

TRADE CHAT.

THE quarterly meeting of the Dominion Commercial Travelers' Mutual Benefit Society was held at the rooms of the society, Montreal, on the 3rd inst. The members whose names follow were chosen, by acclamation, officers and trustees for the ensuing term: Chas. Gurd, president; G. O. Stanton, vice-president; F. Birks, J. T. Dwyer, E. H. Copland, Max. Murdock, Robert White, T. Hughes, trustees.

The Alliston woolen mills are to be lighted by electricity.

The Ingersoll woolen mills were broken into recently, and \$50 in goods taken.

Merchant A. M. McRae, of Carleton Place, is getting round on crutches. Shooting accident.

F. R. Hodgins, of The Hodgins Estate Dry Goods Store, Clinton, was in Toronto last week.

Perkins' millinery store at Campbellford was burnt on November 12th. Insurance, \$1,000.

A loss of \$10,000 was caused by fire in H. Sims & Co.'s collar warehouse at Montreal the first week in November.

T. T. Alonson, of Brandon, will open a store at Hamiota, and deal in dry goods, clothing and boots and shoes.

The old firm of Gray & McGregor, Madoc, have dissolved partnership. Mr. R. T. Gray will continue the business.

The stock of Park & Co., Jarvis, has been sold to George Mitson, of the same place, at 66 cents on the dollar.

The deposits in the Government savings banks for October amounted to \$278,205 and the withdrawals to \$328,316.

J. & H. Spence, general merchants, Pipe Bay, have opened a branch store at Dyer's Bay, head of the Bruce Peninsula.

The store of Wm. Taylor, of Belle River, was burglarized one night recently, and \$100 in cash and considerable clothing taken.

Mr. Falkenburg, who hails from Manchester, proposes to establish a factory in Quebec for the manufacture of water-proof clothing.

The insurance company have settled with Henry Laundry, merchant, Tweed, for \$3,750, and his creditors have made a compromise.

D. Magee's Sons, St. John, are offering "The Wild West" hat, as worn by Buffalo Bill and other famous cowboys, at \$21 a dozen to the retail trade.

Rumors are rife about the intention of the Grand Trunk Railway to put Brantford on the main line, running a spur for that purpose from Lynden.

Mr. J. Pope, of Hensall, merchant tailor, has disposed of his business at Fullarton, which was under the management of Mr. John Norris, to that gentleman.

J. M. Macdonald, representing McIntyre, Son & Co., of Montreal, wholesale dry goods, leaves Winnipeg for the coast on Monday, with his spring samples.

Mr. J. H. Metcalf's headquarters are now at Ottawa, he having recently engaged with Messrs. J. A. Seybold & Co., wholesalers, as traveler for them in that section.

"To the general trade," says The Trade Magazine, "a well dressed window is an advertisement and encouragement to business which should not be overlooked." The REVIEW is trying to encourage well-dressed windows by a competition, which

closes January 15th. A collection of photos of three windows actually shown by one retailer between October 1st and January 1st will have a chance to win one of three money prizes, of which the first is worth \$20.

Arrangements have been completed whereby the Canadian postoffice money order system will be operated direct with Australia, instead of through England as heretofore.

The Indian hemp, a textile plant of some value, which has been found growing wild in Manitoba, near Rounthwaite, is to be tested at the Manitoba experimental farm at Brandon.

Mr. Tetlow, the English card-clothing manufacturer, has been on a trip to Canada visiting his customers. He was accompanied by Mr. Robert S. Fraser, his Canadian agent, of St. Helen street, Montreal.

Peter Scott, superintendent of the Clyde woolen mills, Lanark, Ont., left by the Labrador a short time ago on a visit to Scotland, where he will endeavor to understand the latest improvements in woolen manufacture.

Mr. W. Root, of the firm of G. Root & Co., top-makers, Bradford, has been on a visit to Canada, where he has several customers. He was introduced on this, his first visit to Canada, by Mr. Robert S. Fraser, of Montreal.

D. Lavrock, late general merchant at Port Elgin, is now in the grocery business in James street south, Hamilton. He is understood to be much pleased with the change. William Goble is selling out Mr. Lavrock's stock at Port Elgin.

A mat factory has just been established on Moira street, in Belleville, by Wildbur & Moses, who make cocoa mats and matting, wool mats and fibre spinning. They will weave the cocoa matting such as is used for the aisles of churches. A new building for their weaving is spoken of in the coming spring.

The value of the crop of the province of Ontario for 1893 is placed by the Bureau of Industries at \$102,000,000. The principal items that go to make up the total are: Hay, \$37,921,000; oats, \$19,450,000; wheat, \$13,600,000; peas, \$7,651,000; turnips, \$5,697,000; potatoes, \$5,100,000.

There was a meeting of the Retail Association of Winnipeg on Tuesday evening, November 27, at Delmonico hall, corner of Market and King streets, at 8 o'clock. The meeting was called for the purpose of formulating a constitution and by-laws for the government of the association, and dealing with other matters of interest to the retail trade.

Simcoe is to have a new industry. Harding & Son have bought from Mr. G. H. Luscombe the old rink site, corner Sydenham and Pond streets, and have let to Mr. Hugh Steinhoff the contract to erect a building 35 x 90, two stories and an attic, to be used as a shoddy mill. It is to be equipped with six set of cards, and when completed will have a large capacity.

The Williams-Hurlburt Company, of Collingwood, is applying for incorporation for the general manufacture and sale of all kinds of hosiery and knitted goods. The operations of said company are to be carried on in the town of Collingwood. The amount of capital stock is to be eleven thousand dollars, and the names of the applicants are as follows: David Williams, manufacturer, John Chamberlain, contractor, Frank Foster Telfer, merchant, Herbert Young Telfer, merchant, and Minnie Hurlburt, wife of Lawrence Henry Hurlburt, all of the town of Collingwood; Heman John Hurlburt, lumberman, of Mitchell; and Andrew Ginty Campbell, of Winnipeg, bookkeeper.