

Dry Goods Trade Notes.

Pearl buttons are selling in enormous quantities and there are frequent predictions that prices will advance sharply before long.

Dress goods are in large demand for fall and winter business. All the popular lines are being freely taken by retail traders. Evening dress fabrics show particularly good demand.

The "flandy" mending tissue is used for repairing kid gloves, lace curtains, silks, or torn clothing of any description. It mends the article perfectly, leaving no rough places.

There is an increasing demand for belt hose supporters. A few years ago women would hardly look at a belt supporter, while at the present time this style stands well to the front in popularity.

Silks are entering in: than ever into every class of consumption and wear, from the light-weight dust coat to skirts, waists, petticoats, etc., according to late advices from New York. Taffetas, peau de soie, duchesse and a wide range of plain weaves continue to be steadily in demand, and stocks are light everywhere in comparison with the volume of business expected and transacted.

A buyer in a leading firm here, who has just returned from the old country markets, says that the market for dress goods on the other side are very firm. Every line into the manufacture of which Botany yarns enter are 10 to 15 per cent. higher. This is due to the large mortality among the Australian sheep as a result of the drought and the resulting scarcity of fine wool.—Toronto Globe.

This fall the Eton tie is worn a great deal. It consists of a wide scarf of silk long enough to go twice around the neck. The tie crosses in the back, comes around to the front, knot, and is fastened with a pearl pin or with a pin to match the gown. The new Eton ties are in black gradually widening toward the end and trimmed with Roman plain bands across the ends, or in some color with the same scheme carried out.

—Minneapolis Commercial Bulletin.

The corset manufacturers of Quebec City and other places, have decided to consolidate their manufacturing, and business interests in one large concern in Quebec. A large part of the production is made in that city. It is believed the results will be beneficial to the manufacturer, the jobbers, the dealers, and the consumers, in systematic working conditions, improvement in styles and quality, by lessening the expense and the cost to place goods on the market at lower prices.

Indications for the spring point to some little change in relation to the demand for plain goods, says the Toronto Globe. While plain goods will be in strong demand they will not be so exclusively bought as in recent previous seasons. There will, it is expected, be quite a demand for something verging toward fancies. A feature is likely to be in a cloth known as "Knicker" and snowflake mixtures, shown in such weaves as treeds, hopsacks, canvas, volles, matings, etc., in all the leading colors. Grenadines are likely to have a good demand in silk and wool mixtures and silk goods, and are likely to be a feature of the season's trade.

The outlook for prices in the dry goods trade is regarded as being very good. The large demand which is now a feature of all wholesale centres in America and Europe ensures a ready market for the product of factories while the firm position of raw materials and comparatively high cost of labor makes it certain that there can be no break in prices for a considerable time. If there is any tendency to change it is in an upward direction and wholesale houses all insist that repeat orders for winter lines will cost them more money than their placing business. So long as trade keeps up its present volume there will not be much reduction in prices.

Hardware Trade Notes.

Sad irons are 70c per dozen higher in the east.

Cleveland prices of barbed wire are 10c per keg lower.

Sarnia water-white petroleum is 1/2c per gallon dearer.

Gas stove manufacturers of the United States are combining.

United States manufacturers have advanced the price of builders' hardware.

Turpentine advanced 30c per gallon in the markets of Eastern Canada last week.

Lnsseed oil is 2c lower in Toronto. This is due to a placing new crop oil upon the market and the size of the crop of flaxseed.

Malleable clevises advanced last week in the United States markets. It is predicted that they will go higher before spring trade opens. Foundries are behind on orders, and the high price of fuel is an important factor.

The market for window glass has seldom shown a greater firmness than it has since the recent reorganization of the Independent factories, says the American Lumberman, of Chicago. Well posted glass men are inclined to believe that prices are to be maintained not only until new glass is placed on the market, but through the coming season. Stocks of glass in jobbers' hands are amply sufficient for current needs, but are being drawn upon liberally and a smaller amount than usual is being carried over in manufacturers' hands. The factories all over the country started up for the season on Tuesday last. Wages of glass workers have been advanced 12 1/2 per cent., and this renders a firm market imperative.

LUMBER TRADE.**Hardwoods.**

If numerous reports are to be believed, the country is on the verge of a famine in hardwood lumber that will rival that prevailing in anthracite coal, and what is more there is scarcely any prospect that it can be relieved for fully six months. Some of the large consumers are well provided for and probably need not worry much about stocks for a year to come, excepting such as are in need to fill in with. A great many of the large wholesale hardwood concerns throughout the country are fairly well provided for as far as their current needs and for several months in the future are concerned, but the bulk of the

manufacturing consumers, as well as a majority of those handling the lumber, are doing practically a hand-to-mouth business, only in this instance the hand is not able to provide sufficient for the wants of the month. A great many have been slow to recognize the seriousness of the hardwood situation, but it is being brought home to them more forcibly day by day and it may not be long before a great many people will find themselves unable to obtain a sufficient supply for even their most pressing necessities.—American Lumberman.

Lumber Trade No. 1.

Theo. Ludgate will erect a sawmill at Arrow Head, B. C.

The different lumber firms operating on Lake Winnipeg are sending out their supplies and men for the winter camps. Robinson & Co. are moving their saw mill from Fisher Bay over to Hunburg Bay.

The white pine trade of the Northwestern States is entering upon the winter with light stocks and trouble is anticipated in the filling of orders. Prices are firmly held by all dealers, and in some cases jobbers are quoting prices above those named in association lists.

The export of Canadian wood pulp during the fiscal year ended June 30 last was \$1,857,207, of which \$34,722 went to Great Britain and the bulk of the remainder to the United States, the pulp industry of Canada giving signs during September of a period of extensive development.

This season's active demand for lumber in Manitoba and the Northwest Territories has prompted the erection of a number of new mills in British Columbia. A mill to cost \$100,000 is said to be projected at Slocan City for erection next year. The town is giving a \$5,000 site.

A case was tried at Fargo, N.D., last week between a local waterworks and power company and D. E. Sprague, of Winnipeg, in which the latter was sued for \$12,000 damages said to have been done to the plaintiff's dam by a drive of logs belonging to the defendant. The claim was dismissed. Plaintiffs will appeal.

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