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Dominion.—The Elite Costume Co., Limited, Montreal. Capital, \$40,000. To carry on the business of dealers in, and manufactures of, ladies' skirts and outer garments, etc. Harris Wener, Samuel Wener, Zelig Wener, Allan R. Oughtree and E. Tobias, of Montreal.

Ontario.—The Ideal Women's Wear, Limited, Toronto. Capital, \$40,000. To manufacture, sell and deal in women's and children's wear of every description, and to acquire the business of the "McKay Manufacturing Company." John Tanner, F. F. Allison, Catharine L. Woodruff, T. H. Barton, and A. C. McMaster, of Toronto.—E. Van Allen & Co., Limited, Hamilton. Capital, \$100,000. To manufacture and deal in textile fabrics, particularly shirts, collars, cuffs and other clothing, and to acquire the business of E. Van Allen & Co. Eli Van Allen, W. Southam, C. S. Scott, G. Lynch, Staunton, and Clara Van Allen, of Hamilton.—The Brantford Hosiery Co., Limited, Brantford. Capital, \$75,000. To manufacture, buy, sell and deal both at wholesale and retail in knitted hosiery and underwear. Frank Cockshutt, R. J. Strauss, Nora V. Cockshutt, J. H. Hines, and E. Sweet, of Brantford.—The Ontario Government have issued a license to the Geigy Aniline and Extract Co., of New York, to manufacture, import and sell anilines, dyestuffs, colors and chemicals. Capital, \$40,000. T. D. Wardlaw, Toronto, is appointed attorney.

The annual meeting of the Paton Manufacturing Company, of Sherbrooke, was held on February 24th in Montreal. The reports and statements presented were satisfactory, and the following board was elected: Lord Strathcona, Hon. Robert Mackay, D. Forbes Angus, Robert Brodie, Jonathan Hodgson, George Hyde, George M. Loy, M.P.; Robert Reford and John Turnbull. At a subsequent meeting, John Turnbull was elected president and managing director, and the Hon. Robert Mackay, vice-president.

The leading manufacturers of cloth, silk and cotton goods in Venice, Italy, some of whose places of business were opened all Sunday, have undertaken to close their workshops, warehouses, shops, and offices from Saturday night till Monday morning, and so to observe in its entirety the Day of Rest. Some time ago resolutions were passed by the Sunday Closing Societies urging upon Parliament the immediate passing of the Sunday Closing Acts. All over Italy an agitation in favor of the observance of Sunday is being systematically carried on, and with good results.

Henry A. Moore, of Worcester, Mass., has made a proposition to the Sherbrooke city council, to acquire the plant of the defunct Dominion Carpet Co. This company is prepared to purchase the property, to instal new machinery, and to agree to run the business for five years, paying \$20,000 a year in wages. The company would also enter into a bond for \$10,000, subject to a reduction of \$2,000, for each \$20,000 paid in wages. The city is asked for exemption from all taxes, except school taxes, for ten years, such exemption to be extended for a further ten years, if the pay roll is doubled; also a bonus of 2½ per cent. on the wages paid. The city council have decided to accept this offer subject to the following amendments: That not less than \$25,000 per annum be paid in wages, and that the taxes due by the old company, about \$2,000, together with the costs of litigation in the matter, be paid.