

The Almonte Knitting Co. has been making improvements to its property.

The Anchor Knitting Co., of Almonte, is making additions to its premises to meet expanding trade.

Eleven winders at the Kingston cotton mill took a half holiday without leave, and lost their situations in consequence.

A branch of the Canada Woolen Mills, Ltd., will probably be started at Toronto Junction, in the old Hies factory.

Twenty-one stapling and worsted spinning mills in Germany show an aggregate loss of 50,000,000 marks, equal to £2,500,000 sterling, in 1900, the result of over-trading and over-production.

A new chimney is being built for the Montreal Cotton Co., Valleyfield, which will rank with the highest in the Dominion. Its dimensions will be: Height, 201 feet; foundation, 36 feet square; greatest diameter, 18 feet 10 inches; smallest diameter, 12 feet 9 inches; square at bottom, 19 feet 6 inches; solid concrete bed, 14 feet by 36 feet; core, 9 feet diameter. Wighton, Morrison & Co., Montreal, have the contract.

The terms of agreement upon which W. J. Webster will erect and maintain a woolen mill at Edmonton have been settled. Mr. Webster covenants to have erected and in operation by the 1st of June next a two-set mill. The buildings are to cost not less than \$2,500; the machinery \$15,000. The mill is to be operated for ten years, for not less than four months in the first and six months each succeeding year. On completion of the mill the town agrees to pay \$500 as a bonus. The property and plant is exempt from taxation for ten years. If Mr. Webster should fail to operate the mill from any cause he shall repay to the town \$50 for each year of the said ten years in which such failure shall occur. If from any cause the mill goes out of business Webster agrees to repay the balance of the \$500 unearned.

The terms of settlement of the dispute between the Sturgeon Falls Pulp Co. and Edward Lloyd, Ltd., are not to be announced till October 10th. The papers have been signed by the solicitors, but have to be ratified by the boards of the two companies and signed by the arbitrator. The agreement will settle a vexatious controversy. Upwards of a year ago Edward Lloyd, Ltd., purchased from the Sturgeon Falls Pulp Company its rights in the pulp wood concession granted by the Ontario Government, and also the pulp and paper mills and water power at Sturgeon Falls. Some time after the purchasing company protested that the land was not as well timbered with pulp wood as was represented, and that the waterpower was also below what was understood. The Sturgeon Falls Pulp Company maintained that both were up to the representations. Negotiations failed to settle the difference and arbitration was agreed to. Hon. Charles Fitzpatrick, Solicitor-General, was appointed sole arbitrator. The matter has been under enquiry for a long time, explorers having been sent into the region covered by the concession to ascertain for the arbitrator the quantity of pulp wood to be found there.

Fire caused \$125 damage to the premises of E. & S. Currie, neckwear manufacturers, Toronto, on the 2nd Oct.

Sam. P. Lindsay and Jos. Jacobs, of Montreal, both give notice that the partnership which has hitherto existed between them, under the name and style of the Metropolitan Dyeing Works, Cleaning and Pressing Company, has been dissolved. The business will be liquidated by Samuel P. Lindsay, after which he will continue in the same line, under the same name.

FABRIC ITEMS.

Brown is shortly to be the fashionable color in clothing.

Wm. Ross, hatter, Halifax, has assigned with liabilities of from \$2,000 to \$3,000.

A bulletin of the Ontario Bureau of Industries just issued gives the wool clip of the province for 1901 as 5,834,097 lbs.

The Canadian Hammock Manufacturing Co., limited, has been authorized to do business in Ontario, with John Allan, of the town of Paris, its representative.

Owing to certain conditions imposed by the factory inspectors of Ontario, T. Lindsay & Co. are reported to have decided to have their ready-made clothing manufactured in Montreal.

The binder twine factory which it is proposed to start at Almonte will have a capacity of four tons daily. The name of the company is to be the Ottawa Valley Binder Twine Co., and its proposed capital is \$100,000.

The paper industry of Germany is said to be suffering from the general depression. Manufacturers are receiving few orders, and in Berlin and Saxony are endeavoring to dispose of their productions at any price.

Dun's Review says of the cotton crop that in Texas it will be much lighter than last year, while in the eastern states it will be equal to, or perhaps in excess of, last year's. The season is late and stocks at southern mills are low.

Speaking of flax the Ontario Bureau of Industries bulletin says of this year's crop: This crop has done well where raised, but it is not so largely grown as formerly. It has done better in the Lake Huron counties than in the West Midland group.

The Dominion Laundry Soap Co., limited, has been incorporated with head office at Toronto. The capital stock is \$30,000, and the incorporators are J. W. Young, John Ausman, Charlotte E. Young and Carrie Ausman, their wives, of Toronto, and James A. Ross, of Detroit.

Henry E. MacIntosh, Harry G. Fenlin, Leslie R. Dowker, Mary Elizabeth Fenlin, of Montreal, and C. S. Hyman, of London, have been granted a Dominion charter as the Fenlin Leather Co., Ltd., with a capital of \$250,000; to carry on the leather manufacturing business.

W. J. McFarland, J. F. Gray, W. E. Southgate, Sarah Southgate, his wife, and Orrin A. Gray, of Toronto, have been incorporated as McFarland, Gray and Southgate, limited, with a capital of \$200,000, to take over and carry on the clothing business of McFarland, Gray and Southgate.

Henry Arkell, a well-known sheep breeder, of Guelph, has this season sold nearly four hundred pure bred Oxford-down sheep, shipments having been made, among other places, to Nova Scotia, Assiniboia, Alberta, British Columbia, Wisconsin and Indiana. He has still three hundred head left.

Large quantities of spruce suitable for pulp are found to exist in Newfoundland, and the fir of that island is said to be as good as the spruce for pulp making, recent tests having given satisfactory results. Several United States concerns which have heretofore obtained their pulp in Canada are looking to Newfoundland for their supply. Mr. Reid is said to have in view the establishing of a pulp industry on a very large scale.