

Among the Mills

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Schrum & Letson, shoddy manufacturers, Salem, Ont., have sold their business.

The Boston Cordage and Twine Co. will establish a factory in St. John's, Newfoundland.

A. B. Connor, manager of the Alvinston Flax Co., has started a basket factory in Alvinston, Ont.

The Merchants' Rubber Company, at Berlin, Ont., commenced operations in their mill room on January 21st. The machinery is working satisfactorily.

The General Artificial Silk Company, an American concern, have rented part of the Wagner factory, Toronto Junction, Ont., and intend to start work immediately.

The Dominion immigration agent at Edmonton, N.W.T., has received enquiries from Oregon regarding a site for the erection of flax mills in the town.

The machinery and works in the new additional part of the felt shoe factory, at Galt, Ont., is nearing completion. The manager has just returned from his western trip, with better prospects and larger orders than any previous year.

E. J. H. Pauley, president of the Linen Mills Company, has completed arrangements with the Orillia, Ont., town council for a five acre factory site. The company begins building operations when spring opens. Owing to similarity in name to another company establishing a factory in Bracebridge, the name has been changed from the Dominion Linen Mills, to the Canada Linen Works, Limited. Mr. Pauley's father is in the Old Country buying machinery, and securing operatives.

On January 11th, 120 weavers in the Paton mills, Sherbrooke, Que., struck owing, it is alleged, to the boss weaver fining them unnecessarily high for spoiled work. They returned to work on January 21st, as a result of the efforts of Felix Marois, of Quebec, Government representative. The complaints will be taken up by the management and given fair and careful consideration. The whole mill was closed down January 16th, throwing 700 hands idle, with a daily loss of \$1,000 in wages. During the strike the management received many offers of assistance from other mills, and if the strikers had held out, their places would no doubt have been filled. The Paton mills, which, owing to the low water in the Magog river, have for some months been able to operate their works only a portion of each day, have started to run full time again.

The Court of Appeal recently gave judgment in the case of Thomas H. Traplin, of Hespeler, against the Canada Woolen Mills, to recover damages for injuries sustained owing to the fall of an elevator. The case was tried at Milton last April, and the jury found in effect that the elevator was in a dilapidated condition, and although it was for lifting goods, the defendants had permitted their workmen to use it, and the plaintiff had used it. The jury awarded the plaintiff \$3,150, and the defendants appealed to the Court of Appeal, which has unanimously confirmed the jury's verdict, and dismissed the appeal with costs. Under the Workmen's Compensation Act, the limit for damages which workmen may recover for injuries is \$1,500. The plaintiff successfully contended in this case that he was entitled to damages at common law, in which case there is no limit, and the court and jury have so found.

David Hart, boss finisher in the Hewson Woolen Mills, Amherst, N.S., has resigned.

The National Woolen Mills, Streetsville, Ont., are installing another set of cards.

The John Dick Co., Limited, Seaforth, Ont., are installing additional machinery.

The Ontario Felt Company's new mill, Dundas, Ont., is now running. A. M. Morrison is general manager.

The Maple Leaf Woolen Mills Co., Markham, Ont., have built a new dye house, and installed additional machinery.

Samuel Brown, formerly of Waterloo, Ont., is overseer of carding in the Auburn Woolen Mills, Streetsville, Ont.

The Elmira Felt Co., Elmira, Ont., are about to install additional machinery, which is now on its way from England.

The Marysville cotton mill, Marysville, N.B., had to close down for a few days recently on account of the scarcity of raw cotton.

The Guelph Worsted Spinning Company, Guelph, Ont., are installing a new set of cards and mules for carpet and hosiery yarns.

The M. B. Perine & Co., twine mills, Doon, Ont., were closed down recently, for want of coal, owing to snow-blocks on the railway.

G. Reid & Co., Toronto, are installing new machinery for cleaning up waste fibres in the flax mill of the Essex Flax Mills Company, Essex, Ont.

The International Flax Fibre Company has moved into head offices at St. Joseph, Ont., and is establishing there a factory for the treatment of flax and linen.

The report that the Cornwall and York cotton mills, St. John, N.B., would have to close down, owing to a shortage of cotton, has been officially denied.

It is reported that the Hoffman-Corr Manufacturing Co., recently taken over by the Universal Thread Co., Fitchburg, Mass., will erect a cotton batting mill at Toronto, Ont.

Wm. Smith, on leaving the Rosamond Woolen Co., Almonte, Ont., to take up the position of manager of the Enterprise Hosiery and Underwear Co., Toronto Junction, was presented with an address and a gold watch by the employees.

The Empire Carpet Company, of Dundas, Ont., has had a brief existence, being already in the hands of its creditors. A trustee and three inspectors have been appointed, and the factory is advertised for sale in this issue. An effort will be made to secure new capital and reorganize the concern on a substantial basis.

The Oxford Woolen Mills, of Oxford, Nova Scotia, have just completed their new brick and stone mill and have their machinery installed therein. The mill is one of the best equipped in Canada. The manufacturing department is now being conducted by W. G. Thomson, who is occupying the position of superintendent and designer. He comes to the company from Leeds, England, and was engaged in manufacturing there for many years.

The Guelph Carpet Mills Company recently installed a tapestry and velvet carpet plant, and are now the only mills in the Dominion turning out tapestry, velvet and Brussels carpets. This department necessitated extensive additions to their buildings, and they recently erected two stone structures. One of these, 50 by 175, and three stories high, is used as office and stock-room, while an addition of 50 by 125 feet was made to the loom-shed, making that structure of a total area of 50 by 250. The officers of the company are as follows: President, Christopher Kloepter, manager, secretary, and treasurer, Robert Dodds.