

## CARPETS AND CURTAINS.

**T**HIS month has been a quiet one with the jobbers as regards sorting up orders. There has been but small inquiry for carpets for immediate delivery. With regard to curtains the same may be said. A large number of orders have been placed during the past month by retailers for spring delivery. These have been very satisfactory, and the total amount of orders surpasses previous seasons in a slight degree. The orders in some cases show a tendency to buy better classes of carpets, although large quantities of cheap carpets are still being sold.

Both with retailers and jobbers the stocks are light at present, and the feeling is good. Manufacturers have nearly all sold their spring output, and are busily engaged in manufacturing the goods already ordered.

## SPRING CURTAINS.

John Macdonald & Co. have just sent out to the trade their book of lace curtain designs. This book contains the latest additions to their stock for spring delivery. The designs this year are a decided change from those of last year. Many of the new curtains have designs in which there is no repetition, but simply one large pattern. An example of this is noticeable in their two leaders for spring, the Maypole and the Fountain, which are two of the most striking designs that ever have been shown in the Canadian market. These are Nottingham goods; but in addition to these they carry a large range of Swiss and Irish Pointe, and their spring samples are all new designs, fresh from the Continental markets. They also handle a large range of patterns in curtain nets, and are now showing new designs for spring.

## A NEW JOBBER.

H. Bradford Clark, recently in the commission business in Montreal, and previous to that connected with the Hault Manufacturing Co., of Ingersoll, has opened a warehouse at 32 Colborne street, in this city. Mr. Clark will sell for several French and Bel-

gian firms who manufacture table covers, curtains, furniture coverings and other specialties of this class. A line of saddle bags or furniture rugs is one of his leaders. He will carry a sorting stock, and has entire control of the Canadian business of the firms whose goods he sells. His business will be with the wholesalers and leading retailers only.

## A HUGE CARPET FACTORY.

The Canadian carpet industry is still in its infancy, and there is plenty of room for development. Toronto boasts of the largest carpet factory in Canada. On the 20th of August, 1891, the newly formed Toronto Carpet Manufacturing Co. opened their establishment to do business. Having thoroughly studied what not to do, what to avoid and how to avoid it, and finally what must be done and how to do it, their agents started on the road with a line which speaks for itself. Orders came pouring in from merchants who had determined never again to buy Canadian carpets. Success followed on their efforts so rapidly that it was soon evident that the premises Nos. 1 and 3 Jarvis street would never accommodate the increasing business. Arrangements were therefore immediately entered into for a new factory that would give the room and facilities required. The building, situated on the south west corner of Jarvis and Esplanade streets, has a frontage of one hundred feet with a depth of seventy-four storeys high, and lighted on three sides. On the ground floor will be found the looms, two and three ply, of both Munkland and Crompton build, and also some art square looms. On the second floor are the offices, superintendent's rooms, show room, dyed stock, shearing, rolling and shipping departments. The next floor contains the cop-winders (a new one of the Altemus make has just been added), twist-ers, spoolers, warpers, designing and card cutting and machinists' apartments, the top floor being devoted to the crude yarns. Across a lane twenty feet wide is the engine house; beside the engine house is the dye house, 35 by 80 feet, part of which has been set apart as the drug room. Over the engine room and dye rooms are the drying rooms, which connect with the main building by a bridge over the lane, making it most convenient to the dyed yarn bins on the office floor. As a protection against fire two immense water tanks, holding seven thousand gallons, are placed on the roof, to which are connected hydrants on each floor, and as there will be

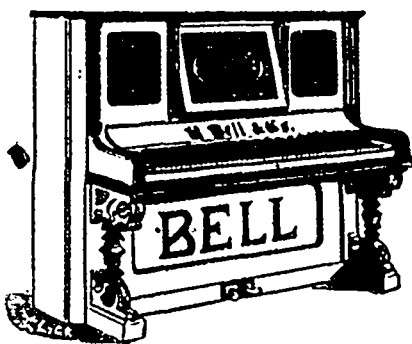
no fire of any kind in the main building, the power and heating being supplied from across the lane, and it being intended to light the factory by electricity, all risk has been done away with. Every comfort needed to make it a cheerful and healthy factory has been looked to, and with plenty of sunlight and air, the factory hands will be able to turn out more and better work.

The officers of the company are: Jas. P. Murray, president, Jno. A. Murray, vice president; F. B. Hayes, sec. treasurer; Henry Wolfe, superintendent. They manufacture all kinds of two and three-ply Ingrains, Cotton Chalm, Medium and Union carpets.

The president and vice-president having been for many years connected with the finest dry goods trade in Canada, the secretary-treasurer's long service as accountant with one of our banks, and the superintendent having graduated from one of the largest Philadelphia factories, places this company under officers who, with their technical knowledge and experience, their energy and progressiveness, will not be satisfied until "the Maple Leaf brand" of Ingrain carpet shall be known throughout the length and breadth of Canada.

When our representative was passing through the factory he was shown the first Axminster rugs and carpets ever made in Canada. The company hope to have the machinery in sufficiently good running order to place a line of these goods on the market for the spring retail trade.

After an illness of some months' duration, Mr. George Boyd, Sen., passed away on Monday evening, the 7th inst., at his late residence, 63 Wellesley st., Toronto. Mr. Boyd, in the course of a long and busy life, did much to advance the material prosperity of this his adopted city. He was born in Dumbarton, Scotland, in the year 1815, and came to Canada in May, 1857, taking up his residence in Toronto. He associated himself with his brother-in-law, Alexander Buntin, and J. Y. Reid in establishing a wholesale paper and stationery manufacturing business, and the firm, which is still in existence, enjoyed great success in its undertakings. In 1880, however, Mr. Boyd retired from active business life, and from that date he devoted his attention to financial matters. He was a director of several companies in Toronto, as well as in other places, and was a well-known figure among the business men of the Dominion.



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