

DRY GOODS NOTES.

Cotton rope has advanced a little, and the price is now about 15 to 16c. per pound. Window cord is quoted at 26 to 30c., according to quality.

The Montreal Cotton Company has elected Mr. Charles Garth, president, to succeed the late Mr. A. F. Gault. Mr. S. H. Ewing was elected vice-president, and Messrs. Hamilton Gault, and H. Markland Molson, directors.

Prices for wool in the Boston, Mass., market continue very firm, though some of the mills are holding off purchasing in the expectation that lower prices must prevail before long; as a result, there is no speculative purchasing.

The Sea Island cotton crop for 1902-3, is figured at 105,955 bales, or 22,281 bales more than that of 1901-2. The largest previous crop was in 1896-7, when it was 104,557 bales. All this year's output has already gone into consumption, including a small quantity left over from last year. This year's production is a little off color on account of continued rains, but all grades have a uniformly good staple.

John Macdonald & Co., Toronto, who are the regular agents for Crum's prints, have secured a lot at a price which will enable them to sell them to the trade at the old price of 10c. per yard. Owing to the state of the cotton market, the manufacturers are likely to advance the price of such goods at any time, and when the stock of the above house is exhausted it will be unable to supply the goods at present low prices.

The Calico Printers' Association, of Great Britain, find themselves in possession of a surplus of £380,000, after making provision for interest on debentures, and placing £50,000 on the reserve fund for closed works. This is a new story, for in the year ending December 31st, 1901, there was a shortage of £106,000 on the amount required to pay debenture interest. The profit for the last half-year appears to have amounted to £160,180, a dividend of 2½ per cent. was declared.

INDUSTRIAL ENTERPRISE.

The Manitoulin Portland Cement Co., Windsor, with a capital of \$1,000,000, has secured an Ontario charter. Among the provisional directors are Messrs. T. G. Ellis, of Windsor, and H. G. Field, of Detroit.

Messrs. Givan, Sherry, and Patrick have sold their coal property, at Maccan, N.S., the Jubilee mine, to Walter M. Magee, and a party of Boston capitalists. The mine at present produces between 30 and 40 tons of butiminous coal per day. The new owners will add modern machinery and develop it so as to produce 500 tons per day.

The Concentrated Flake Potato Co., of Janesville, Wis., contemplates putting up a branch at Stratford, Ont. It will put up potatoes for the market in a shape very similar to breakfast foods; the process used being the invention of Mr. Frank Bunyan, formerly of Stratford, and recently manager of the company in Janesville.

—Mr. E. W. Day, of the Employers' Association, recently sent out a circular to all workshops, factories, etc., in which hands were engaged, asking for reliable particulars as to the actual number of hands required by each firm, and the special branch of the business in which they were needed. The replies received indicate that not less than 6,000 work-people are now required to fill actual requirements in Toronto alone.

—Representatives of several of the largest producers' associations in the United States met together in Chicago a few days ago, and decided to form a kind of farmers' union. The idea is to found a monster exchange by which the producers of the country expect to control the markets, build elevators, establish packing houses, organize banks, maintain schools, and improve the highways. The associations are said to be backed by \$100,000,000.

—The gentleman chosen to replace the late Senator James O'Brien on the board of the City and District Savings Bank, of Montreal, is Mr. Robert Archer.

—At a meeting of the board of the Molsons' Bank, held in Montreal on Tuesday last, Mr. William Cassils McIntyre was chosen a director of that institution, to replace the late Samuel Finley.

—According to reports of the C.P.R. colonization agents and others, the number of people who have gone into New Ontario and the northern part of Quebec province has been very large of late. They came chiefly from Eastern Canada and Massachusetts, and other eastern states, and settled chiefly in the Labelle district.

—A recent visitor to this country was Mr. W. A. Carlyle, who a few years ago was professor of mining in McGill University, at Montreal, and afterwards connected with the Le Roi mine in Rossland. Since then he has been mineral manager of the famous Rio Tinto copper mines in Southern Spain, at the head of 16,000 men, which have been a phenomenal financial success in recent years.

—A deputation from the board of the Bank of Nova Scotia, consisting of Messrs. Charles Archibald, vice-president; G. S. Campbell and J. W. Allison, visited Toronto during the present week. It is understood that they are accompanying Mr. H. C. McLeod, the general manager of the bank, on a trip to the Pacific Coast and return. The bank has branches at Winnipeg, Edmonton and Strathcona, in the prairie country.

—After all that has been said of the increased crowds at the recently closed Dominion Exhibition—and it is marvellous how the attendance continues to increase from year to year at this Toronto Fair—one is naturally anxious to see the figures. The actual attendance this year ranged from 16,000 the first day, to 93,000 on September 7th. The attendance on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of last week reached 231,000, equal to 77,000 per day. The total of visitors was 540,000. The following table gives returns of last year's attendance in comparison with this year's:

1902.		1903.	
Sept. 1	21,000	Aug. 29	16,000
Sept. 2	27,000	Aug. 31	42,500
Sept. 3	18,000	Sept. 1	26,500
Sept. 4	19,000	Sept. 2	31,700
Sept. 5	20,300	Sept. 3	33,400
Sept. 6	41,000	Sept. 4	26,000
Sept. 8	57,000	Sept. 5	42,500
Sept. 9	26,000	Sept. 7	93,000
Sept. 10	81,000	Sept. 8	75,000
Sept. 11	58,000	Sept. 9	63,000
Sept. 12	15,000	Sept. 10	31,000
		Sept. 11	23,000
Total	383,000	Sept. 12	37,000
		Total	540,600

CLEARING HOUSE FIGURES.

The following are the figures for Canadian clearing houses for the week ended with Thursday, Sept. 17, 1903, compared with those of the previous week.

CITIES	Sept. 17, 1903	Sept. 10, 1903
Montreal	\$20,734,036	\$17,353,759
Toronto	15,737,228	12,462,726
Winnipeg	4,576,660	3,850,016
Halifax	1,771,265	1,487,834
Hamilton	1,191,136	938,996
St. John, N.B.	995,720	927,984
Vancouver	1,462,503	1,228,326
Victoria	809,542	491,767
Quebec	1,689,365	1,727,872
Ottawa	1,740,152
London	806,449	705,519
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