

Manufacturing Notes.

The CANADIAN MANUFACTURER will be pleased to receive items of industrial news from its readers in all parts of the country, for publication in these columns.

Notes of new machinery, improvements, increase in capacity, &c., will be of special interest. All communications must be accompanied by the writer's name as a guarantee of good faith.

Woodstock, N. B., has a new woollen mill enterprise. The capital is \$50,000 in shares of \$10 each.

We understand the Messrs. A. & G. Holland, of Ottawa, are constructing a pulp factory at Buckingham, and intend having it completed early in the spring.—*Lachute Watchman*.

The knitting factory started some time ago in Colborne by Mr. A. King is doing a prosperous business, from twenty to twenty-five hands being employed, and the weekly pay-sheet foots up \$125.

Smale & Hazleton are manufacturing two thousand iron harrows at their forge works on Flora-street. They have recently shipped a car load of harrows to Manitoba, and also a consignment to Dakota.—*Journal, St. Thomas*.

The rebuilding of the Globe Works, London East, is being pushed forward rapidly, and the new machinery is being placed in position. The company expect they will be able to get up steam and resume operations early next week.

THE COTTON INDUSTRY.—The desire for manufactures has struck Three Rivers. At a special meeting of the Town Council, called for that purpose, it unanimously voted a bonus of \$25,000 to the first cotton factory erected within its limits.—*Montreal Gazette*.

The Great Western railway car shops in London East are unusually active at present, and the men are working overtime every night. There are now employed in the works nearly 100 men more than were engaged a year since, and the increase is gratefully ascribed to the N. P. boom.

HAMILTON, March 2.—A well-known gentleman in this city has just completed the sale of twenty-four lots in the west end to a company composed of Toronto capitalists and a practical Hamilton manufacturer, on which a large foundry and machine shop are to be erected during the coming season.

We are glad to assure our readers that there is no doubt of the Government granting the request of the town in regard to water power. We have received the most positive assurance that the Government intends taking the matter in hand, and there is no doubt of the work being performed by them.—*Welland Telegraph*.

MAMMOTH BELT.—Messrs. F. E. Dixon & Co., belt manufacturers, Toronto, have just completed for a Belleville firm the largest leather belt ever manufactured in Ontario. It is thirty inches wide, double thickness, and one hundred and six feet long. It required fifty carefully selected whole steer hides to get leather enough to make it.

The Campbellford *Herald* states that there are now about 70 hands employed at the Trent Valley Woollen Mills, at that place. An excellent sample of flannel manufactured at these mills was shown a few days ago. The machinery throughout the buildings is now in active daily operation. The number of hands will be increased as the necessity demands.

The Winnipeg *Sun* announces that the Oshawa Cabinet Company's agent in that city has leased the Phoenix Skating Rink, to be used as a warehouse for the sale of furniture during the coming spring and summer. This company finds the demand for their furniture in Winnipeg so great that they require very much larger space necessary to hold the immense stock they intend placing in this.

Another new manufacturing industry is projected in Montreal, the "Canada Jute Bag Manufacturing Co.," being about to apply for letters patent, authorizing their incorporation with a capital of \$50,000. Messrs. John McDougall and G. A. Drummond are among the first directors. The jute will be imported uncalendered, being on the free list, the finishing of the material and the making of the bags being done there.

Messrs S. Lennard & Sons, Dundas, have just completed a large addition to their knitting factory. The building is of red brick, 53x36, and two storeys high. A large number of new machines of the most improved patterns are on their way from England, and when they are set up the firm will be able to turn out a finer class of goods than has heretofore been attempted in Canada. This increase of facilities will give employment to about thirty additional hands.

Messrs B. Greening & Co., of the Victoria Wire Mills, Hamilton, have just had erected a most valuable addition to their works, in the shape of a tower sixty feet high. It is to be used for the purpose of facilitating the painting and drying of their wire cloth, and this system is calculated to much improve the quality, the colour being laid on with great evenness. Although for practical purposes, the addition is a very ornamental one, and is surmounted by a ventilator of very neat design.

The capital of the Merrittton cotton mill is to be \$200,000, in 2,000 shares of \$100 each; and the following names are quoted among the list of stockholders:—Toronto—Hughes Bros., T. C. Flannery. St. Catharines—James Norris, P. Larkin, Thos. R. Merritt, J. C. Rykert, M.P., T. Healey, R. Woodruff & Co. Merrittton—Richard Leeson, Daniel Leo, James McLean. Thorold—Wm. Bull, James Munro, A. Dobbie. Collingwood—Thos. Long, M.P. Durham—J. H. Hunter. M. P.

The Town Council of Sherbrooke has unanimously resolved to exempt from taxation for five years and grant a bonus of \$5,000 to any company which would erect and run a cotton factory of 20,000 spindles in the town before the first of May, 1883. It is said that a number of Sherbrooke and Montreal capitalists are about to form themselves into a cotton company. It is also rumored that a large cotton firm of Cholet (Department of Marne and Loire), France, is about to erect a factory for the manufacture of colored cottons and ginghams in Sherbrooke.—*Montreal Gazette*.

Somebody writing to the *Welland Telegraph* advises that the people of that town should offer inducements to Mr. E. A. C. Pew to invest some of his capital in manufactures there, which it is believed he is willing to do, on conditions. Mr. Pew, who is understood to have made a good deal of money recently, formerly belonged to the Welland neighbourhood. Welland being on the Canal, has plenty of water power from an unfeeling source, Lake Erie, and coal can be delivered there cheaply either from east or west. It ought to be a good site for factories of various kinds.

Mr. R. B. McPherson, of Thorold, proprietor of a stone flouring mill there, some time ago determined to convert the building, with additions, into a knitting factory, and the work is now nearly completed. The new building is four storeys, 62x71 feet, to which the old mill, 75x25, forms a wing, and there is also a large boiler house besides. Water power from the canal will be used to drive the machinery, which is now on its way from England and the States. From 100 to 150 hands will be employed, and it is claimed that the mill, when ready for operation, will be one of the most complete of its kind in Canada.

The recent snow blockade, together with the fact that the mining companies have more orders on their hands at present than they can conveniently fill, has made coal almost a scarce article in New Glasgow. Our local coal dealers have a lot of orders ahead of them. The strike at the Albion mines contributed somewhat to the scarcity and consequent demand. There are many people of the opinion that the managers of our mines might strive in the future to give better satisfaction in the matter of regular coal supply to the people of our towns at least, and thus prevent a great deal of inconvenience and distress.—*New Glasgow, N.S., Plain-dealer, March 1*.

Mr. Arthur Toomey finds it imperative that he should enlarge his factory to keep pace with orders, and he has made arrangements for doubling the capacity of his establishment within the next four weeks. Mr. J. A. Cliff has the contract for the erection of a building 30x40 feet, three stories high, to be veneered with brick. The machinery is already on the way, and is expected to arrive in about a week. A short time since, Mr. Toomey received an order from a Toronto firm for 3,000 pairs of blankets, to be delivered as soon as practicable. Business is booming with him; a fact which may be largely attributed to the excellent quality of the goods which he turns out.

The Massey Manufacturing Company, of this city, have decided to establish a reading room at the factory for the use of their workmen, who number some 300. It will be ready in the course of a few weeks. With reference to the moulders whom Messrs. E. & C. Gurney brought over from Scotland, it should have been said that they joined the union at the request of the firm, and are now in their employ. There is no antagonism between Messrs. Gurney and their men, whose request for an increase of ten per cent. in wages has been acceded to. The stone-cutters last night held their regular meeting at Lennox's Hall, and discussed the question of wages.—*Toronto Mail, March 11th*.