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lot of the furs of squirrels killed in the last two provinces are exported directly both to China and Russia, without passing through Irbit. It is worthy of note that this year there was considerable decrease in the furs of the black squirrel. Only half a million of these furs were brought to the fair, as against more than a million in 1887. Of other furs there were 11,000 blue fox, from Obdorsk and Berzoff; 140,000 marmot, chiefly from the Altai; 30,000 polecat, 10,000 badger, 1,300,000 hare, 2,000 fox, and a number of bear and fox skins.

Personal.

W. F. DOLL, wholesale jeweler, Winnipeg, returned from a business trip to New York and the east last week.

M. McMANUS, of Turnbull & McManus, wholesale sash, doors, etc., Winnipeg, returned from a business trip south last week. He was as far as Dubuque, Iowa.

How to Cook Dried Fruits.

If you will consider that dried fruit is fresh fruit, with the water dried out of it and more or less dirt gathered upon its surface, two things will occur to you to do, to make it become something like fresh fruit. First wash it thoroughly, using if necessary several changes of water, but be sure and get the fruit clean. Then put it to soak in clean water, completely covering the fruit, and an inch of depth above it. Soak at least twelve hours, and if the fruit does not plump out very full, keep it in until it will swell no more. Don't change the water in soaking and cook in the water the fruit was soaked in. Boil gently for twenty minutes, then set on back of stove to simmer until the fruit is done and tender, using sugar in cooking according to taste.—*The Baker.*

SIR R. W. CAMERON has purchased from the Northwest Coal and Navigation Co., another block of 50,000 acres of land near the mouth of the Little Bow River, where he already has a large quantity. "We understand," says the *Lethbridge News*, "it is his intention to start a large horse rancho on the place and will very soon bring in some of the best horses to be procured in the market. He has also invested heavily in town property, having bought something like \$50,000 worth."

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