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TRAITORS IN OUR MIDST, notice it and immediately turn off. The We referred in last issue to the out- otter leaves the water and lands on the for next season. We characterized the prints of them at this point unless such a statement at this season of the there may have been a storm shortly beyear when small contractors are pre- fore in which case one must use his best upon the workingmen of the country. We now shall prove what a mon their heads that there will be a poor spring it by the weight of his body, but prise. market for deals next year, they will in such cases escapes capture and you not go into the woods, but will keep | will never find him landing in that spot

[WRITTEN FOR THE STAR.]

Hunting on the Miramichi

with a Clergyman. We had not renewed the old hunting ness which we were to use until the climb area. It we had not renewed the old hunting the path and which the animal has to winter was well advanced. One of get an old one and place it across the these extended from Miramichi to Nash- road in as careless a manner as possible waak lake, generally through a dense so as not to attract the animal's attention, forest of black spruce. My reverend handling it also as little as posssible. WROUGHT IRON PIPE AND partner accompanied me while I was re- A pole for a dead fall is placed lengthand such things as were necessary for which are driven into the ground, leaving And all other Articles used in the his own comfort and convenience: the the path-way about two or three feet Application of Steam to Machinery. provisions and cooking utensils for both wide: the tops of the stakes are secured carried. On this line there were on with spruce roots, or small withs used abundant. We set on it about seventy- them. A cross piece is secured to the Our traps were frequently robbed by black cats which is in general the only wild animal which robs the sable traps.

Sometimes an owl will tear the game to sear of the great of the great

RATES OF ADVERTISING pieces; this however rarely happens. time. Otters can frequently be shot in

while picking at the bait, but being holes above and below, as, if the day be small and too far in, the spring fine, the otter will come cut to breathe pole falls upon his tail which he fre- at nearly every air hole. Having also

mink and but few sable; this was our which whistled round our rude hut, and The advertising rates in the WERKLY STAR | chief caribou ground. We had another he shall know all about our own habits line which crossed the head waters of and business after those of our four Taxis River. This ran through the best footed prey are described. hunting country on it. Here we caught 7 papers promptly and regularly will please black cats in three weeks, the skins of the office. these brought from \$8 to \$10, each: there were also numerous moose yards.

on this route. We also had other

short lines, on all of which we got more

or less game. We had the most difficulty in trapping the otter which is a very wary animal, having remarkably keen scent; so much so, that if you step on his pathway in its last issue, speaking of the during either summer or winter, any Canada Pacific railway, says :where in the vicinity of the trap he will

rageous statement lately published shore; he always makes the shore at the practically completed in the space in our midst to the effect that the same spot unless disturbed. I generally of six years, we cannot over estilumber markets were shaky, and the find where his feet strikes the bank under mate the zeal, the ability, and the prospects gave little encouragement water, and by careful notice you will find heroic fidelity of the persons who paring for the woods as an outrage judgment. The trap whose springs are railway, we are told that the convery strong is of steel and is set a little tract for the construction of the to one side of his path. as the legs of line is taken by a syndicate said to the otter project to each side of his body strong thing it was to publish such a and if the pan of the trap be placed be the most powerful in respect to statement. First and formost, if exactly in the centre of his path, he money and influence that has ever small contractors once get it into will make over it and escape; he may taken hold of any American enter

waters. In any descent their travelling is done by sliding in these cases their delayed, the preliminary matters of

is done by sliding; in these cases their the railway have been planned and

their money in their pockets. The again. When you are visiting your trap ceive from the Canadian Governconsequence is that in a few days along comes the big contractor, say Mr. Snowball or Mr McLeod, and as they have plenty of men to pick from they have purpose of a shower of rain and completely washes away the scent. This answers the purpose of a shower of rain and completely washes away the scent. The property washes away the scent. The property washes away the scent. tors otherwise would have em- It is much better to visit your otter of land. In consideration of these ployed—they can dictate terms, traps in a canoe, which you can do withoffer them just what wages they out landing and thus save much unneces of land the Canadian please and the men are forced to sary labor. In order to secure the company, to be called the Canadian accept what they offer. This state- traps so that the otter may not take it Pacific Railway Company, which ment was published in a Chatham away, a small tree is cut down, the ring shall construct and work the line in R. D. SOUTHWOOD, paper, and but too evidently in the of the chain slipped over the butt and perpetuity. The Government paper, and but too evidently in the interest of the owner of that paper.

We now beg to say that we have learnt from reliable sources that the prospects for the deal market next sible a living tree. I frequently make sible a living tree. I frequently make already built. Of the immense season are good; therefore small contractors run no risk in putting out their money and paving the chopper sible a fiving tree. I frequently have the first place find the otter road, since they have their money and paving the chopper sible had from water to water to water. such, which leads from water to water, Although, on account of sectional or from lake to lake, invariably selecting the shortest and easiest route between jealousy and perplexity in deciding

> ines which we were to use until the climb over. If one cannot be found I The line throughout its whole extent will compare tavorably in all important particulars with our own trans-continental lines. It will run through the mountain passes by low-lying passages which do not The engineer in chief, lately in charge, has reported a location on which, for fully a thousand miles west of Lake Superior, the easterly ascending gradients can be kept down to half the maximum gradients frequently steal the bait and the through before he was caught.
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> working of the tree often springs them.
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> I may mention a very stringe thing wild Indians and hardy trappers, will become ere long the seat of

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The moose bird is also a great enemy to winter in the following manner. First: the trapper; he will follow the line for find the fresh tracks in the snow, follow miles robbing the trap or picking hoies them to the water and find out whether in the game and thereby rendering the the animal has gone down stream or up, fur useless. He often springs the trap which is discovered by noticing the air

quently leaves behind him. A bird which discovered in what direction he is travelhas lost his tail seldom approaches a ling, you follow him on to the next air trup again. No scent is used for sable hole, and if he has not been out, wait traps, but in the case of the loupcervier for him there, concealing yourself in the it is invaluable. Oil of rhodium is the bushes. You may have to wait for Single insertion not more than one inch, best. If the wind is fair the loupeervier bours, but you are pretty sure of a shot, will smell this a quarter of a mile. On early morning being the best time. No. Advertisements will be charged for this line during the winter we got about one shot is generally the best. The five otters and between 30 and 40 sable; reader will pardon this digression from we visited our traps on it every week or the story of our wood life, which shall sient advertisements] payable every thirty ten days, we also got a few heavers, not occur again until after the habits mink and loupcervier. We must and hunting has been described. The reader short line to Nappadoggan Lake and dead waters which empty themselves into the lake and discover how we passed the Nashwaak. On this line we got a mink and loupcervier. We had another and haunts of the game which we were upon, must be given in writing; else all the Nashwaak. On this line we got a the lake and discover how we passed the continued "ads" will be charged at the good many otter and beavers, some winter amid the storms of snow and wind

The Canada Pacific Railway.

AN AMERICAN VIEW OF THE MINIS-

The American Railroad Journal,

The preliminary surveys cost about four millions of dollars, and trap is usually set at the place where the winen we consider that they were

accomplished such results. With regard to the future of the

blazing this line, carrying only his gun wise on this and secured by two stakes, exist in more southern routes. five sable traps as well as a few steel top of the stakes in the same manner, a on the Grand Trunk and other ones for loupcerviers, beaver and otter. small crotched stick is placed over this roads in operation in the older The best way to make a sable trap is to and reaches to the path-way, connect- provinces, thus insuring to a cut down a small sized fir tree, smooth ing with a small stick running across the certain extent cheap transportation. off the whole of the top of the path: a small loop of withs or roots is The habitable land of the great unstump with the exce tion of one side, where you leave a piece of the wood standing 8 or 10 inches high and about passed over the crotched stick; you place All work an inch diameter: this is used in sup- weights on the dead fall on either side, rations have shown it to be importing the dead fall, the bait house is cover everything up with dry brush as mense in area and abounding in on the opposite side of the stump, and is well as possible, placing it as if it had resources which will now be disformed from a few splits which are accidentally fallen there, (green boughs closed and turned to account. The driven into the top of the stump. The will not do) and then drench the whole | vicinity of the great coal fields of bait, which is usually a piece of squirrel, with water. When the otter comes Penusylvania and Michigan to Lake hare, partridge or fish, (the latter being along he may back up and go around, the favorite food of the sable) is placed but if he smells no scent of man's track

Canada to develope her mineral in a figure of four wooden traps on or work, after a while he advances into deposits and make them available, which rests a heavy pole. On the the trap: in passing through, his breast and she will now be able to carry animal seizing the bait, the trap springs and the pole falls upon him crushing him between it and the top of the stump. These traps will last for years, and being great struggles to effect his escape. I high, are not liable to be covered by never lost but two; in one case the snow. Sometimes the trap is made in a wood was rotten, the trap being old in nually by migratory herds of antelope hollow tree but in such cases the mice the other, the animal had pressed too far and buffulo, and only available for