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- 28. Snowshoe-hare or White-rabbit, Lepus americanus phaeonotus Allen. Found in all parts of Manitoba wherever there is cover. In summer it is brown, in winter pure white. In Turtle Mountain it is represented by the race bishopi, distinguished by its short ears and pale color. The prevailing form in Manitoba is the dusky backed race (phaeonotus). This hare has long been noted for the excessive fluctuation of its numbers in cycles of seven to ten years. One hundred or more may be seen every day when its numbers are at its height, but usually the plague breaks out at this time and speedily reduces the Snowshoe population to near zero.
- 29. **Prairie-hare,** Lepus campestris Bachman. Formerly found only in the extreme south-west of the Province, and exceedingly rare; now abundant in all the prairie regions, especially in the vicinity of cultivated fields.
- 30. Canada Lynx, Lynx canadensis Kerr. Found in all the wooded parts of the Province, but varying greatly in numbers on different years.
- 31. Kit-fox or Swift, Vulpes velox (Say). Formerly common on the high dry prairie of the south-west; now exterminated within or climits.
- 32. Royal Fox, Vulpes regalis Lerriam. Common on the prairies of the province; probably replaced in the woods by the form called *julvus*. Less numerous than formerly.
- 33. Gray-wolf or Buffalo-wolf, Canis occidentalis Richardson. Generally distributed, but nowhere common.
- 34. **Prairie-wolf or Coyote,** Canis latrans Say. Abundant in all the south-western half of Manitoba; probably as numerous now as in the days before settlement.

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