

LARGE PRICES PAID FOR FURS

Americans Purchase Largely on London Market, Especially Seal.

LONDON, Feb. 17.—Prices of furs at London fur sales have been so high that scenes at the bidding have been of the wildest. Good chinchilla, which before the war cost 16 shillings a skin now fetches 40 pounds, while fox, before the war, was six or seven pounds, and is now 25 pounds. All the seal on the market was bought by a single American bidder at prices 340 per cent higher than in October last. He outbid everyone else for every skin. "The skins were almost fought for," said the manager of one large international house, "that before the war would have been sold only in Whitechapel. Expensive furs have gone up most but fur houses with high reputation would not have kept on the premises the skins they now are obliged to sell at prices higher than really good furs in 1914."

Sweep Market.

A dominant feature of this week's sales was the determination of the Americans to sweep the market at any price. Prices so far show the following rises percent above last October: Wolverine, chinchilla, stone marten, 100; marten, 75; otter and Russian sable, 50; fisher and lynx, 40; white silver and cross fox, 20 to 25; ermine, 10.

The depreciation on the dollar exchanges is seriously affecting Canadian business here. Harrison Watson, trades commissioner says the only definite comment to be made on it, is that it is holding up business all over. It is much worse than in December when he arrived and will become worse still. Canadian goods are wanted very badly here even at the Canadian demand to trade on the basis of current rate of exchange. Canadian firms are benefitting from the inequality of the American and the Canadian dollar. British buyers are realizing they can buy still cheaper from Canadian firms than United States firms. "As far as Canada is concerned, says Mr. Watson, it is not so serious as it would have been say a year ago. Many large firms have as much home made as they can undertake."

BELL MILK ON BUTTERFAT BASIS

Ontario Minister of Agriculture to Introduce Bill to Protect Farmer.

TORONTO, February 17.—Hon. Manning Doherty, minister of agriculture in the Provincial government, will introduce a bill after the assembly of the house to provide for the sale of milk at wholesale on a butterfat content basis. This will secure the farmer who sells rich milk the full value of his product and will help to eliminate the poor milk which is often offered for sale.

The new bill will provide for the appointment of inspectors to oversee the sales and make sure that the producer receives the correct price.

There is already heard some criticism that this is class legislation by the farmers for their own benefit.

RED DURHAM PASSED AWAY YESTERDAY AT TACOMA OF INFLUENZA

Funerals Were on Way From Usk to Tacoma to Bedside.

Arriving on last night's train en route to Tacoma, having been killed there by the severe illness of his son Fred from an attack of influenza, Charles Durham, of Usk, received the sad news on arrival here that the son had passed away. He continued his journey south on the Chelohsin accompanied by his wife and will arrive in time for the funeral. It was only last week that Mr. Durham received word of the death of his grandchild, the child of the deceased son. Fred Durham was well known in the river, having resided at Usk until recently. The general sympathy of the district will go out to Mr. and Mrs. Durham in their double bereavement.

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Two-color window cards take the eye quickly. See them at the News Job Department.

MANY FINE FURS TAKEN

Indians on Queen Charlottes Out After Pelts for First Time.

MASSET, Feb. 18.—The Indians here have been making good money this winter trapping marten, land otter, black bear and ermine. These are the only fur bearing animals found here and this is the first time that the Indians have realized their value. Owing to the rapid advance in the price of the pelts, something like

one hundred whites and Indians have taken to the woods or gone out in their boats in search of furs.

One of the Prince Rupert dealers recently visited Masset and bought \$3,000 worth of pelts, and this has given added interest to the hunt. While the furs are said to be not quite as good as in the interior of the mainland, owing to the mild climate, they fetch good prices. One Indian here shot thirteen black bear in one week.

Morley Shier and Guy Davis returned from a trip to Anyox and Alice Arm on the Chelohsin last evening.

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