

Appendix F. Value of Goods in terms of Beaver Skins

Piece common blue cloth	40	Silverware	
Brasse HB cloth	4	10 pair small earrings	1
“ scarlet “	6	10 pair medium earrings	1
“ calico “	2	15 pair large brooches	1
Blankets 3 pts	5	20 small hair brooches	1
“ 2 ½ “	4	1 large double cross	2
“ 2 “	3	1 medium cross	1
“ 1 ½ “	2	1 pair large armlets	6
“ 1 “	1	1 pair medium armlets	4
Capots 4 ells	5	Entire pieces	
“ 3 ½ “	4	1 keg, doublestreth	40
“ 3 “	3	1 keg, powder	50
“ 2 ½ “	2 ½	1 sack bullets	40
“ 2 “	2	1 sack, beaver shot	50
“ 1 ½ “	1 ½	1 roll snuff tobacco	60
“ 1 “	1	1 gun	10
Roll of braid	2	1 trap	5
Skein of wool	2	Ironmongery	
Laced cap	2	1 pair spearheads	1
Chief's coat	8	1 half ax	2
Chief's shirt	2	1 tomahawk	1
hat	2	Utensils and tools	
Plume for hat	1	1 large ax	3
Small children's shirt	1	1 augar	1
Black silk handkerchief	2	1 hoe	1
Package white porcelain beads	4	1 padlock	1
4 large knives	1	1 spigot	1
2 fine knives	1	1 quart pot	}
6 steel strikers	1	1 chopine pot	
1 dozen awls	1	1 ½ chopine pot	}
6 horn combs	1	1 gill measure	
3 boxwood combs	1	1 dram measure	2
Roll of snare wire	6	1 brass kettle	}
Pack of cards	1	1 tin kettle	
1 box of burning glasses	2	Provisions	
Piece of ribbon	3	corn per bushel	4
Looking glass	1	wild rice per bushel	5
1 breech clot	1	mocock maple sugar (40#)	4
Steel boxes	1	Misc.	
25 needles	1	1 carot tobacco	5
1 dozen sleigh bells	1	1 brasse tobacco	2
1 dozen rings	1	1 lb vermilion	3
1 pair scarlet leggings	2	1 small wide mouth kettle	2

Source: MHS interpretation guide for Pine City post [roughly for 1804-05]

An “ell” is generally 45 inches long (one arm’s length pull of cloth) by however wide the cloth is woven.

Note: Although the cost of goods to the Company varied over time, Indians traded for the utility of the item – the utility of an ax did not change over time.

Value of Hides in Relation to Made Beavers

Badger	1/2
Bear Old	3
Middling	2
Cub	1
Castorum	2
Deer, buck	1
Doe	1/2
Fisher, large	1
Common	1/2
Foxes, cross	2
Grizzled	3
Red	1
Martin, prime	1/2
Common	1/3
Mink	1/2
Moose	2
Muskrat	1/10
Otter, prime	2
Common	1
Cub	1
Rabbits	1/8
Skunks	1/2
Squirrel	1/21
Wolf	1
Wolverines	1/2

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