

The Millinery Season.

In a recent letter The D. McCall Company's correspondent in Paris, France, states that the following are the newest ideas in millinery to date. This information coming from one of the best informed millinery experts in the trade, cannot but be helpful to the merchant and milliner.



Flowers will be used again to a very large extent. Novelties in flowers are: Roses, poppies and foliage, in plaid effects. Roses will again be the leader; with lilacs, heath, fuchsias and nasturtiums following strongly, the latter two being novelties and very stylish.



In materials some pretty effects are being shown in straw and tinsel on net and chiffon. Sequins are also to the front again for Bandeaux and crowns. A new plisse canvas called

zephyr is used in making crowns and brims.

Ribbons and laces of all kinds are good. In ribbons, plaids are largely shown, from the narrow to twelve inches wide.

In colors the new shades likely to be in command are the deep orange; in fact, all shades in these tones, from cream to deepest yellow, viz: Mals, regent, Cécile, de Roche and Giroffée (a deep nasturtium shade). Another of the leading shades will be Martin Pucier. Riller, Nacelle, being three shades from turquoise to dark rayon. The following will again be very prominent: Geranium, Legonia, refine, red; as also fawn, beige, castor and argent. Black will also be used in combinations.

In hats, triques are largely shown. Hats a trifle smaller than heretofore. Wings—black, white, are to be seen, with chiffon and fancy straws.

We give illustrations herewith of a couple of stylish new hats which will be shown by The D. McCall Company at their opening in Winnipeg.

British Columbia Items.

G. Foyle, furniture, etc., Nelson, is giving up business.

Wm. Hunter & Co., Ltd., Silverton, have been incorporated.

J. A. Nicol & Co., have opened in boots and shoes at Fairview.

The Grand Forks Mercantile Co., Co., Ltd., has been incorporated.

H. White, general storekeeper, Agassiz, has opened a branch at Tippella.

The Columbia Lumber and Trading Co., Ltd., of Nelson, has been incorporated.

Kamloops—W. T. Slavin, stationery, Kamloops, has sold out to Bailey Bros. Co.

Farley & Simpson, hotel and produce dealers, Nelson, have sold out their hotel to A. W. Crittenden.

Seaney & Moreland, general store, Ymir, have dissolved. S. H. Seaney continues as Salmon River Supply Co.

W. E. Flumerfelt, who has been managing the boot and shoe business at Nanaimo for A. B. Erskine, of Victoria, for some months, has now bought out the business and will carry it on in his own interest. Under Mr. Flumerfelt's management a flourishing business has been done for some time.

Robert Hall, inspector of Hudson's Bay company's posts in British Columbia, says business in Victoria is excellent, and as soon as the Klondikers reach the coast in large numbers, business in Vancouver will boom. Victoria now gets the San Francisco trade, and the overflow from Washington and Oregon. The Hudson's Bay company intend strengthening their posts along the Stikine river, particularly at Glenora, and will shortly open a new post at Teslin Lake, near the terminus of the proposed new railway.

The following items are reported from Vancouver: C. C. Blackburn, harness, has sold out to J. Storey. Thos. Scott, confectionery, advertises his business for sale. Wood & Barrett are opening in wholesale liquors. The Merchants Bank of Halifax have opened a branch here. The balance of the stock of Wm. Wilson & Co., dry goods, has been sold to J. Hutchison & Co. Phillips Bros., manufacturers of soda water, have given up business. A. C. Grayson, hotel, has succeeded Voss & Orth. J. S. Rollin, hotel, contemplates opening a branch at Telegraph Creek.

Loyal to Canadian Interests.

The people of British Columbia are not easy to satisfy in the matter of the efforts which government, railways, press and people of Canada generally should make in order to secure to the British Columbia ports the Yukon business, but the Canadian Pacific railway's course seems to be highly approved at least by the Victoria (B.C.) Times. It says: "The Canadian Pacific railway company has shown wonderful, yet characteristic, energy in dealing with the Klondike question; they have fairly flooded the United Kingdom with literature in the highest degree beneficial to the interests of Canada, yet indulging in no abuse or misrepresentation of the Americans. The case for Canada has been put in such a manner that thousands who would have gone to Seattle, Tacoma, Portland and other American points who come to Victoria, Vancouver and other British Columbia cities. The C. P. R. can take passengers to Seattle quite as cheaply as they can land them in Victoria or Vancouver, but it is to the company's credit that all their efforts have been to divert the travel to Canada. We don't expect railway companies to be influenced entirely by patriotism, but the C. P. R. have certainly in this matter done all within their power to give Canada the benefit of their influence without going out of the way to hurt rival lines by false statements. The Alaska Commercial company, with all their experience in the Yukon and thorough knowledge of the rules and regulations governing the import of goods to the Klondike, purchasing their stores in Victoria is significant testimony to the fact that the Canadian campaign has been conducted on the proper lines, and that it will be completely successful."—From the Montreal Witness, Feb. 5.

Coal.

Anthracite coal throughout the west continues very quiet, says Black Diamonds of Chicago. The season of 1897-8 has been disappointing to producers, agents, jobbers, and to the trade generally, as beyond the sales made late in the summer and last fall there has been no regular movement of anthracite such as usually characterizes an ordinary winter's business, and the coal going forward now is of small moment.

Bituminous coal continues in excessive supply, but the enforcement of the demurrage law has caused many holders to unload with the usual result that the market has been badly demoralized, not only in Chicago but also at other large distributing points where loaded cars have been held on track.

Duluth and Superior advices are that the market there is on a weather basis. Prices on both hard and soft coal have felt the effect of the warm weather; they are lower.

Alberta.

The Pullman Hotel, Holms and Carey's stores, the Waverly hotel and Alexander's dwelling and jewelry store, at Canmore, were burned on Feb. 22. Nothing was saved from the Pullman. The forty inmates lost their personal effects. Clara Christenson, aged ten, the daughter of the proprietor of the Pullman hotel, was burned to death. The estimated loss is \$15,000 with very little insurance.