

northern coasts of Canada were in danger of speedy destruction from foreign whalers, and proposed that the Government should adopt measures for their protection. The climate of this region in some places resembles that of western Ontario. As an evidence of the value of this region, the following statement, showing the collections of furs by the Hudson's Bay Company, is inserted here. This information has been courteously supplied by Mr. C. C. Chipman, Commissioner of the company:—

STATEMENT OF THE NUMBER OF FURS AND SKINS SOLD BY THE HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY, LONDON, IN EACH YEAR FROM 1887 TO 1893, INCLUSIVE (COLLECTED IN CANADA IN EACH PREVIOUS YEAR).

| — | 1887. | 1888. | 1889. | 1890. | 1891. | 1892. | 1893. | 1894. |
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| Bear | 8,087 | 9,763 | 9,114 | 11,446 | 10,629 | 13,672 | 11,384 | 9,173 |
| Beaver..... | 83,589 | 102,775 | 82,992 | 73,264 | 64,246 | 56,935 | 56,224 | 46,779 |
| Fisher..... | 4,492 | 6,138 | 5,387 | 6,529 | 5,658 | 5,169 | 4,801 | 4,024 |
| Fox, blue..... | 35 | 72 | 77 | 22 | 38 | 82 | 49 | 34 |
| “ cross..... | 3,185 | 3,821 | 2,899 | 2,862 | 2,457 | 2,740 | 2,640 | 2,970 |
| “ kitt..... | 128 | 250 | 68 | 306 | 856 | 538 | 299 | 203 |
| “ red..... | 11,651 | 17,005 | 14,238 | 11,918 | 13,948 | 11,104 | 11,857 | 15,810 |
| “ silver..... | 827 | 944 | 630 | 638 | 554 | 656 | 598 | 604 |
| “ white..... | 4,102 | 12,978 | 9,353 | 2,805 | 3,704 | 9,390 | 4,679 | 3,227 |
| Lynx..... | 73,850 | 78,555 | 33,706 | 18,712 | 11,445 | 8,294 | 8,614 | 12,813 |
| Marten..... | 50,842 | 72,939 | 64,179 | 72,707 | 64,689 | 73,439 | 99,314 | 108,997 |
| Mink..... | 64,215 | 82,923 | 43,641 | 35,288 | 29,363 | 42,094 | 57,879 | 51,163 |
| Musquash..... | 380,022 | 344,818 | 223,603 | 322,324 | 574,742 | 806,103 | 934,540 | 648,687 |
| Otter, land..... | 8,312 | 11,588 | 8,748 | 9,280 | 8,171 | 9,748 | 8,610 | 7,444 |
| “ sea..... | 10 | 9 | 11 | 15 | 9 | 6 | 8 | 11 |
| Seal, fur..... | 1,846 | 179 | 737 | 482 | 279 | 932 | 8,491 | 44,086 |
| Skunk..... | 10,920 | 16,322 | 11,297 | 10,680 | 12,583 | 10,642 | 9,182 | 6,785 |
| Wolf..... | 1,136 | 4,749 | 3,325 | 2,474 | 4,237 | 1,684 | 1,551 | 2,037 |
| Wolverine..... | 1,226 | 2,439 | 2,008 | 2,243 | 1,388 | 1,140 | 1,009 | 880 |

140. The province of British Columbia occupies the mountainous district extending to the Pacific Ocean from the western edge of the prairie country east of the Rocky Mountains. The general surface of the country is broken, consisting of short ranges, detached groups of mountains, elevated plateaux and many valleys of various extent. Timber, minerals of unknown value and an apparently inexhaustible supply of fish are the principal natural sources of its wealth, but as the climate is delightful and extremely favourable for rapid growth, agriculture is making great progress.

141. There is probably more misconception about the climate of Canada than about that of any other known country, the idea entertained by many persons in Europe and elsewhere being that perpetual winter reigns. In reality the climate of Canada is dry, healthy and invigorating, and owing to the great area of the country, extending over 20 degrees of latitude, or from the latitude of Constantinople to the North Pole, has a wide range of temperature. The extreme dryness of the atmosphere, however, makes both cold and heat less acutely felt than the readings of the thermometer would lead people to expect. In the Maritime Provinces the climate somewhat