Visit to The Swiss Laundry's Headquarters.

MOST COMPLETE EQUIPMENT AND LARGE BUSINESS

Branch Offices and Agencies Throughout Canada--Employment Given to Hundreds of Hands--Two Complete Laundries in one-Old and New Ways of Turning Out the Work--Mr. Allen's Business Career.

The Swiss Laundry and Its Proprietor.
But before entering upon the description proper, it might be interesting to state something of this large industry's origin, something of the magnitude of its work, and something of the territory over which its work is distributed. The proprietor, Mr. A. W. Allen, an Irishman by birth, came to Canada in 1874, and was engaged with the Gale Manufacturing Company for twelve years. In 1886, he entered business for himself in a small way in Melinda-streets. But a firm belief in the old saying that "The Gods help those who help themselves," and a strict compliance with the teachings of this mottos soon brought a large increase of business and necessitated the casting about for larger premises. These were found in the Gunther Block, corner of Jordan and Melinda-streets, which are now entirely occupied. The present Swiss Laundry, which is an amalgamation of the original Swiss, the Household and the American laundries, employs over two hundred and fifty hands and operates from the head office alone fourteen collecting and delivery wagons. It has in all about fifty agencies outside of the city, and in the city nineteen, with two additional on the Island during the summer months. The territory over which the agencies are distributed extends from North Bay to the north to the west, from North Bay to the north to the frontier of the lakes on the south.

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The large yellow building on the corner of Melinda and Jordau-streets is a prominent feature of these lesser business thorough-fares. It has recently been decorated by the painters and the lettering on every window tells the story of the business carried on inside. This building is the head office of the Swiss Laundry, the largest establishment of the kind in Canada, and the third largest on the continent. It has about 60 agencies throughout Canada, two branch offices in outside cities, and carries on a business of an extent such as only a perfectly equipped laundry could possibly handle.

It is the purpose of the present article to describe a visit to the laundry's head office. It will enter the working room with a parcel of solled linen and will follow the parceit through the various rooms and machines until it is placed in the delivery room wrapped in paper ready for delivery, and bearing all the gloss and polish of a looking-glass.

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Everything about the whole establish where 32 hands are kept busy sorting and has a well-kept and tidy appearance. The marking consists in number-two engines, one 18 h.p. and the other 25,



ing each article with numbers corresponding are kept well polished, the two huge boilers to the numbers given to customers, whose names are entered alphabetically in a book tastily painted and the horses are well proposed. for the purpose. This part of the work is groom reduced to such a perfect system that mistakes very rarely occur in the matter of articles of different patrons becoming mixed; and this is indeed no small task when it is remembered that 800 parcels and over are handled each day. The sorting consists of dividing the articles into colored and white, soiled and clean, flannels and linens. The next rooms to enter were the wash rooms, two in number. In them are 13 wash wheels that consist of enlarged perforated cylinders revolving at a high speed, but so constructed with a reverse action that the danger of tearing clothes is reduced to a minimum, two starchers, four centrifugal dryers that do away with the old style of wringing and that dry in about two minutes; three mangles of enormous capacity, one of which is the Hamilton E. Smith's. This last-mentioned machine is a most expensive piece of mechanism. So much so, indeed, that laundrymen, before purchasing, always require an agreement that they alone shall have the right of purchase and of use in a district. The machine is, however, immensely superior to any other mangle in the market in that it irons direct. reduced to such a perfect system that mis-

chase and of use in a district. The marmer is, however, immensely superior to any other mangle in the market in that it irons direct from the dryer, and irons fine goods without cutting the seams. Between the two wash rooms is the storeroom filled with barrels of were the first to "starch" their linen with a

cutting the seams. Between the two wash rooms is the storeroom filled with barrels of soap, starch and carboys of blue, and to one side of the storeroom is a small chamber where is manufactured the gas used in bleaching. The secret of manufacturing this gas, which does away with the destructive bleaching powder entirely, is in Canada only known to Mr. Allen, who supplies it to other laundries at 8 cents per pound. Here also is made a soap that is used in the washing of flannels and in conjunction with the rapid system of drying is proof against all shrinkage.

The drying rooms, four in number, situated by coils of steam, are so constructed that the moisture passes off and only occupy from 20 to 30 minutes in drying.

Before entering the drying room, however, the linen has to pass through the starching room. In the s. arching room are found starching machines of recent invention. From the drying/room it is handed into the dampening room and dampened with sprinklers attached to rubber tubing, through which passes tepid water. Then it is placed in large presses, and from these is ushered agreat variety of machines—some for colars, some for shirts. Those that the collar is unlike the primeval fail. The modern of some primers in the number in the dampening room are agreat number and a great variety of machines—some for colars, some for shirts. Those that the collar is unlike the primeval fail. The modern of the primeval fail.

Two Complete Laundries

In the ironing room are a great number and a great variety of machines—some for colars, some for shirts. Those that the collar passes through are the dampening machine, the ironing machine and the shaper. Before going to the shaper giveerine and water is used to soften all edges that require to be turned downs. In fact, every precaution against damage in any way is taken, and let it be here mentioned that only a visit to a steam laundry is necessary to banish the erroneous idea that machine laundrying is destructive to clothing. Machine laundry-ing days does away entirely with the scraping

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