

INDUSTRIAL NOTES.

The very handsome premises of Messrs. Manchester, Robertson and Allison of St. John, N. B., are four storeys high, and cover, in the area of all their floors, a space equal to 1 acre, 26 rods, 19 yds. The numerous departments of their very extensive dry goods business are admirably arranged in this fine building, the accommodations of which are enhanced by three elevators, two for freight (one wholesale and one retail,) and one for customers and other passengers up and down. The list of their wares is far too long for any attempt in our columns at recapitulation in detail, suffice it that it includes every description of linens, upholstery material, carpetings, oilcloths, velvets, silks, furs, millinery, umbrellas, hosiery, ribbons, laces, &c., &c., besides a gentlemen's furnishing department, which also embraces tailoring. Messrs. M., R. & A's spring importations amounted to 3,598 packages of European, American and Canadian goods. We are especially glad to notice that these are divided as follows: Canadian manufactures, 2,460; British and Continental, 794; and United States, 341 packages. This preponderance of Canadian manufactures is especially gratifying; 1100 or 1200 packages are moreover of Maritime Provinces manufacture. They have also a straw hat manufactory at Indian town, and give employment to 150 hands, besides men engaged in various ways connected with their large volume of business. Such establishments emphasize the vast importance of the commercial industries in the Dominion.

"The Amherst Floral Co., Limited," is one of Amherst's latest enterprises. This company has recently been organized with a capital of ten thousand dollars. The officers are as follows: President, Capt. Welling; Vice-President, W. Read; Treasurer, J. L. Filmore; Secretary, W. A. Filmore; Directors, the officers of the Company and E. Currau, N. A. Rhodes, J. McKeen and Dr. Tupper.

The site selected for the conservatory has been purchased of Messrs. Filmore & Son at a reduced rate, and is admirably adapted for the purpose. It comprises the island and the adjacent land with the small pond which lies between, and which will probably be utilized in the propagation of such fish as carp, trout, etc. The soil is regarded as excellent, and its proximity to plenty soft water is an excellent feature. The moisture of the situation will be beneficial to plant growth.

The contract for the erection of two buildings, each 71x20 feet, all glass, has been given to Messrs. Rhodes, Curry & Co. A house for the foreman will also be commenced shortly, and will be completed by July 1st.

Mr. H. Lane, formerly connected with the Nova Scotia nurseries at Halifax, has been placed in charge of the work. He has had 13 years experience in nurseries in England and 7 in Halifax, and is known to be a very competent man.

The prospects of the company would seem to be good, when we consider the fact that as much as \$100 have been sent to Halifax in a single day by Amherst people for cut flowers. The establishment of this enterprise will be a benefit to the whole town, and will make Messrs. Filmore & Son's valuable lots still more desirable.

One of the most important of manufacturing industries of Canada is that engaged in the production of woollen goods. Canadian tweeds and other products of woollen factories are of acknowledged excellence, are cheap and are especially economical by reason of their durability. These Canadian goods are subjected to keen competition, as is shown by the large imports. A considerable portion of these imported woollens are cheap only in name, for being largely shoddy they do not wear well, and would therefore be dear at any price. Yet they have an appearance which is deceptive, and being apparently cheap attract purchasers to their loss, while the honest Canadian goods are thus exposed to an invidious and unfair competition. It is as a protection against this class of imported goods that the duties have been slightly raised, while our manufacturers have a further advantage in the reduction of the duties on some materials used in their processes. The additional command thus given of the home market will not only be beneficial to the producers—the Canadian manufacturers and operatives, and to farmers and others who supply their wants—but also to the consumers, the purchasers, who will obtain honest, durable goods, actually cheaper than the shoddy delusions that have been imported.—*Empire*.

At a banquet of electrical engineers in Boston a few evenings since, those occult gentlemen assured the public that the dwelling house of the future will be fitted for electricity as it now is for gas, not only to give illumination, but also to furnish power to run the sewing machine, the egg-beater, and even to butter the bread economically, to warm the house, and to cook the food.—*Kennebec Journal*.

Inventors everywhere are trying to discover an artificial gas fuel that will end the days of solid fuels. A Wisconsin genius has brought out a scheme of new water gas that is thought well of by scientists. In the end there will probably be developed several gas fuels that will work all right. The sooner the better, for it is one of the unfortunate facts of the age that the way fuel is now used about 75 per cent. of it is wasted.—*Cleveland Press*.

The Bridgetown Iron Foundry Company have received the frame for a new building they purpose erecting at once on the land on which the Court House formerly stood. The building is to be 55 feet long, 32 feet wide, will be two-story, and have a flat roof. The lower flat will be used for their ware and salesrooms, and the upper one will be occupied as a paint shop and for other purposes. It is the intention of the Company to move into their new premises on or about the first of May.

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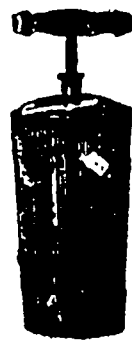
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