



### DRIVES AND BARGAINS.

43-INCH WOOL  
DRESS GOODS.

**J**OHNS MACDONALD & Co. are running a special line of 43-inch wool dress goods in good patterns at 35 cents per yard, the original price of which was 50 cents. This is a bargain which is not often offered.

3,000 DOZEN  
ECLIPSE COT-  
TON HOSIERY.

**W**YLED, GRASSETT & DARLING are offering special lines in Black Eclipse cotton hosiery at prices varying from \$1.25 to \$3.50. These are shown also in children's sizes at various prices. Colors are also shown in these goods as well as the black.

DELAUNETT  
RETAINS  
AT 12½c.

**D**E LAUNETT is a new material which is a substitute for prints. The particular beauty of the cloth is the manner in which it drapes suitable for blouses and many other uses. The colors are fast and washable. A full range is carried by Caldecott, Burton & Spence, in spots, florals and stripes. It is about equal in price to prints, retailing at 12½ cents with a fair profit.

6c. RANGE OF  
EMBROIDERED  
EDGINGS FOR 4c.

**A**SPECIAL line of fine narrow embroidered edgings, in box lots of sixteen pieces, has been secured by Gordon, Mackay & Co., who are giving their customers the benefit of the purchase by offering goods worth in the regular way six cents for four.

TO RETAIL  
THREE PAIRS  
FOR 50 CENTS.

**R.** BROCK & Co. early in the season, before the advance in raw cottons, made a very heavy purchase of Hermsdorf's Absolutely Stainless Black Cotton Hose, in a line called "Buster," which can be retailed with a good margin at three pairs for 50 cents. Full fashioned throughout.

23-INCH  
TWEED EFFECT  
DRESS GOODS,  
10c.

**I**N order to effect a speedy clearing of a range of 23-inch tweed effect dress goods, containing 300 pieces, Gordon, Mackay & Co. have reduced the price from 18½c. to 10c. Handsome assortment of patterns, and they can be retailed for 25 cents.

### THE MONTREAL MARKET.

**T**HE cold weather that ruled during the latter part of March and during the present month has seriously interfered with the volume of trade in the various lines of dry goods. There was every indication of a good sorting-up trade until the cold spell set in; until it did, business was quite brisk, but it has fallen off sharply since, and the presumption is that dealers throughout the country have not had an opportunity of breaking into their stocks in earnest. No one is surprised therefore that the travellers who started out on their sorting up trips at the first of the month have not had much encouragement so far, and merchants feel disappointed, for although they expect to turn over as large a quantity of goods as last year, they were calculat-

ing all along on an increase, but the unfavorable atmospheric conditions have made this possibility unlikely now. Consequently the month as a whole has been a quiet one, with little out of the ordinary run of business. Visits have been received from a few out-of-town buyers from immediately adjacent districts, but the purchases in this connection have been small and the aggregate turnover unimportant.

Remittances at the close of March and for the first week in April were good, the paper falling due on the 4th of April being met much better than on March 4th. Latterly, however, they have shown a falling off, which is attributed to the prospects of a very late season which tends to make people hold on to their cash.

A feature of the month has been large purchases of hair loti, on this market by American buyers, and the worst of it is that some houses have oversold. The consequence is that prices are fully 25 per cent. higher.

Silks and satins received considerable attention, which certainly does not go to show that the country is impoverished or people would not feel disposed to indulge in expensive garbs.

Light woollen dress goods have been called for to a fair extent.

The cotton position remains firm, but there have been no further advances. Indeed it is considered unlikely by the trade here that there will be any, for if there is much further appreciation values will reach a limit where American cottons can be brought in. It is a well known fact in this connection that the manufacturers across the lines are closely watching our market and would immediately rush in goods as soon as the opportunity offered. This fact makes it improbable that our manufacturers will put up prices any further. Stocks in second hands are small, in fact remarks made last month about a well cleaned up market apply more so to-day than they did then.

The demand for white grey and colored cottons was equally as good as in other lines, but fell off from causes outlined above as it did in other branches.

There has been more talk here about the proposed combine of the various woollen mills and report has it here that it will shortly be consummated, but beyond this rumor nothing definite is known about the matter. Advices from Huddersfield to English agents here state that in some lines of woollens that an advance of 7½ to 10 per cent has been established.

The millinery houses report that business is quiet and say that their travellers are having no end of sorting trips. They have been doing something in a small way on summer account in lines of cheap lots, etc., but even that has dwindled down to nothing during the last week owing to the cold cloudy weather.

At the annual meeting of the Dominion Cotton Company, held on Thursday, the 13th inst., the president read a very satisfactory annual report. It referred to the improvements on the Company's property during the year. The earnings for the year were about twenty per cent. on the capital of \$3,000,000. Out of this were paid four dividends of two per cent. each and \$100,000 carried to the contingent account, and \$200,000 to surplus, which now stands at over \$1,000,000. Mr. Gault said that although it cost lots of money the company was bound to keep its eleven mills in perfect order. The most modern machinery is employed, and earn if the Government should come back to the tariff which was in force during the Mackenzie regime, the company would be in a position to compete with the whole world, not even excepting England. The statement of the year's business was highly gratifying to the shareholders present, who passed the usual votes of thanks.