

using one. He has good weight and is a splendid kick.

Charles H. Passmore, right half back, a young but clever player; has played a strong game throughout the season, and has materially assisted in placing his team at the head.

John H. Mimmis, left half back, though light in weight he manages to get there in a way that surprises some of his heavier opponents. He uses his brains in playing as well as his feet.

Ed. Faulds, inside left forward. To this player's lot comes the bulk of the hard work of the forward line. A good dodger and an indefatigable worker, he cannot be too highly praised for his good work, and he will stand any amount of hard usage.

William J. Trimble, outside left forward; good on combination, and a

### THE FUR SITUATION.

THE great talk among the merchants interested in furs is concerning the rise in seal skins alluded to in our last issue. Prices are advancing rapidly, and seal skins will be a luxury here next season. Reports from the recent fur sale in London indicate that Alaska seal, of which there was an offering of 7,000 skins, showed a decline of 5 per cent., compared with the October sales of 1891 (but prices were very high last year), whilst Copper Island seals, of which there was the usual quantity, realized an advance of 23 per cent., on the October sales of last year. Of North-west coast skins there was a full offering, and they brought the enormous advance of 40 per cent. over the prices of twelve

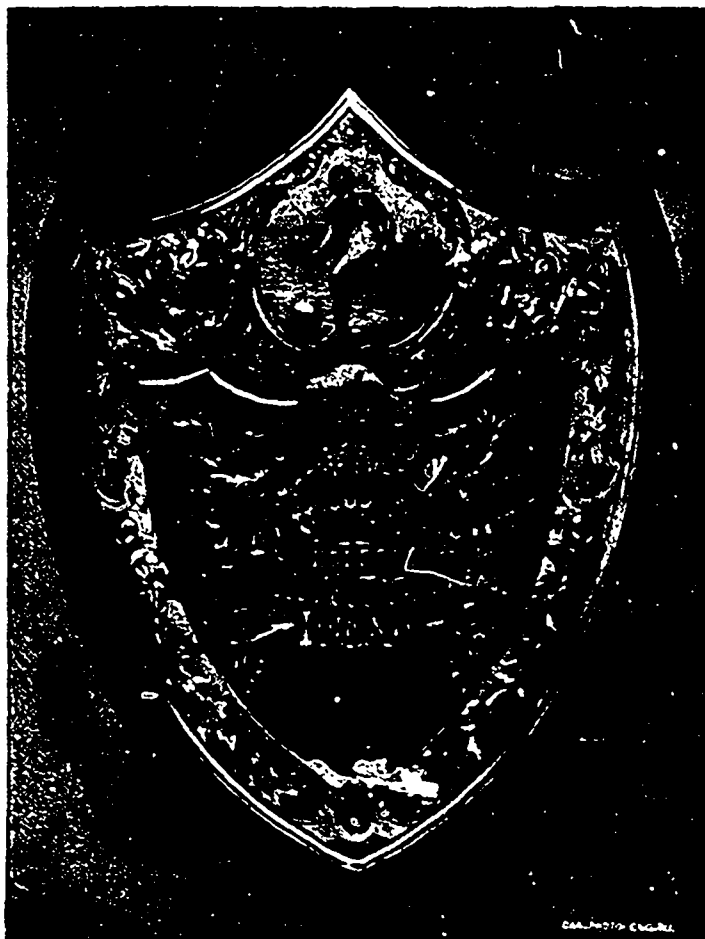
beaver are said to be great favorites, and for them the demand is consequently great. The demand, however, can be fully met. Although the supply of beaver is decreasing each year, the price does not show any material alteration. Mink appears to be coming somewhat more into use, and those engaged in the trade anticipate that it will become still more fashionable. Silver fox is too scarce to admit of its coming into use to any great extent, the whole catch of Canada being estimated at not more than 250 skins in a season, and these represent all grades. The proportion of prime skins is very small, and the prices range all the way from £10 to £100 per skin, whilst the poorer qualities run from £1 and £1 5s. to £50 or £60. Astrakhans and Australian furs are in fairly good demand, the former especially when made up into garments such as ladies' sweaters and jackets. Bear skins are very high in price, fashion calling for a number of them being made into coats, which creates a brisk demand. The call for raccoon appears to be about the same as in previous years, and prices are likewise about the same.

Advices have been received of the sales of the Hudson's Bay and Lamson's collections, which will take place from January 23 to the end of the month, and from March 13 to the beginning of April, showing that of beaver there will be offered in January 52,654 skins, or about 4,000 less than in January last, and there will be 928,686 muskrats, or about 150,000 in excess of last year.

### CHAS. C. ROBB.

Mr. Charles C. Robb, of the firm of Gordon, Mackay & Co., died suddenly on Thursday evening, the 15th inst. Deceased was in the best of health a week before his death, but met with a slight accident which left him with a bruise on his face. This turned to erysipelas, and it spread from his cheek to his brain, resulting in death. Mr. Robb was 57 years of age, and had been connected with the firm for 31 years, and for several years a member of the firm. Whether among the employees or the customers of the house, or among business men in the city, no one was more generally liked and respected than the deceased. He was always in the business department of the house, and while partner of the firm had entire control of the counting house and banking. But it was the sunny temper and jovial bonhomie of the man which endeared him to all his acquaintances, and made him always welcome in the best social circles. He was an energetic business man, who had made his way in the world on his own merits.

Deceased was the eldest of a number of brothers who have done well in life. One brother is manager of the Boiler Inspection Co., of this city; another is judge of the county of Norfolk, and other is manager of an insurance company in New York. He leaves a wife and five children, one only boy being about sixteen years of age, not having yet left school. He was a member of the Carlton Club and a Freemason. He took a keen interest in politics, but never ventured into public life himself, being content to remain quietly in his own business sphere. His birthplace was Halifax, and he was the son of a Scotch Presbyterian minister.



sure shot on the goal, and with his partner Faulds will make things lively around any goal they may be attacking.

Fred. Wastell, inside right forward; a young player of good promise. This is his first season on the team. Another winter over his head and he will make a good man.

Dave W. Glass, outside right forward; a hard worker on the field. He "heads" the ball very cleverly, having scored several goals in this manner. He is good at combination play.

C. L. Peniston, centre forward; the "artful dodger" of the team. He passes the ball to the wings fast and accurately, and is a good shot.

George F. Watson, the club's president, is liked and esteemed by all who know him, and is an especial favorite with the boys.

months ago. The latter skins (North-west coast) were the collections made by the British Columbian and American sealing schooners. This will give an idea of the advance there will be in the retail season of 1893-4. Even now prices are stiffening on the market, but seal skins sold at the recent London sale, will not be manufactured for the present season.

The catch of what is known in the trade as "South sea seal" has been restricted, owing to the Behring sea arbitration, and for some time to come these skins will remain an expensive article. The demand, however, can be fully met. The high price may, as usual, lead to imitations being put on the market, but anyone who knows genuine seal can never mistake these imitations for it.

In the finer furs, Persian lamb and