

firms in Canada, having branches in Toronto, London and Brantford, center in Hamilton. The large house of Buchanan, Harris & Co., in stability and wealth, second to few in America, has ramifications in Canada, New York, and Glasgow. Brown, Gillespie & Co., do an extensive wholesale grocery trade in the Western section of the Province, and command a position of the very highest standing. Kerr, Brown & Co., do a very large general trade, and Messrs. Sanford, McInnes & Co., employ 400 operatives to supply them with ready-made clothing, which they sell by wholesale. The other wholesale firms which command notice, are D. McInnes & Co., dry goods; Boice & Cromwell, dry goods; McKeand, Brother & Co., dry goods; R. Juson & Co., hardware; Young, Law & Co., dry goods; J. McIntyre & Co., groceries; F. W. Gates & Co., dry goods; G. J. Forster & Co., groceries; J. & J. Turner, groceries; J. Cummings & Co., crockery; Hilton Brothers, hardware; J. P. Walker & Co., hardware; Wood & Leggatt, hardware; Winer & Co., drugs; T. Bickle & Son; wholesale and retail drugs and medicines. The retail business of the city is also very extensive, but it is in manufactures that Hamilton pre-eminently excels.

THE FELT HAT FACTORY of Messrs. Higby, Woodruff & Co., situated at the eastern limits of the city, is one of the most important manufacturing establishments in Canada. Not fewer than 150 persons, male and female, are constantly employed in the manufacture of Felt Hats; and the success which has so far attended the enterprise promises much in the future. It was only last year that the factory was put in operation, previous to which felt hats had to be imported from New York or Europe. The factory turns out from thirty-five to forty dozen hats every day, for which a home market is readily found. The firm uses 100,000 lbs of the finest wool, 500 cords of wood, 600 tons of coal, 10,000 skins, and 200 bbls of alcohol per annum. The average wages of employees \$2.00 per day. The value of the work manufactured in a year amounts to about \$150,000.

MESSRS. R. M. WANZER & Co's SEWING MACHINE MANUFACTORY, also started last year, bids for a fair share of public patronage. About fifty mechanics are constantly employed on the Wheeler & Wilson, and Singer, and Combination Family Shuttle Machines, a rapid sale for which is always attainable, within the limits of the Province. Mr. Wanzer has established agencies in all the principal places in Canada West, by means of which his business is rapidly increasing. The sewing machine is among the permanent institutions of the day. Messrs. Rogers Brothers, Messrs. Moran Brothers, and the Messrs. Dale, manufacture sewing machines in the city, and merit a liberal patronage. Messrs. Rogers Brothers manufacture under a Canadian patent.

MESSRS. E. & C. GURNEY, John street, employ about sixty-four men in carrying on the business of an extensive foundry. The firm uses 1,000 tons of pig iron and 300 tons of coal per annum. Their annual income from the business is stated by themselves at \$100,000.