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The conventional dress of the Yachtsman is the Double Breasted Coat of Blue Serge or a Twill Clay made with eyelets so that Club buttons may be detached and when he is ashore may be substituted and plain buttons used.

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Mercantile Summary.

THE greatest activity prevails in the building line in Vancouver, according to advices from that city, and it is asserted that there is not another city on the American continent which can be used as a just comparison on which the same amount of improvements are being carried out. Buildings valued at over a million dollars are in course of construction, while some compute that the two-million-dollar-mark will be reached.

A LITTLE more than two years ago Lang & Kemp started in the retail dry goods trade, at Ottawa, succeeding Allen & Co. They attempted a business somewhat beyond their capital, and last January obtained an extension on liabilities of about \$25,000, spread over 12 months. This arrangement, however, has not apparently afforded the ease desired, and their assignment is now reported.—Another failure reported from the same city is that of W. A. Smallwood, a young druggist, who only began business a year ago.

THE secretary of different British Columbia Boards of Trade has been instructed to write the Comptroller of Customs, Ottawa, with regard to the "memorandum of information and instruction respecting the British preferential tariff," which was passed on the 11th of July; "that this board do ask the Government to extend the time for the new form of declaration to come into force, from the 1st of September, 1898, to the 1st of October, 1898, as at present the merchants of British Columbia who did not get notice of the change till the end of July, have no time to get the new declaration form, before the present form becomes of no use, and therefore will not be able to urge the benefits of the preferential tariff; it being also understood that after the 1st of September, merchants not having had time to get the proper declaration form will have to pay the full duty and will not be allowed to put in a refund for the difference of duty, even if the proper declaration form is obtained afterwards."

THERE was quite a collection of lumbermen at the Russell House last evening, says the Ottawa Journal of the 23rd inst., a fact which was remarked by the many who frequented the rotunda during the early part of the evening. There were nine in all of the most extensive lumbermen in Canada and the United States. They seemed all surprised at meeting one another, and during the evening were settled down in groups of three and four, chatting over the past, present and future of the lumber trade. Those who were among the number were: W. M. Graves, of Chicago; A. P. Wills, New York; W. Cox, of Cox & Co., Liverpool; Edson Fitch, of Quebec; C. H. Palmer, of Akwell; E. C. Whitney, of Whitney, Ont.; H. K. Egan, of Ottawa; A. Sharples, of Sharples & Co., Quebec; and A. H. Buel, of Burlington, Vt. It was thought by many that some large deal must be pending when these magnates of the lumber business were collected. It was found on investigation, however, that the meeting was by accident.

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