

**The Fur Trade.**

The New York *Fur Trade Review* says "Business is already extremely active, and the indications are that the consumption will be very large, particularly in the cloak trade. Many articles are in demand, but the skins most largely in request are the astrakhan, mink, skunk, krimmer, moufflons, coney and dyed opossum. The demand for astrakhan constantly exceeds the supply; mink is becoming scarce, and skunk is not abundant; krimmer meets with marked favor, the large curl and light color being most in request. Moufflons sell steadily, and coneys of all varieties are booming. Seal will undoubtedly maintain its leading position."

The Leipzig (Germany) correspondent of the *Fur Trade Review*, writes that journal as follows: "Business during the latter part of May was active, especially in Russian furs; astrakhan is very largely in demand, the United States taking large parcels; there is also considerable speculation, and prices of raw skins in Russia are continually advancing. Persians also continue to sell freely; firm prices are expected at Nijni Novgorod, this year. Marked fluctuations have been noted in grey krimmer: some firms sold very low after the Easter fair, but orders coming forward from America, prices suddenly advanced fully ten per cent.; large curl is preferred. There has been some demand for good ermine. Though the supply is large the request for squirrel tails continues; dark natural tails are preferred; prices are high. Large stocks of squirrel skins are still on hand; it is believed that the supply for next season will be comparatively small. White hares have sold slowly of late. Moufflons, white and in all fancy dyes, have been frequently ordered for America and other countries. Raw and dressed mink is in good request, the demand coming from Russia, Germany and the United States, for cheaper descriptions. Marten is quiet; sea otter, silver fox and fisher have again been taken for Russia. We believe business in American furs would be better were it not for the gross injustice of expelling Jews from Moscow, which it is feared may be greatly extended. Musquash has been taken for Russia and for seal imitation; stocks of finished skins are fairly large; lower grades of musquash are in constant demand. Skunk sells well for wholesale manufacture; best blacks are scarce; original mixed parcels also freely taken. Black and brown bear sell well for rugs with mounted heads. Nutria is in good request; best and lowest grades taken. A new skunk imitation is produced with Japanese fox—it is very good. South American guanaco skins have been offered here; sale slow."

The London (England) correspondent of the *Fur Trade Review*, writes: "The fur trade generally the past month has been very disappointing, as business has not been nearly so brisk as was anticipated, although a steady trade has been done. C. M. Lampson & Co.'s sale resulted as we anticipated, and there is very little alteration in prices to chronicle, for although the now fashionable skunk dropped slightly, when we take into consideration the difference in quality between the goods offered last month and March, the prices ruled very nearly the same. Squirrel lock linings is one of the best articles just now and prices are very firm, Wiatkas fetching from 22s 6d to 24s and good Siberian 26s to 28s, and our impression is that this article will have a good sale, as our manufacturers are lining the fashionable cape with it, and as this garment has become a favorite there is no doubt it will sell throughout the autumn and winter. Squirrel back linings are rather out of favor just now, except the very fine Sakamina goods. Stone and baum marten tails are not selling quite so freely, and prices are a little easier than last month. Persian lambs—Although the sale of this article has improved since our last, yet the demand is nothing to be compared with last year. Dressed and pulled Nutria is being taken up very freely by the mantle houses and some good parcels have changed hands lately. Grey fox—We have a very good opinion of this article and believe it will sell very freely amongst the mantle houses for the autumn trade. Squirrel tail boas—Although the prices are ruling very high, yet there is a steady demand, and they will be fashionable again this winter in spite of the severe competition of the cockfeather boa. There were offered for sale on the 3d inst. 22,000 salted Newfoundland hair seals sorted in the following manner: 12,000 first large whitecoats, which fetched 6s 8d to 6s 9d; 4,200 first small whitecoats, which fetched 6s 1d to 6s 4d, 4,100 second large whitecoats, which fetched 4s 6d, 1,300 second small whitecoats, which fetched 4s 8d to 4s 11d. It is many years since such a large parcel of whitecoats has been offered, and coming as it did after the dearth of skins last year will account for the above prices. These goods came direct from St. Johns, and there is another lot of 63,000 skins advertised for sale on the 24th instant, but these, of course, will not be all whitecoats."

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