

hardly be desired. Many of these, like the one I have illustrated, are extremely stylish, being finished, as regards linings, buttons and stitchings, in a most fastidious manner.

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Golf cloakings are selling well, and so also are Irish friezes; those in brown, claret, Oxford, navy and black being very popular.

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Capes have always had a drawback for this climate, on account of the fear of contracting a cold from the amount of wind which reaches the chests of their wearers, but Messrs. Alexander & Anderson have now obviated that difficulty by bringing out a cape with a vest of the same material, which buttons closely from neck to waist.

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Caracul fur, a sort of lamb with but a slight curl, and having more of the appearance of a black watered sealskin than anything else, was very popular in England last



FUR JACKET—A. A. ALLAN & CO.

season, and has now been imitated with considerable success.

S. F. McKinnon & Co. are showing some capes of this material which are

particularly stylish, and their double-breasted coats which I have sketched are especially smart and well finished, with some of the prettiest fancy buttons that I have yet met. The 'new' sleeve with 3, 4 and often times 5 seams, is found on nearly all the latest coats, and a very pretty sleeve it is too.

FURS.

On account of the extreme cold



NEW MANTLES—S. F. MCKINNON & CO.

experienced over the whole of the European Continent last winter the demand for furs of all kinds was so largely in advance of all previous years that the stock became very greatly dimin-

ished. Retailers should therefore purchase at once all that they will be likely to require for the season, as it is now almost impossible to obtain further supplies from the original sources.

In England, Paris and New York, garments of a combination of furs will be popular this winter, but our Canadian winters are too severe for these small wraps. When we wear furs here they are for use as much as, or more than, for ornament, which is not always the case in warmer climates. Our coats and capes are, therefore, supplied with large collars and wide fronts, some times, though not often, worn open on the chest. The two sketches that I have made from garments shown by A. A. Allan & Co. show the shapes that will be most worn this winter, the sleeves and skirts being much wider than last year. This increase in the size adds considerably to the cost of a fur coat, and for that reason capes are likely to be more in demand than coats.

MONTREAL MILLINERY.

The openings were very well attended—better than usual but the Exhibition week "even knocked these endways." Buyers were here from all parts of Canada. There were quite a number who had never been to an opening in Montreal before. Last week was quiet, on account of warm weather, but from letters received and the colder probabilities, there should have been another period of activity. Travelers went out last week.

There has been an unusual run on sailors and walking hats. Caverhill & Kissonock have made a good hit with "Valkyrie" and "St. Louis," both felt sailors.

Caverhill & Kissonock had a very successful opening at Ottawa last week.



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EXCURSIONS TO TORONTO.

The Toronto millinery trade made an effort this year to have railway excursions to Toronto from the east, as a complement to the excursion rates granted to Montreal from western points at the date of the Montreal openings. A deputation waited on the railway authorities, who replied that it was too late to do anything this year, as arrangements had already been made, but that next season the question would be fully considered.

The Toronto Exhibition authorities say, as to the Alaska Co., that space could not be allotted on the ground floor.