

COTTON NEWS.

MEETING OF THE MONTREAL COTTON CO.

THE 24th annual meeting of the Montreal Cotton Co. was held February 10, and was numerously attended. The annual reports for the past year were submitted, and showed a satisfactory condition of the company's affairs. The retiring Board of Directors were unanimously re-elected as follows: Messrs. A. F. Gault, Charles Garth, J. Grenier, E. K. Greene, J. K. Ward, S. H. Ewing, and R. R. Stevenson. At a subsequent meeting of this board Mr. A. F. Gault was re-elected president, Mr. Charles Garth vice-president and Mr. J. F. Smith secretary-treasurer.

TOO MANY MILLS IN THE STATES.

We suppose there are cotton factories enough now in this country to make more cloth than the American people can buy, even with every worker in all industries earning good wages and thus making a maximum market. It is desirable, as we have often said, to push out for foreign consumption with more vigor and system than have ever yet characterized our export operations. This is being "begun to be done" by some of our cotton manufacturers, and it is noticeable again here that it is the goods of southern make that are most freely exported at this time.—New York D. G. Chronicle.

DRY AIR IN THE MILL.

The dryness of the atmosphere in this country is the cause of some inconvenience to the cotton manufacturer. In dry air the friction generates electricity which causes the loose cotton to stand up. This interferes with the process of manufacture. In England the atmosphere is damp enough to prevent this. In America it is necessary to use artificial means. The windows are securely calked. The ventilation is by currents of air produced by huge fans. To secure the necessary dampness sprays are fastened in the ceilings with the holes so small that the water cannot be seen when being forced through them. Registers are also placed in various parts of the building, which note the amount of dampness in the air. The Montreal Cotton Co. are putting a system like this into their mills called the aerophore system. To prevent the rooms being close in the morning the fans will be started half an hour before the hands arrive.

NOTES OF THE TRADE.

In cream damask tablings P. Garneau, Fils & Cie., of Quebec, have tip-top values.

Lonsdale, Reid & Co. show many novelties and makes in embroideries and laces.

P. Garneau, Fils & Cie's., of Quebec, line of 27-inch art muslins (double borders) is a seller.

K. Ishikawa & Co. report a few new novelties in fancy silks now on the way, particulars of which will be given later.

P. Garneau, Fils & Cie., of Quebec, are selling a bargain in a bleached huckaback toweling. Can be retailed at 12c. with profit.

Lonsdale, Reid & Co. are well up in their linen department. They hold some extra snaps in towels, towelings, table linens and napkins.

P. Garneau, Fils & Cie., of Quebec, have a full line of boys' and men's cotton and woolen sweaters in navy, white and heather; other shades to order.

In linens, damasks, damask napkins and tablecloths, S. Greenshields, Son & Co. are showing some extra values. In half bleached damasks full range of qualities and prices; special line, 72-inch, to retail at 50c. Full range of French canvas, in natural, white and black, now in stock at close prices. In quilts, stock is

now complete in honeycomb, satin, alhambras—all prices and qualities.

In order to have a dress hang well it must have up-to-date linings. Lonsdale, Reid & Co. have them. They also carry a big stock of all kinds of dressmakers' supplies.

S. Greenshields, Son & Co. have gone heavily into ribbons and are showing a grand range in all the staple lines. They have also special lines of baby ribbons, which are taking very well.

P. Garneau, Fils & Cie., of Quebec, have sold the first shipment of wincey cheviot dress goods. This is a cheap serviceable stuff, 37-38 inches wide, which can retail at 15c. They are expecting a second shipment.

S. Greenshields, Son & Co. are showing entirely new designs in belt buckles, blouse sets, cuff buttons and links, etc.; jubilee stick pins for hat and scarf decoration; new features in golden draperies.

A FINE WAREHOUSE.

IN our March number we hope to illustrate that handsome cut stone warehouse, corner Recollet and St. Helen streets, Montreal, until recently occupied as a wholesale millinery house by Messrs. John McLean & Co., who have gone out of business, and which has been leased by Messrs. Brophy, Cains & Co. for a term of years. The Fred. Kay Estate own the property and are putting in an electric elevator, improving the shipping and receiving facilities, making a new entry room, adding to the heating apparatus, and will paint, tint, and thoroughly renovate the interior throughout. When the changes now being made are complete, Messrs. Brophy, Cains & Co. will have one of the most up-to-date and handsome warehouses in the Dominion. The interior is lighted from three sides and is admirably adapted for the fine dress goods trade which this firm does. In fact, it would be hard to imagine a building better adapted to their steadily increasing business. This warehouse has a splendid elevation, in the very centre of the dry goods trade, and is modern in all its appointments. We but echo the already personally expressed wishes of the trade generally in wishing Messrs. Brophy, Cains & Co. increased success in their new premises.

PRACTICAL POINTERS FOR THOSE WHO SHOOT.

A pocket edition of "Practical Pointers for Those Who Shoot" has just been issued.

It is a book for those wishing to know what rifles, pistols or pocket rifles to choose for various purposes. Positions adopted by experts in rifle and pistol shooting are shown by handsome engravings. Directions for building a rifle range. All the recognized targets used in rifle or pistol shooting are described, and shooting rules governing competitions are given in full.

Any readers who wish one can have a copy sent by sending a postal card requesting it to the J. Stevens Arms Co., Chicopee Falls, Mass. It is a useful little book for shooting men to have by them.

FEATHER PILLOWS.

Many dry goods stores will handle feather pillows this year. They are sold along with blankets, comforters and honeycomb quilts, and have proved to be a very remunerative line. The Alaska Feather & Down Co., of Montreal, are booking orders now for spring delivery, and they sell feather pillows almost to as many dry goods houses as furniture dealers.

The C. Ross Co., Ltd., of Ottawa, have commissioned an architect to prepare as soon as possible plans and estimates for a six-storey block to replace their burned store.