

be called the townships of North and South York. The Monastery of Mt. Carmel, near Niagara Falls, asks its certificate of incorporation granted under the Act respecting benevolent, provident and other societies, confirmed.

Among the private bills respecting railways are the Oshawa Railway Company's bill, confirming an agreement between the railway company and the town of Oshawa, by which the town is to advance \$5,000 by way of bonus to assist in the undertaking. The Hamilton, Valley City & Waterloo Railway Company seeks to be incorporated to construct and operate electric railways from Hamilton to Waterloo, and with power to construct and operate a branch line from Guelph. The Windsor, Amherstburg & Lake Erie Railway Company asks incorporation to build a railway from the city of Windsor to the town of Sandwich, thence to Amherstburg, thence to Bar Point on the south shore of Lake Erie. This road is to be operated by steam or any other motive power. The Hamilton Radial Electric Railway Company asks an increase of bonding power up to the sum of \$30,000 a mile. The Metropolitan Street Railway Company asks that bonuses or gifts may be granted in aid of their undertaking, and that they may have power to operate their road on all days of the week.

RETAILING DRY GOODS.

Belts in silk with silver buckles are features for the coming season. The demand for these goods is indicative of a good blouse trade.

A special line of Alsace and Lorraine checks, resembling a delicate tartan, have met with good favor at the hands of dress goods buyers.

A line of ladies' vests at 48c. the dozen is being offered, which, when quality is considered, is enough to make the manufacturer weep.

The woolen mills along the Cornwall canal have been compelled to shut down, as the water has been let out of the canal with a view to improvements in its structure.

For summer dresses Swiss spot muslins and Scotch ones too are largely in request, together with check muslins and a variety of ribbed Scotch zephyrs, checked and striped, of dainty colors.

Shoddy cloth pedlars have been duping innocent people in the County of Oxford. Experience comes high, but some people are bound to have it, and are not satisfied with one dose, but must needs have several.

The Dominion Blanket and Fibre Company, Ltd., Montreal, are about to transfer the balance of their machinery to Beauharnois, Que. They will then make Beauharnois their headquarters, but will keep a sample room in Montreal.

The present season has witnessed a satisfactory resurrection in the interest in domestic tweeds. As we have previously noted, some very pretty patterns are being shown, but prices are low, too low to afford any apparent profit to manufacturers.

The Hudson Bay Company's sales in London last week were from cabled accounts a success, and sellers realized more than in 1894. In several grades decided advances are reported. Marten doubled in value and fox brought 150 percentage more than at the last series. Nearly 105,300 marten skins were sold; the company must have netted some £10,000 by their sale.

"Yes," remarked a prominent retailer, the other day, "I am an importer and a sincere believer in the system of direct importation for retail merchants. The wholesale jobbers are compelled to handle domestic made goods upon inadequate profits and often at a loss. They naturally try to make it upon the goods bought abroad, and unless successful in securing large profits upon imported stuffs their trade is a loss. In consequence the retail trade have themselves undertaken the task of importation."

FOR GROCERS AND PROVISION DEALERS.

"Government butter" is being offered for sale in Montreal.

About thirty new cheese factories are in the course of erection throughout the Maritime Provinces.

The Collingwood Meat Packing Co. are fitting up premises to carry on an extensive retail trade in Collingwood.

A new cheese company has been incorporated in Tweed, under the name of the Murphy Cheese and Butter Manufacturing Company.

Pressed hay is being shipped from Sackville, N.B., to all parts of the Maritime Provinces and to the island of St. Pierre. The demand has been very good the season through, but the price rather below the average.

Recently the Boston police seized a large shipment of lobsters under the legal length limit of 10½ inches. The lobsters were in

transit from Yarmouth, N.S., to New York, and it is the general opinion that in the same way dealers have long been evading the laws.

Messrs. H. Clark, De Silva & Co., March 8th, estimate the cane crops of the world at 2,899,000 tons, against 3,043,000 tons last year, which, with Mr. Licht's estimate of the beet crops, makes total crops 7,810,000 tons, against 6,933,000 tons last year, an increase of 877,000 tons, against our latest estimate of 925,000 tons increase.—*Willett & Gray*.

The position of sugar, says the *St. John Sun*, is a little peculiar. The Acadia refinery offered standard granulated two days ago a little lower than the rate of the last six weeks, but only for prompt delivery. For futures they were firmer. The *St. John* market for granulated remains unchanged, as it is not anticipated that the refineries will stay below the rate at which the large stocks now held here were purchased.

Hon. John Costigan, Minister of Marine and Fisheries, has received from the Board of Trade of Vancouver a lengthy address urging a thorough investigation of the British Columbia river fisheries, with a view to changes in the regulations. A bonus is asked for a factory to utilize fish offal by extracting the oil and converting the residue into fertilizer. The object is to help the canners to comply with the regulations forbidding the dumping of fish refuse in the rivers.

The Department of Trade and Commerce has been officially advised by the High Commissioner that dried codfish from Canada, heretofore admitted into Cuba and Porto Rico free of customs duty, has been placed on the tariff of these islands at the minimum rate, or say at the rate of \$1.80 in Cuba and 90 cents in Porto Rico per 100 kilograms gross, and that those rates will apply to all such fish leaving ports of origin after February 28th, 1895.

Three years ago an English expert, Mr. Kemp, undertook to restock the almost depleted oyster beds of Shediac, N.B. This work was performed successfully, and the Department of Marine and Fisheries is now petitioned to allow the beds to be fished, as the oysters are reported of good size, plentiful and of excellent quality. Hon. Mr. Costigan is at present considering plans whereby this fishery may be continued under regulations that will prevent a relapse into its previous depleted condition.

The Hon. Clark Wallace, Controller of Customs, was once in the grocery business, and says that he knows the tea trade thoroughly. He has decided that the analytical test that was first applied is not a satisfactory one. The teas which were seized he will allow to be exported instead of confiscated, the law giving him discretionary power to do this. If, however, importers persist in bringing these inferior grades in after this warning, they must bear the consequences. For the future the ordinary trade methods of testing the purity and quality of importations by drawing the samples will be in use.

Samples of British Columbia hops have been sent to Australia and were there considered of "good quality, sound, free from mould and full of condition. A few flowers are slightly browned, possibly through weather, which somewhat detracts from the otherwise bright appearance of the sample." Of course, writes the Canadian Trade Commissioner, "there should be a brewing from them before the quality can be fully established. These hops are estimated to be worth 3½d. per pound more than the California hop, which is now being sold here in considerable quantities to 8½d. per pound. The market is just now rather dull."

The excellent condition of the rice market is noteworthy. Business shows no flurry or tendency to excitement, but works right along smoothly at a good liberal average, and the position of holders seems to be gradually strengthening. At the South holders of rough are standing for such stiff rates that millers refuse to meet them, and the supply of cleaned is in consequence very limited, especially at New Orleans. As advised in our market columns long ago, the recently received cargo of Japan was largely sold before arrival and the balance has since been disposed of, with custom so anxious for more that it is engaging ahead away into the summer months. Altogether confidence in desirable stock, either domestic or foreign, is full and unshaken.—*N. Y. Journal and Bulletin of Commerce*.

Professor Robertson says that the shipments of Canadian butter under Government auspices are meeting with good success, and submits the following extracts from his first report: "The high color of Australian is against even the best qualities. The paler the color the better the demand in this market. We are much pleased with the quality. These will sell in preference to Australian in this market, being paler in color, and at least equal in flavor. For these we made 86s. to 90s., which is more than Australian brought. Most of our customers were surprised at the quality of this parcel, as they expected Canadian to be something inferior. If you can ship quality equal to 'Chesterville' (one of the Government dairy stations), we can handle all you send."