

of 4-5 a litter. Seven is a large litter.

On April 15 one can see small rats squatting on the den.

First of April they drop their young.

I trapped eight days at West Jordan and netted \$448 twelve years ago. Did not have enough traps, only 60. Price of rats \$1.50 to \$2.00.

I have sold many rats in early days for three cents for kits and five cents for large rats.

When the lake lowered it forced the rats into the intake ditches where they were soon caught out.

Boys in their trapping destroy many rat dens (Elmer Carter and Bill Baxter (George's boy) Baker, Carter. Kill 12 to get 1.

March 6, 1937. Claud Carter, Prove, Utah. Approx 49 years of age.

About 1897 Parley Carter caught 130 rats in one day.

Two men would average about 3,000 a season. Robert Bee was paying top nine cents for rats at that time.

There were about 15 trappers on the lake (Utah) in 1897.

Father trapped upper end north of Mud Lake and Egg Island towards old Lake Resort. Would net 5,000 rats a season from October first to March fifteenth.

My best season for rats was 1897.

April 27, 1938. D.A. Johnson.

I used a funnel trap very successfully catching eight rats in one night. Made of netting three feet long. Funnel 1 foot deep with eight inch opening at large end. Trap was immersed two thirds in water at edge of the stream. Traps were barrel shape two feet in diameter. Rats would never fight.

March 5, 1937. Stephen Bee. A pioneer trapper and fur buyer of Prove: Age 81 years.

Twenty seven thousand furs of all kinds were bought in one season. Do not know for certain the year.

Other buyers were James Dunn, William Freshwater and later Jews from Salt Lake came into the region.

In early days muskrats were thick--I could step from den to den.

Otter were never plentiful, several a season was the average catch.

March 5, 1937. Robert G. Bee.

Probably the early nineties. I was eight years old at that time and can remember well the immense purchases made by father and Uncle Steve. I helped pack hundreds of rats skins in bundles of 25 to be shipped to N.Y. market.

The above statements refer to:

Ondatra zibethica osoyoosensis.

Mustela vison energumenes.

Lutra canadensis nexa.

Mephitis occidentalis major.

Martes caurina origenes.

Castor canadensis frondator.

Canis latrans lestes.