

doubtless compete in these departments with the closest trade.

Robert McPhail, King-street, also continues to supply an assortment of fancy goods, and in connection with his long established trade in school books and stationery, no doubt he can sell to good advantage.

James Campbell, Toronto-street, wholesale bookseller and stationer, also supplies a variety of fancy goods.

F. E. Gunther, King-street, supplies fancy goods, and does a good trade in jewellery and watch materials.

J. G. Joseph & Co. are a firm of long standing; they supply watches, jewellery, and silver-plate, wholesale and retail, on the best terms.

Joseph Robinson & Co., J. E. Ellis, H. Jackson, and S. G. Levey, are all importing houses, holding large and well selected stocks.

Russell Bro., watchmakers and importers, have also opened an office on Toronto-street, where, no doubt, they can supply a good article advantageously. They are a highly respectable Liverpool house.

Henry Nerlich has constantly increased his facilities, and has a healthy and growing trade in fancy goods, jewellery, and German cigars.

August Dallas, York-street, has always a large stock of the best class of fancy goods and wood-ware, which he offers to the trade on reasonable terms.

#### GARDEN AND FIELD SEEDS.

The year has been a prosperous one for the growing trade in seeds. Not only has there been a larger quantity used, the growth of root crops especially increasing, but we have produced more than ever before of many seeds that were formerly altogether imported. The great body of retail traders have been hitherto supplied by representatives of New York State Nurseries, and large sums of money were annually sent out of the country for seeds which were often unsuited to the climate, and not unfrequently of wretched quality and of low grade. The production of seeds in our own country and by men whose reputation is of the highest character, is there a boon to farmers and gardeners, in addition to the advantages resulting from the employment of labour and the retention of money in the Province.

The features of the year are the increased importation of improved qualities of turnip and Belgian carrot seeds, and the introduction of European grasses for fodder, such as rye grass and orchard grass, well known in England, and the Alsike clover, a Swedish plant, hardy and well adapted for Canadian winter, and what is better, much more permanent and lasting than that hitherto in use. It also ripens in good time for mowing with timothy. Our dealers possess the best facilities for the growth of all seeds capable of being produced in Canada, and have made arrangements for the importation of English, French and German descriptions of the best qualities and on the most advantageous.

Messrs. James Fleming & Co, seedsmen to the Provincial Agricultural Association, are the leading dealers in Canada, and have a thorough knowledge of the trade, with life-long experience. Their reputation is among the best. In their new premises in the Agricultural Hall, corner of Queen and Yonge streets, they are in constant receipt of the best grades of all descriptions of seeds, and have always on hand a full stock of the lighter kinds of garden tools and implements.

Mr. J. A. Simmers is also well known as a dealer whose seeds are reliable and whose facilities are excellent for importing.

Messrs. Lyman, Elliott & Co the extensive Druggists, are also large importers and dealers in garden and field seeds. We need hardly say that the high respectability of this firm is a guarantee that their seeds are of the best quality.

Messrs. Charles Dawben & Co. of Ingersoll, intend making this their headquarters hereafter, we believe. Their specialty is a first class of turnip, carrot and mangel seeds. The seeds are grown under the personal supervision of one of the firm, on the magnificent ten lands in Cambridgeshire, England, and are imported directly to this Province. The firm are well known to our largest general dealers, and their productions have for some years given every satisfaction.

#### THE RAILWAYS.

The railways centering in Toronto have had a moderately prosperous year, as will be seen from the tables we present below. The Grand Trunk, under the management of Mr. Brydges, has continued steadily to augment its earnings, and notwithstanding only a very partial movement of the crop in the autumn, a very respectable increase in receipts is shown. But it is not so much in this as in the reduction of expenses that an improvement will be evinced. Not only is there a considerable diminution in the cost of running the road, but its efficiency has been largely increased, and the public generally are benefited in consequence. In our notice of the grain and flour trade we have referred to the improved facilities which are afforded for the movement of the winter's accumulations of produce, and we are glad to know that special attention is now given to the development of the local traffic. In this effort, as in everything else pertaining to the best interests of the road, Mr. Brydges has an excellent assistant in Mr. C. R. Christie, the Superintendent of the Toronto and Detroit district, than whom none could give business closer or more prompt attention.

We are sorry, however, to say that, notwithstanding improvements in many respects, a very great injustice is done to Toronto in favouring Montreal, in relation to rates of produce freight. We may instance that while it costs 6c per bushel for wheat from Guelph to Toronto, a distance of 50 miles, it is carried from Guelph to Montreal,