

INGERSOLL BOARD OF TRADE.

At the annual meeting of the Ingersoll Board of Trade the following were elected as officers for the ensuing year: Mr. Stephen Noxon was chosen president, the other officers being: First vice-president, Dr. McKay, M.P.P.; 2nd vice-president, H. Richardson; secretary, W. H. Jones; treasurer, W. B. Nellis. The members of the council are as follows: John Podmore, W. H. Jones, A. Frezelle, A. N. Christopher, T. Seldon, J. C. Hegler, Jas. Gibson, Dr. Williams, S. Noxon, John Gayfer, O. E. Robinson, A. H. Ellis, John Morrow, W. Partlo, Dr. McKay, D. White, R. Miller, H. Richardson, M. T. Buchanan, Jas. Stevens, W. K. Sumner. The greater part of the time of the meeting was devoted to the discussion of arrangements for the reception of the Western Dairymen's Association, as this association will hold their annual meeting in Ingersoll this year. A communication was also read from the Woodstock Board of Trade, asking for united action in the matter of placing the discount on American silver 20 per cent.

CALIFORNIA MIDWINTER EXPOSITION.

An official announcement is made by Hon. H. H. Markham, the Governor of California, under date 6th September, that an International Exposition will be held in San Francisco, opening on 1st January, 1894. The pride of Californians is aroused to make this a noteworthy event. It has the official endorsement of the United States Congress, which gives permission to all foreign exhibits to enter that country free of duty.

Commissioners have been appointed representing twenty-five nations who are expected to be exhibitors, and doubtless the people of the United States will not be behindhand in doing their share in this direction. Among those desiring concessions are the Esquimaux Village, a Viennese Prater, the German Village of the Midway Plaisance, the Colorado Mining Exhibit, an Electrical Theatre, a Hunter's Hall. Costa Rica will have a building of its own. Switzerland, Russia, Roumania, Germany, Mexico, Spain, are among the countries taking part.

The San Francisco Board of Trade expresses its approval of the enterprise, and bespeaks for it cordial support. It is announced that the buildings are going up rapidly, and, short though the time is, the energy and public spirit of the residents on the Pacific slope may be relied upon to keep faith with the public that all will be ready. To Canadians who wish to take a winter holiday in a smiling land this Fair offers the attractions of artistic novelty in addition to the delights of climate and scenery. The grounds will be illuminated with electricity and gas as early as the middle of December.

ITEMS FOR DRY GOODS MERCHANTS.

Continued mild weather has had a serious effect upon the wholesale and retail dry goods trade, and colder weather would be welcome.

Manufacturers have declared an advance of from 5 to 10 per cent. on velveteens. This will, however, not immediately affect the trade here, as most wholesale houses now carry sufficient stocks of these goods.

A conference between the buyers and sellers at the Melbourne wool sales respecting the insistence by the latter of cash before delivery has proved resultless, the disputants being

unable to agree, and the sales have in consequence been postponed indefinitely.

Some shipments of Pongee silks have been received by Toronto houses this week, and in old rose, moss green, pink, sky and gold colors. They are very pretty.

For some time serpentine braids have been in demand. As a result, these goods are very scarce, and some houses find it impossible to fill their orders. Braids of straight patterns are in as good demand, but stocks held here are much larger. Brown and navy colors in both straight and serpentine braids are most popular—we are told.

In velveteens, green colors ran from early spring to August, but since that time, browns and the more staple shades of fawns, navies, grays and myrtles have come more into prominence.

Merchants are expecting great activity in fabric gloves as soon as the weather becomes colder. The improvement in the manufacture of cashmere gloves has of late been marked, and they are now not only more serviceable, but also more satisfactory in finish.

The building occupied by the Montmorency Cotton Mills Company will be enlarged by the addition of a two-story extension eighty feet square.

The Wyoming Woollen Mills are to undergo extensive repairs and alterations.

The wincey mill at Paris has shut down for two weeks, during which time repairs will be made.

In Sherbrooke, Que., the Paton Woollen Mills are closed this week for repairs.

The semi-annual meeting of the New England Cotton Manufacturers' Association will be held at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston, on October 25th.

Electric light plants have been placed in the mills of the Hochelaga Cotton Co. at Montreal, the Dominion Blanket Co. at Beauharnois, Que., and the Schofield Woollen Co. at Oshawa.

"A marked feature," says the *Financial Chronicle*, speaking of the dry goods trade in the United States, "is the continued indifference on the part of the buyers towards making provision for spring. In an ordinary season agents handling dress goods, gingham, white goods, and fine printed specialties, have had their mills placed well under contract for spring by the middle of October. This year they have, practically, yet to make a start, as the best any of them can report is the receipt of a limited number of little, if anything, better than sample orders."

Heavier lines of hosiery are now in demand, but the movement is not as large as it should be in the last week of October. Fancy hosiery has never become popular here, but in New York manufacturers are making determined efforts to introduce these goods. Speaking of fancy hosiery the *Dry Goods Economist* says: The advance samples which are now in New York are certainly more attractive than ever, and silk hose with lace fronts and embroidered in the richest qualities are so choice that they are likely to give an impetus to the use of these goods, especially in white, cream and blacks. In some colored fancies in velvet-pile effects imported by a prominent concern, gold, black, cardinal and bronze are freely used in combinations, and in these fine goods are very handsome.

A. McFie, manager for British Columbia of the Federal Life Company, is dead.

INSURANCE MATTERS.

In noticing the visit to Vancouver of Mr. W. S. Hodgins, general agent for the Ontario Mutual Life Insurance Co., the *News-Advertiser* says he has appointed Mr. W. H. Goodwin agent in Vancouver for the Ontario Mutual.

We learn from the *Chicago Inter-Ocean* that Gilbert R. Kearley, for fourteen years past with John C. Paige, of Boston, and for the past ten years as special agent of Mr. Paige's fire insurance companies, has resigned to accept a position as assistant to E. D. Lacy, of Montreal, resident manager for Canada of the Imperial Fire Insurance Company of London. Mr. Kearley will remove to Montreal and assume his new duties about Dec. 1st, 1893.

Mr. Stanley Henderson has been appointed manager for the Mainland of British Columbia for the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, by their general agents for the Pacific coast, Messrs. A. B. Forbes & Son, of San Francisco. It is said that Mr. Henderson has had a large experience in this line of business, and is thoroughly conversant with the province.

We learn from the *St. Thomas Times* that Frederick J. Baillie, professing to represent the Preferred Accident Insurance Company, of New York, succeeded in getting \$12 from a medical man in that city, premium on a \$5,000 policy. He also got sums from various other people. The policies failing to arrive, the company was communicated with, and the cheering information received that Baillie is an importer and fraud, whose victims were scattered all over Canada and the United States.

The Mutual Life Company, of New York, publishes the following amusing letter:—Aug. 12 1893.

To the Mutual life Ins co
I was Agt for a Rochester N. Y 5c Ins co of New Jersey for a short time, but Mr. ———the Gen Agt was one of those sour crusty overbearing Men that wanted all & as soon as one of his sub. Agt wanted his commision off went his Head. Since I have been here I have thought a Good many times of writing to Headquarters for an Agency Down Hear I think It could be worked to good advantage There is lots of Black children & more a coming. I can Give you Reference To one of your Banks If you wish it if I start It here let me Hear from you at once

Address Florida.

The Toledo, Ohio, Fire Underwriters association has elected the following officers: President, A. C. Osborne; vice-president, O. A. Forbes; treasurer, John D. Irving; secretary and surveyor, Charles M. Lang; executive committee, John S. Kountz, W. C. Crabbs, V. Braun, Harry Haynes, W. H. Whitaker, Judd Richardson, and L. W. Frost.

The directors of the *Ætna Insurance Company* of Hartford have chosen James F. Dudley, hitherto secretary, to be vice-president; William H. King is promoted to the secretaryship, Egbert O. Weeks to the first assistant secretaryship, and F. W. Jenness, for the past five years special agent of the company in New York, becomes second assistant secretary.

The Connecticut state board of equalization has raised the price of certain insurance stocks, i. e., the valuation upon which to levy state taxes, as follows, per share: Hartford Fire Insurance Company, \$285 to \$300; Phoenix Insurance Company, Hartford, \$150