

Mr. Yerex, of Wellington, visits Ontario, and secures agencies for a variety of goods. A trade commissioner of the New Zealand Government, Mr. John Holmes, visits Montreal.

December, 1898.—The N.S.W. Commissioner explains to our correspondent that Victoria buys from Canada, in spite of a high import tariff, cotton goods, chairs, timber, bicycles, prepared fish, window shades, suspenders, brass goods, lamp chimneys, cabinet organs, varnish and patent medicines, besides reapers and binders; and that she was ready to buy rubber shoes and leather boots.

March, 1899.—Canadian sales of cotton goods in N.S.W. reported to have increased three-fold within twelve months. Manitoba flour has gained such a reputation as insures an increased demand.

CANADIAN INDUSTRIES.

Among the busily occupied factories is that of the Standard Shirt Co., limited, of Montreal. This company has been shipping large quantities of 8 and 9 ounce overalls and pants to Australia and Africa, and has competed successfully with all comers in that line of manufacture. On October 1st they received repeat orders from Cape Colony and Australia for over 1,000 dozens, which shows that their goods are giving satisfaction. It is probable that they will have large shipments going from Vancouver by every steamer for the next four months.

The Robb Engineering Co., of Amherst, Nova Scotia, is supplying the town of Neepawa, Manitoba, with the steam plant for the new electric lighting system of the latter place; a 100 h.p. compound engine and two 75 h.p. Mumford improved boilers.

Miss Carlyle, the female inspector of factories for Ontario, has returned from a tour in the West. She says that girls are steadily supplanting men in a great number of Ontario factories. There is almost no branch of work in which they are not engaged. The number of domestics in the province is just as steadily decreasing. All the factories visited are working night and day. The only disadvantage under which the girls labor is

that their nervous systems cannot stand the strain of daily labor, and they are liable to break down.

Possibly it is the remarkable publicity which Sydney, Cape Breton, is getting because of the scale on which iron and steel are to be made there, which causes a Victoria, B.C., paper to call attention to the deposits of high grade iron known to exist on the island of Vancouver. These deposits, says The Globe, are bessemer iron, and lie close with the coal and limestone deposits. It proceeds to say that there is no reason to doubt that an iron and steel plant established at some point on the west coast would be a very profitable industry. The export market for such products would be mainly in China and Japan where there is a "boom" in railway construction. In the former country a Canadian firm of contractors have secured a contract for a railway.

A special meeting of shareholders of the Merchants' Cotton Company has been called for the 16th of October, for the purpose of confirming a bylaw passed by the directors, which authorizes the increase of the company's capital stock, and the issuing of a portion of the same.

The Massey-Harris Company are moving their bicycle machinery from their extensive works in King street, Toronto, to the establishment of the Cleveland works, Toronto Junction, where they will in the future execute their bicycle work. This move on the part of the company is the result of the recent amalgamation of three large bicycle concerns into one company. It is also on the cards that several departments of the Cleveland works will be moved to Brantford, Ont.

Shurley & Dietrich, of Galt, have purchased the Beaver Saw Works, at Sherbrooke, Que., which will henceforth be the eastern branch of the Galt Maple Leaf saw works.

The coal receipts at Fort William for 1899 will run up to 140,000 tons. Last year they amounted to 85,000 tons, thus showing a gross gain of 55,000 tons for the year.

Several large industrial enterprises are being carried on very slowly by reason of the excessive wages demanded in the labor market.

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