

Miscellaneous.

A rattlesnake at Swain's Station, Albany, N.Y., has been kept in a box, without food, for six months, and is getting fat.

A salmon trout weighing 36 pounds was caught with a hook on the lake near Goderich a few days ago.

Mrs. Dingus Murphy says Dingus has bought a horse so spirituous that he always goes off in a de-canter.

There is said to be a town in New England that pays \$2,000 for the support of its dogs, and only \$2,800 to all its ministers.

Col. Ross, of Ottawa, has received a letter from a London friend, stating that an Indian Rajah has ordered two complete sets of lacrosse sticks, flasks, &c.

Two Ora farmers have been in litigation over a horse trade, a neighbor who is a good judge of horsemanship, estimates the value of both equines at \$5.

The sale of Bibles in Chicago is said to be three times as great as it was a year ago. Mr. Moody drew attention to the work and they thing it is a new book.

"Johnny have you learned anything during the week?" asked a teacher of a five-year-old pupil. "Yeth'm." "Well, what is it?" "Never to lead a small trump when you hold both bowers."

An Indian named John, while out hunting on Lake Clair, Upper Gaieneau, shot five cariboo deer out of a herd of nine, without moving from his hiding place. Pretty exciting sport.

Last week the following shipments of fish were made from Goderich: Charles Howland, 46,000; Henry Horton, 21,000; James Mitchell, 12,250 lbs; Wm. Lee, 5,250 lbs; Wm. Stitt, 4,050 lbs; and John Clark, 1,500 lbs; total, 87,000 lbs.

The Niagara Falls Shooting Club have procured two fine fox hounds from Detroit, but the deep snow has made it impossible to hunt them. There have been several snow bird shoots lately, but not important enough to be worth mentioning in the way of purses or shooting; but there is a match under consideration between the best three of this place and a crack team of St. Catharines.

A correspondent writing from Rocky Fort, Colorado, says: "I noticed that some parties near Fort Worth, Texas, sold wild turkey keys for 25 cents apiece. Now I think I can beat that. I purchased antelope for \$8 per dozen delivered at my ranch. How's that for a poor man's country? The only drawback is, that it suggests either a tremendous slaughter of game or an unrighted scarcity of money."

On February 2, Ben Foster, the well-known fisherman from the Beach near Hamilton, took at one draught from Lake Ontario, the almost incredible number of 5,400 eels, coes, and 1,900 gasperaus (or young shad). At the same time he captured a diminutive specimen of the genuine salt water salmon, supposed to be one of the product of spawn placed in Lake Ontario by Mr. Wilmot. Dixon Bros., on John street purchased the entire lot of eels for curing.

The Princess of Wales is quite a horse woman. A story is told of her driving out with an old friend and offering to show him the speed of her ponies. A moment after they were driving along at a terrible rate, the fair "whip" standing up in the open carriage as if it were a chariot. The unfortunate groom behind thought his mistress had taken leave of her senses, and appealed loudly to her to "pull up."

THE CANADIAN PRIMA DONNA.

THE TRIUMPH OF Mlle. LAJEUNESSE IN PARIS.

Of our countrywomen, Mlle. Lajeunesse (Albani), the Paris correspondent of the N. Y. Herald says:

The success of Albani at the Italiens is one of those events which are unfortunately becoming rare on the operatic stage. For one such triumph, how many hundreds, nay thousands, of failures have we to record! For this artist it was the great ordeal which was to decide her exact position. It has given her the prestige which she required, and has at once placed her at the top of her profession. With the exception of Adelina Patti, who must not be classed with the

Cricket.

PRESENTATION TO RICHARD DAFT.

We learn from the London Sportman that a dinner was recently held at Nottingham, at which a magnificent testimonial, consisting of a solid silver tea and coffee service valued at £150, a purse of gold of 500 sovs., a silver tankard (the gift of Mr. J. Walker, of Middlesex), and a silver hunting flask, were presented to Richard Daft, in acknowledgment of the great and brilliant services he has rendered to the cause of cricket during the past twenty years. There was a large gathering of old and new cricketers, and the utmost enthusiasm prevailed. Sir Henry Bromley, President of the Notts Club, presided, and in making the presentation referred to Daft's career as a model for all young cricketers, concluding a brief and heartily complimentary speech by handing over to Daft not only the testimonial, but a donation under seal from himself.

A meeting of the Colborne Cricket club took place on the 16th inst., and the following officers were elected, viz.:—J. B. Cummings, President; W. L. Payne and J. G. Webb, Vice-Presidents; T. Wallace Cummings, Secretary and Treasurer; A. W. O. Bruce, Captain; Geo. Nix, Frank Strong, Chas. Leake, A. W. O. Bruce, and T. Wallace Cummings, Committee.

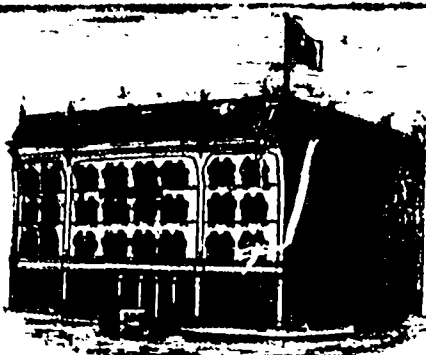
THE FUR TRADE.

One of our leading furriers told us the other day that his cash balance, on hand the first of the present month, was less than at the same time during the twenty-six years of his business life. If it were not for the sale of seal-sagues, he said, furriers would not have paid their expenses this season.

Seal is now the only fashionable fur, and the probability is that it will continue so for at least five years. It comes from the Shetland Islands. The finest fur is that of the cow or young bull. A saque, made to suit the present style, ranges in price from forty-five to two hundred and fifty dollars, according to the quality of the fur. A few years ago the black fur of the skunk and monkey was in considerable demand, which has almost entirely ceased, and the skins are now worth less than half the former prices.

It has been noticed by furriers that of late years the color of the fur of the animals of this country is not nearly so dark as formerly. Twenty years ago out of every hundred skins of miscellaneous animals, from thirty to forty of dark hues could be selected, while at the present time only from fifteen to eighteen can thus be obtained. This change is believed to be owing to the older animals being killed off more rapidly than formerly, on account of the increased vigor with which they are hunted, leaving their progeny with not fully matured coats to fall victims to the traps. All the finer furs come from the northern regions. The skins produced in the tropical and temperate zones are more valued for leather; and although the hair is highly colored the quality is inferior, being short and rough. A few years ago that rare fur, the Russian sable, was extensively imported to this country. Of this the annual product of the Russian territory is only about twenty-five thousand skins, about one-half of which are retained in that country. In the sable line, the Hudson Bay ranks next to the Russian animal, which is equal in quality; its inferiority is only in the color, which is two or three shades lighter. To the sable family belongs the pine marten, which produces a fine fur, and is found in the gloomy depths of fine forests. Another animal of the same species, called the stone-martin, makes his home among the rocks.

A fur much used in the past was the ermine, a native of northern Europe and Siberia. It is about the size of our weasel, and is always hunted in winter when its coat is perfectly white; at other seasons the color is brown. Another fur, which is still much used here, is the down of the grebe, taken from the breast of a duck which inhabits the Swiss lakes. It ranges in color from white to grey, and is much admired for its beauty, and esteemed for its enduring qualities. That popular fur five or six years ago, the chinchilla, is brought from South America, the best specimens being received from Buenos Ayres. The fox family produces some very valuable furs, the rarest being the black and silver fox, which are natives of the Arctic regions. Beaver is now in but limited demand, and the animal is consequently multiplying in our extreme western States and



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