

## SHOE AND LEATHER NOTES.

At the present time all manufacturers in New York are busy. They have their first orders to fill. There is some apprehension that the fall and winter trade will not come up to last season and a conservative feeling prevails.

A well-cut slipper worn over an open-work stocking sets off a pretty foot; but it must not be a high-heeled affair, which throws the figure forward, or the most graceful girl will look clumsy. A slipper is solely a house shoe. For walking let the choice be a broad shoe with a low heel—one which above all else fits well in the instep.

In Switzerland, says The Shoe and Leather Reporter, no market will be found by those who make a study of "beauty of finish;" the Swiss people do not care for the looks of the shoe. What they want is a shoe which costs less and will wear better than the home made article.

In the Boston factories, some orders are being placed for immediate use, but they are largely of a piecing-out and sizing-up character, and few large or straight contracts for fall goods are being closed. Salesmen who have been out on extended trips with spring samples have returned, and while some of them are inclined to take a hopeful view of the situation, and firmly believe that from now on the business will steadily improve, others are not so sanguine.

There appears to be a likelihood of the adoption by the British army of the alparagata, or form of shoe used by the Spanish peasantry and soldiers. The soles are made of thick elastic cord, resembling lampwicks sewn tightly together, and while affording as much protection as leather, are as pliable as india rubber. The tops are made of canvas, and the whole is so light that a pair could be carried without inconvenience in a side pocket of the tunic. For convenience and easy wearing qualities in marching, especially through a hot and sandy country, this shoe is reported to be unexcelled.

Leather made from the skins of fish and other aquatic animals is in many instances an excellent thing, and bids fair to become of great practical utility for wearing apparel. Salmon hide, for example, serves so well in this way that the Esquimaux of Alaska make waterproof shirts and boots out of it. They also cut jackets out of codfish skins, which are said to be very serviceable garments. In the United States frog skins are coming into use for the mounting of books where an exceptionally delicate material for bindings is required. Overalls of tanned fish skins are commonly worn by the natives in the Yukon district.

Consul Ridgely writes from Geneva to the U. S. Government: American shoe manufacturers, acting upon advice and information furnished them by United States consuls, have of late been pushing for business in continental Europe, and within the past year there has been a real and growing demand for our shoes. This fact has been widely noted on the Continent, and recently Vienna houses began to copy the American article and to flood the market with their imitation goods. I am reliably informed that they copy nearly everything American they can find in the shoe line, and that in some instances they mark their goods "Made in the United States."

## TORONTO STOCK TRANSACTIONS.

There has been a little more business done on the Stock Exchange this week, the chief feature of which has been the rise in C.P.R. stock, an increase of several points having taken place since the end of last week. The feature in mining stocks was Republic, of which 13,500 shares changed hands at prices ranging from 72 to 86. In detail the transactions since last Friday are as follows: Bank of Ontario, 144 at 126, 71 at 148-9; Imperial, 25 at 217-8; Dominion, 226 at 220½-221; Standard, 15 at 196; Traders', 10 at 111½; British America Assurance, 39 at 100; Western Assurance, 246 at 115-6; Canada N.W. Land, 50 at 49; C.P.R., 2,540 at 86¾-90½; Toronto Electric Light, 5 at 130¼; General Electric, 33 at 162; Commercial Cable, 109 at 165½-166; Richelieu & Ontario, 200 at 100¾-¾; Toronto Railway, 101 at 95½-96½; London Electric, 20 at 112; Canada

Landed and National, 115 at 79; Canada Permanent and W. C., 816 at 110-112; Coup. Bonds, 3,000 at 101; Reg. Bonds, 15,000 at 101¼; Republic, 13,500 at 72-86; Cariboo, 2,166 at 78-93; Cycle, 5 at 80; Can. Savings, 31 at 114½; Carter-Crume, 35 at 101¼-¾; Golden Star, 3,000 at 8; Crow's Nest, 10 at 146; War Eagle, 200 at 151; North Star, 1,000 at 95.

## CHEESE BOARDS.

The upward movement in cheese has continued during the week with increased intensity, and at most places the bidding was brisk. At Ingersoll, 10¾c. was offered, but the buyers held out for more. At Kemptville, 700 boxes sold on board at 10¾c., and the balance of the allotment on the curb for 10¾c. At Chesterville, none sold on board, 10 11-16c. being offered; afterwards, however, all sold at 10¾c. At Russell, Woodstock and Picton boards on the 15th a good many boxes were put up but no sales were made, the prices offered being about 10¾c.

Boards and date of meeting	No. of factories	Cheese boarded Boxes.	Cheese sold Boxes.	Price per lb. Cts.
Ingersoll, Aug. 14 ..	..	385	none	
Lindsay, Aug. 13....	..	1,738	1,480	10 ½-11
Belleville, Aug. 11 ..	..	855	350	10 5-16-11
Cornwall, Aug. 11 ..	..	1,499	1,309	10 ½-10 ¾
London, Aug. 11....	..	1,498	680	10 ½-11
Cowansville, Aug. 11	69	3,762	all	10 ½-10 15-16
Kemptville, Aug. 10..	..	860	700	10 ½
Iroquois, Aug. 10....	..	759	all	10 ½
Brantford, Aug. 10..	..	1,139	all	10 ½-11
South Finch, Aug. 10	16	1,491	nearly all	10 15-16
Napanee, Aug. 10 ..	..	1,275	985	10 ½
Perth, Aug. 10.....	..	185	all	10 13-16-10 ½
Winchester, Aug. 10	..	787	all	10 ½
Ottawa, Aug. 10 ....	..	2,005	1,776	10 ½
Chesterville, Aug. 10	..	443	none	
Brockville, August 9	..	3,250	all	10 ½-10 ¾
Kingston, Aug. 9 ....	..	679	409	10 ½
Barrie, Aug. 9 .....	..	602	all	10 ½-10 7-16
Madoc, Aug. 15 ....	..	935	790	10 15-16
Russell, Aug. 15 ....	..	563	none	
Woodstock, Aug. 15..	9	1,143	none	
Picton, Aug. 15 ....	17	975	none	

—The Merchants Bank of Halifax is extending its business to St. John, in which city a branch will be opened on the 20th inst., under the management of Mr. F. H. Arnaud, formerly manager of the Halifax Branch. We learn that Mr. Arnaud has been succeeded at Halifax by Mr. W. M. Botsford, formerly manager at Vancouver, and Mr. C. E. Neill, assistant manager at Vancouver succeeds Mr. Botsford as manager at that office.

—We are informed that a branch of the Bank of Ottawa will presently be opened at Shawenegan Falls, Que., of which Mr. W. W. Forest, late manager of the Mattawa branch, will be in charge. Mr. D. Robertson, manager of the Bank street branch of the bank at the Capital, is to take charge of the Mattawa branch, and Mr. Plunkett B. Taylor will succeed Mr. Robertson in charge of the Bank street branch.

## CLEARING HOUSE FIGURES.

The following are the figures of Canadian clearing houses for the week ended with Thursday, August 16th, 1900, compared with those of the previous week :

CLEARINGS;	August 14, 1900.	August 9, 1900.
Montreal.....	\$18,863,863	\$18,407,909
Toronto .....	8,991,459	8,852,386
Winnipeg .....	1,845,800	2,076,456
Halifax .....	1,687,067	1,709,488
Hamilton .....	643,030	753,975
St. John .....	834,682	863,165
Vancouver .....	973,641	1,020,516
Victoria .....	656,945	683,907
	\$28,996,477	\$28,867,802

Aggregate balances, this week, \$4,751,886; last week, \$5,278,594