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How many reasons are needed?

It was with interest that I read the letters over the past few weeks about wearing furs.

Martin Green seems to agree that there are reasons for not wearing fur. He states them in his letter of Feb. 17: that unintended animal victims are caught in traps; that killing methods are inhumane; and that wearing fur is absolutely unnecessary.

However, he says he still remains unconvinced. I wonder how many other reasons he needs?

The arguments he presents against the antifur letters are spurious and misleading. The *intentional* exploitation, use and abuse of animals for the financial benefit and vanity of just a few people is an entirely different matter from that of animals being *unintentionally* killed on roads, and animals living and dying in a natural life cycle in their environment.

Would Green also agree with and support other industries and trades that exist and grow fat and wealthy on the exploitation, pain and suffering of other living, sentient beings — the slave trade, child labor, the arms trade, the exotic animal trade, the ivory trade, to name a few?

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Fur production helps some

One of the arguments used by the letter writers against wearing fur is that it is an unnecessary luxury in today's world. This is a particularly narrow and inaccurate view of fur production and processing.

It is important to remember that producing furs provides a livelihood in varying degrees to a large number of Northern people who have families to feed, taxes to pay and who seek to retain a distinctive culture, which at present derives strength and purpose from harvesting the few resources available to them.

Among these trappers are large numbers of native people who certainly do not live luxurious lives and who do not have alternative means of making a living.

Readers should be aware that many of these people make use of the animals they kill as food as well as a source of income, and that government regulations, in Canada at least, require the use of recently developed traps that kill instantly.

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