquash, winter .....	.04	.12
" kitt	50	59	184	Otter, dark	6.00	10.00
" red	20,532	25,628	24,552	Otter, pale	5.00	8.00
" silver	1,042	1,310	1,378	Skunk .....	.25	.75
" white	6,668	3,210	3,483	Wolf, timber	2.00	3.00
Lynx	26,015	41,660	56,035	Wolf, prairie .....	.40	.75
Marten	63,046	82,897	95,200	Wolverine, dark	3.00	3.50
Mink	40,105	68,476	76,148	Wolverine, pale	1.25	2.00
Musk ox	450	315	314			
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Musquash	689,237	505,204	551,713			
Otter	9,631	9,868	9,381			
Rabbit	51,788	98,530	98,530			
Raccoon	2,652	5,951	5,951			
Seal, hair, dry	2,759	2,623	2,623			
" salted		128	128			
Skunk	9,610	16,426	18,758			
Wolf	3,482	7,274	8,861			
Wolverine	860	918	820			

A lumber dealer may be in his office and out of doors simultaneously.

After suspicion is once directed toward a man it is difficult to sidetrack it.

Whenever a man makes a mistake you may expect a tidal wave of explanation.