

Trapping.

PRELIMINARIES.

BY ROBT. G. HODGSON.

One of the first, and the most important thing of all to consider before beginning the taking of fur bearers, is whether or not they are prime. This may seem like an old subject with which to open a series of articles, but if amateur trappers, or rather novices, for most trappers are amateurs, in the true sense, understood the enormous actual losses the taking of unprime pelts in Canada means, they would not only consider such mention as this absolutely necessary, but would as well do everything in their power to eliminate these great losses, which would mean not only money in their pocket, but would as well contribute to the wealth of the country.

Aside from the matter of dollars and cents, there is the humane aspect which ought to receive the consideration of all sportsmen, and what trapper is there who does not wish to be considered a sportsman, as well as a trapper? When you take an unprime pelt you know of a certainty that that pelt can be used only for the lowest grade of fur garments; and that another pelt must be taken—a prime one this time—to meet the demand, resulting, of course, in the absolute loss of the first pelt.

Muskrats do not become prime until spring, and should not be taken until then. True, they are more valuable in the winter than in the fall, but even then are only partly prime. A muskrat hide that is fully prime is red and white on the flesh side—no blue or black streaks.

All other animals, generally termed as land or flesh-eating animals, become prime earlier in the season than do muskrats; and the exact time depends partly on the locality and partly on the weather. While no period can be named to be equally applicable to all places, it can

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usually be safely taken that from the middle of November on, mink, fox, skunk, coon, etc., are prime. They are at their best during the coldest months, January usually, and in March. As the running season begins, the fur depreciates in value as the season advances. They should be taken never later than the first of April, excepting possibly in far northern districts.

The primeness of the weasel is governed by climatic conditions, and seldom are they prime until there is snow on the ground. It is scarcely necessary, I suppose, for me to say that they are worthless when they are only partly prime.

Now, should you be one of those fellows who traps too late or too early in the season, just because someone else does so, or because you cannot resist the temptation of the sport or the money; if, I repeat, you are one of those, for goodness sake turn over a new leaf and show by the fact of your taking only prime animals, and that other trappers do the same, that you are a sportsman as well as a trapper—one who is willing to co-operate with our government in keeping the laws respecting our game, and conserving our natural resources. This is the only way in which we can hope to produce revenue from our natural resources, running into millions of dollars annually.

Another point is that of the traps used. It is very necessary that the trapper use only those traps that are most efficient in taking and holding the animals—thus from a humanitarian standpoint as well as one that benefits the trapper financially. Traps that catch the animals and then allow them to escape, through faulty action or poor construction, are no good because they so often represent losses instead of profit. The traps I shall recommend in the coming articles will be found highly efficient. Wherever possible use such traps as "stop-thief," "kill-um," etc. as these traps kill the animals instantly and give them no chance to escape.

Preparatory to setting traps at the beginning of the season, it is a good idea to go over the line you intend trapping on, estimating the number of traps that will be required, where the best sets are,

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