LITTLE DROP IS ANTICIPATED IN JAN. FUR SALES

Silver Fox Pelts Are Expected to Bring Good Prices This Month; The December Sales Were Encouraging.

According to reports given by local silver fox fur dealers and breeders it is expected that the January sales on both the London and Montreal markets will not decrease much and that the prices will remain almost as high, if not as high as those in December which was an encouraging month for people who are in the business. The sale on the Montreal market opened this morning and it is reported that eleven thousand pelts are to be sold. The London market for this month will open on the twenty-third.

During the December sales in Montreal, which lasted for five days, an average of $31.35 was received for the medium grade of pelt, while the higher grades brought as much as $40. Eighteen thousand pelts were sold in all. The percentage of improvement from the sales of 1931 for same month was set at 8 per cent.

A higher price was received on the London market during December than on the Montreal market. High grade pelts brought in as much as $58 while the average was slightly below that. The higher price was due to the fact that the market, as a whole, was better and also because the present rate of exchange between the dollar and the pound sterling is in favor of Canadian dealers.

Expect Drop

It is expected that the end of the month will see a falling off of sales and prices but nothing of that nature is looked for now. The entire situation during he past few months has been very encouraging and while the breeders are not operating at a great profit they are making more than they did a year ago when the business was not on a profitable basis.

CITY AFFAIRS

Was Taken Ill

Friends will regret to learn that Gnuy L. Lamson was taken ill, while at his work on Saturday and was confined to bed on Sunday. Today he is improved and able to be up and around.

Escaping Pair Were Caught

Harold Barton and Ray Fulton of Minto, who escaped from the Queen's County jail at Gagetown Saturday night, was apprehended in their flight at Ripples last night by Corporal Love and Constable Hanson of the R. C. M. P. Barton and Fulton were serving time following convictions on charges of breaking and entering.

Exchanged Pulpits

Ven. Archdeacon A. F. Bate was the speaker at the services of St. Peter's Church, Springhill yesterday. He exchanged the pulpits with Rev. Mr. Buckland, the latter speaking at the Parish Church. Rev. C. LeRoi Mooers and Rev. Mr. Alexander were present at the services of Christchurch Cathedral, on Sunday.

Graded Schools Reopen

The Common schools of this city, reopened this morning after the two weeks' Chistmas and New Year's holiday period. The usual routine of work was begun for the second term of the year. The University of New Brunswick will resume lectures beginning tomorrow morning, as will the Provincial Normal School. Students of both these latter institutions are arriving back in the city to resume their studies.

Spoke To Commercial Men

Rev. J. W. Bartlett, pastor of Wilmot United Church held a special service on Sunday night for commercial travellers, business men and salespeople of the city, his subject being appropriate. About sixty of the above attended in a body, occupying the centres aisles of the church. There was a large attendance and the sermon was an interesting one.

HEAVY DAMAGE IN FIRES HERE OVER WEEK-END

Firemen Had Busiest Day in Years Sunday; Dairy Depot Damage is $2,000—Insurance Adjusters Here.

Five fires, which occurred within nine hours of each other, caused damage to the amount of $5,000 and gave firemen the busiest day of the current winter here on Sunday. The weather was bitter cold and a deterrent factor to the fire-fighters.

The worst fire of the day occurred at the Dairy Depot on King st., where a blaze of yet undetermined origin broke out at 4.20 o'clock Sunday morning, gutted and smoked the interior of the building and caused damage estimated at close to $2,000. William Johnston, owner, stated yesterday that the dairy would operate as usual. He said that the loss was covered by insurance.

Cause Unknown

How the fire started is unknown, though the owner thinks it might have got a start near an inside flight of stairs. Dairy equipment, including files, desks and other stock in trade were damaged.

D. M. Hope and D. A. Grant, Saint John, fire insurance adjusters arrived here this morning and, together with Fire Chief Karl A. Walker, investigated the premises of the dairy. They were unable to secure any evidence which would determine how the blaze started. The supposition of defective wiring was ruled out this morning by Fire Chief Walker, who thought that it might have been caused by an old rag or cigarette stub. The insurance adjusters are continuing their enquiry this afternoon and it is expected that H. H. McLellan, chief provincial fire marshal, will arrive here today to investigate other fires which occurred here on Sunday.

The second most serious outbreak of the day occurred at the building owned and occupied by Miss Mary Minue on the second floor, and Mrs.

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APPEAL TO BE MADE IN LOCAL THEFT CASE

Judgment by Magistrate Limerick in Atherton-Watson Case To Be Appealed Before the Supreme Court.

The sentence of three years in the penitentiary with ten lashes of the cat-o'-nine-tails that was imposed by Magistrate Limerick on Robert Watson and Thomas Atherton will be appealed before the Supreme Court of Appeals, according to Leo F. Cain, who has been retained in the case. The sentence was given by the magistrate following a trial in which the two boys were foud guilty of robbing, with violence, Fred S. Murray on the night of December 17th.

At present Watson and Atherton are in the York County jail awaiting their transference to the Dorchester penitentiary. They were tried on Dec. 30th and sentenced on Jan. 4th, and were taken to the jail immediately after. Thirty days is the amount of time that is usually spent in jail by the convicted before being taken to the penitentiary and in that length of time notice of appeal may be filed, which has been done in this case. The appeal will be made before the February sitting of the Supreme Court and in the meantime the boys will be held in custody here.

The grounds of appeal are that there was not sufficient evidence to warrant the conviction. There will probably be other grounds as well. The evidence given at the trial before Magistrate Limerick was circumstantial but whether or not there was enough reasonable doubt is a question that remains with the courts. The magistrate found that there was sufficient evidence to warrant a conviction and, evidently, that there was not enough doubt. Copies of the evidence will be before the court of appeal and it will be for them to decide whether or not the magistrate was justified.

Matthew J. Riley of Ne wYork is in the city today and is a guest of the Queen hotel.

Edgecombe's January Clearance Sale Continues with Store Opportunities for Saving

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