THE DRY GOODS TRADE

THE CARPED INDUSTRY.

The condition of the carpet manu-The condition of the carpet manufacturing industry is more encouraging than it has been for many seasons past, says The Roston Commercial Eulletin. "For five or six years before and including 1895 the course of the market was steadily downward. Last year it reached its point of greatest depression, and since that time the turn for the better has occurred. farm for the electer has occurred. The feature of the current season's business is the increased activity in production. On the whole prices have not shown any material advance, although in some few instances orders have been obtained for spring samples have been obtained for spring samples at slightly better rates. The extensive distribution of goods by auction in November of 1897, and again in the early part of 1898, was of material injury to the general situation, since by this means large lines of goods were placed among jobbers and retailers at consherably less than the current cost of production. To this fact is no doubt due, in large measure, the less rapid recovery of values. Judging from a stronger demand for goods, more activity in manufacture and an increase in the importations of foreign carpets, it would appear that ben obtained for spring samples home supplies had been unexy ectedly depleted or that the consum live capacity of the country was being enlarged."

DEA GOODS TRADE NOTES.

Colored satins are 5 per cent higher than last seasou.

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their prices ld per yard.

Cashmere hosiery for the fall trade is 12 per cent higher than last season. Henricita dress goods of the better class are 5 to 7 per cent higher. Cheaper lines are about the same as last season.

A ten per cent advance has been made in the wages of the hands emproye: in the cotton milis of the Now England States.

The markets for silk both in Ameron an' l'urope continue to advance. In increase of 10c was recent-ly made at New York and further whances are looked upon as certain.

The great strength in the silk market continues. Baw silk is said to have advanced 15 per cent within a nouth or so. Artificial silk has advancet enormously.

A letter recently received here from a bayer in the textilo district in England gives a great account of the activity with manufacturers there. Trade s said to be remarkably good with the manufacturers in cottons, etc.. an manufacturers are sold away ahead, some having all the or-ders they can full up to next Septem-ber. The eyers are also full of business. The letter reports a large demand for the new line of goods called Mercensel cotton. There is also a growing demand for plain dyel dress stulis and one black dress stulls in crepon effects and mohairs. An advance of 20 per cent is mentioned in henrietta serges.

Terente Globe: "There is an in-Throne those: The ready-made gar-creasing demand for ready-made garments of nomen's apparel. A few years ago it was impossible to sell any large quantity of ready-made un-detailers. Now a large business is being done by local terms, not only in recey-made undersettes, but in overskirts. The retail trade in the coungods in stock. They are generally well made and little difficulty is experienced in the matter of fit. The art of ready-made clothing is reduced art of ready-made clothing is reduced to a science now, and it is a real convenience in many cases, where it is difficult to have the work done to onler and where dispatch is necessary, to be in a position to get a ready-made garment. A great many blouses are being put out for the coming season. They are made in gingham, zephyr, lawns, etc., and are usually considered good property for usually considered good property for retailers.

The recent advances in manufacturers prices for cotton goods found many wholesale concerns in the cast none too well supplied with goods note too wen supplied with goods notwithstanding that these foresering the advance had placed their orders ahead, in some instances as much as several months. So great was the pressure of orders on the mills, however, that they could not possibly supply the demand. Canadian buyers who have visited the New York market to pick up job lots of cottons report that there are practically no such lots to be had this season as the advances in prices there have led to the almost complete cleaning up of the market. In past years this has been found an advantageous way of supfound an advantageous way of sup-plementing stocks, notwithstanding the duty, and New York houses have hitherto encouraged the trade by sending travellers to solicit the orders. This year they have not only not sought orders, but have been unable to meet the unsolicited demands of the trade.

Fur Trade Notes.

C M. Lampson & Co. will offer silver and cross fox at their June sale in

The New York Fur Tade Review The strong upward trend of prices in the London March sales evidenoes extreme confidence in furs, both at home and abroad, and—a gratifying fact—American furs in patheular. An advance all along the line and the several extreme advances in the patheular presses on increase account. plainly presage an increased consump-tion of finer furs during the coming season a change for the bett r that has long been desired and which may be accepted as indicative of very generally improved business conditions. The results of the sales clearly set forth the fact that furs, really gool furs, have value, and buying and selling during the season will doubtless be conducted with that fact more dis-tinctly appreciated than it has been for some time past.

The quantities of the various skins offered at C. M. Lampson & Co.'s recent London raw fur sales were Silve: fisher, 2,800; Iynx, 19,000; wolverin, 450; musk ox, 57; beaver, 3,700; bear, 576; constant of the constant of 450; musk ox. 57; beaver, 3,700; bear, 4,700; raccoon, 120,000; muskrat, \$60,000; skunk, 230,000; civet cat, 12,000; opossum, 145,000; mluk, 170,000; marten, 16,000; stone marten, 1,200; Russian sable, 23,000; red fox, 38,000, grey fox, 21,000; white fox, 1,000; Japanese fox, 7,400; wildeat, 1,700; wolf, 21,000; squirrel, 6,000; real chinchilla, 6,000; bastard chinchilla, 120,000; Thibet Jamb, 53,000; Persian Jamb, 10,000; Australian ones Persian lamb, 10,000; Australian opossum 400,000; wombat, 90,000; Wallaly, 60,000; kangaroo. 1,300; dry hair scal, 900, grobe, 15,000, ermine, 21,000; dry fur scal, 2,500; dressed and dyed fur scalskins, 2,500; and the following sulted fur seatskins: Copper islands, 9,000; North West coast, 1,000; Cape Horn, 2,200; Australasian,

Winnipeg Raw Fur Prices.

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Skunk	.25	.90
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Wolverine, pale	1.25	2.00

The Anthracite Coal Shortage.

Anthracue coal, notwithstanding the lateness of the season, concludes in moderate demand and the shipments to the west and Northwest has been quite steady. The individual amounts called for are small but the steady cemand shows conclusively that the country is virtually bare of the co-mestic sizes of anthracite and that mestic sizes of anthracite and that the consumption has greatly exceed-ed expectations. It can be stated with attie lear of contradiction that the amount of coal to be carried over on May 1 at Chicago will not exceed 30,000 to 35,00 tons. Some estimates place the tonuage at less but these ligures are believed to be about cor-rect. Not for many years has these rect. Not for many years has there been such a small amount of anthra-cite carries over which when divided among ten large shippers is very insignmeant. The closing season of 1898-9 has been a rather remarkable one because the entire western country has been cleaned up. There little or no anthracite on any of the docks at lake ports west of Lake Eric, so that water coal will be in good demand when navigation opens next month. Probably never helore, in recent years at least, has the western market been in so prime a condition for the maintenance of values when the new season opens. Rail receipts the new season opens. of anthracite are about equal to the present consumption and circular prices are steady.—Black Diamond, Chicago.

"I hardly know what to do with that young man," said the plumber, speaking of a new employee. "Why?"
"Wel, ho isn't prompt enough to be given the task of making out the bills

and he isn't proceastinating enough to be a success at doing the work."—Chi-{