MEN OF THE TIMES.



URING the past month we have received several letters from general storekeepers on a matter which is explained in the following: "I am a subscriber for the GROCER and also for your interesting paper. I know that I echo the wish of others when I say that I would like very much to see the pictures of some of the prominent dry goods merchants in the REVIEW the same as we have had in the GROCER. We see plenty of travelers, but many of us never see the principals, and I for one would like to know them. I feel sure if you would do this you would not only be doing us a great service, but would help your own interests very much."

It was our intention to commence giving brief biographical sketches with illustration of our wholesalemerchants at the beginning of next year, but the letter above referred to and other circumstances have made us change our mind. We will accordingly commence the sketches in our next issue. Some of the foremost men of the Dominion have belonged to the dry goods trade, such as Hon. John Macdonald, Hon. Wm. McMaster, Sir Edward Kenny and others whose names are emblazoned on Canada's scroll of fame, and there are those still in our midst who are leaders in the commercial and political life of this grand Dominion. It will therefore be a pleasure to us to give our readers the opportunity of becoming better acquainted with them.

SUITINGS FOR NEXT SPRING.

We were shown h_{ij} Mr. G. B. Fraser, Toronto, a large number of samples of tweeds for next spring trade, manufactured by C. H. & A. Taylor, Victoria Mills, Golcar, near Huddersfield, England. They are in stripes, checks, and overchecks in every conceivable design, narrow, medium and broad, and in all colors. Many of the overchecks are very pretty, the light and dark shades blending very nicely. There seems to be as yet no decided preference, although it is probable overchecks will have the greater demand.

Millichamp, Coyle & Co. show some pretty designs of home inanufactures from Brodie & Co.'s mills, in Halifax tweeds and setges and small checks and stripes. From the Waterloo mills there are pin checks, mohair effects, Scotch cheviots, neat silk mixtures and new effects in their well-known twenty-five-cent line; also cassimere effects for trouserings.

TO GENERAL STOREKEEPERS.

We are in a position to offer The Canadian Grocer (weekly) and THE DRY GOODS REVIEW (monthly) for one year for \$2.50, the regular subscription price for the former being \$2 and the latter \$1. You can include the amount in your remittance to any wholesale

house in Toronto with whom you do business.

This is a chance that should not be missed.

ITEMS.

Any of our readers who are in need of shop window tickets or musical and pictorial handbills should write to Imrie & Graham, Toronto, whose advertisement will be found in another page.

A valuable and graceful addition to an outing, tennis, or yachting suit, combining the ingenuity of two distinct inventions, is "the Belvedere Sash" manufactured by Levian & Co., Toronto. It is made in \geq large assortment of fabrics in all desirable colors for both sexer. There has been a big demand for it.⁴

Radford Bros., wholesale dealers in gents' furnishings, Montreal, have been served with a demand of abandonment of their estate by Brown & Patterson, who are creditors to the extent of $\pounds 461$.

RETAIL DRY GOODS ASSOCIATIONS.

We understand there is a Retail Dry Goods Association for the province of Quebec, with headquarters at Montreal, which was incorporated in 1885. Its object is "the advantage of forming them-

selves into an association for the purpose of discussing in periodical meetings all questions affecting the interests of their business and of adopting such measures as the members of the society may judge favorable to their kind of business" We have been unable to obtain particulars as to its working, but will endeavor to do so. We are waiting to hear from our readers on the subject of forming these associations and expect to have some communications for our next issue



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