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MEMORANDUM TO Mr. Cheesman, Biological Survey

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"VANISHING FUR BEARERS"
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Chief of Press Service.

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VANISHING FUR BEARERS

For the past two seasons of trapping, the fur catch in this country has declined at an alarming rate, says the Biological Survey of the United States Department of Agriculture. The 1925-26 catch was 20 per cent less than in the previous year and in the 1926-27 season the decline was even greater.

"If trappers continue to disregard the fur laws," says Paul G. Redington, chief of the Survey, "and to trap out of season, more and more species will be reduced below the point where it is profitable to take them. If States do not take the steps needed for protection of their stocks of fur animals, the revenue from this source is sure to diminish and, of far greater import, many of the former suitable haunts of these valuable and interesting animals will know them no more. The main requisite is a recognition of the fact that trapping should be allowed only during the period of prime fur and should not include the breeding season."

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