

quiring representation in Canada. A Canadian firm desires to be placed in communication with importers of baled hay from the Dominion.

Enquiries were received at the Canadian section of the Imperial Institute, London, as follows, during the week ended 15th November: A company manufacturing glue of various kinds asks to be placed in correspondence with Canadian buyers of the article. A wholesale furniture house would be pleased to hear from Canadian manufacturers of carpets, furniture, etc. A correspondent possessing a connection in chair materials, turned goods, etc., wishes to hear from Canadian producers of same.

INDUSTRIAL OPERATIONS.

The capacity of the British Columbia Copper Company's smelter at Greenwood is being doubled. A new furnace is being put in, as also a Connesville blower. When completed the plant will be able to treat 800 tons of ore per day. During October, with one furnace, 12,660 tons were treated, or an average of 408 tons daily.

Ross and Howard have opened a large new foundry in Vancouver. Two cupolas, one with a capacity of ten and the other of five tons per day, were placed in operation last week.

A meeting of the Manitoba Water Power Electrical Company was held last week, and it was decided to rush work on the Lac du Bonnet project for generating power. The following officers were elected: President, H. Burkholder, Chicago; vice-president, I. M. Ross, Winnipeg; secretary-treasurer, H. Cooper, Winnipeg.

Delorimier (Montreal) council has passed the third reading of a by-law granting a bonus and exemption from taxation to the Jas. McCready Boot and Shoe Manufacturing Co., Montreal, if they will establish a branch factory there. Voting will take place on the 16th prox.

A despatch from Quebec says that an American syndicate with a capital of five million dollars, represented by Col. B. A. Scott, has been formed to operate a lumber and pulp industry at Roberval and on the Grand Discharge of Lake St. John.

Columns of the Woodstock Sentinel-Review are devoted to relating the marked activity of factories in that favored place. The furniture factory, Mr. Anderson says, has been running overtime for months and has orders enough to keep it busy till the end of the year. Mr. Bain declares the past eleven months the best they have had in the Bain Waggon Co.'s works. For one-quarter of the year they had to run day and night. In turning out boilers and engines White-law's foundry has been well employed. An addition four stories high to the Thomas Organ and Piano factory, and a new 120-horse engine will by 1st January next increase its capacity to 290 instruments per month. It is now 120 per month. They are running mainly for export, and are two months behind with orders. The Karn Company have 150 piano orders ahead, and 15 car-loads of organs for export. They are working overtime. Having doubled its capacity, the Hamilton Oak Extract Tanning Co., of Woodstock, has been running day and night. The Box Company, the Hub factory, the Woodstock Wagon Co., Richard's Soap Works, Hay & Co., Dean & Westlake, the Wind Motor Co., and the Stewart Stove Co., are all busy and apparently prosperous.

INSURANCE NOTES.

At a meeting of the directors of the Quebec Fire Assurance Company, the following gentlemen were elected directors: Hon. Pierre Garneau, M.L.C.; Sir Alphonse Pelletier, K.C.M.G., and Thomas H. Norris, Esq. At a subsequent meeting of the board the Hon. Pierre Garneau was elected president, and Sir Alphonse Pelletier, vice-president.

In an action brought by the Bank of Toronto to recover the amount of a claim of \$2,500, which it holds against the St. Lawrence Fire Insurance Co., on a policy issued to the John Eaton Co., of Toronto, the Superior Court took the

ground that there being an absence of proper notice of transfer of the claim to the bank by the John Eaton Co. the claim should be dismissed.

The action of the Western Loan & Trust Company to recover \$100,000 guarantee on a policy issued in their favor by the Dominion of Canada Accident & Guarantee Company, for the honest administration of the funds entrusted to W. Barclay Stephens, the late manager of the Loan & Trust Company, has been dismissed in a Montreal court. The defence was that the answers given by plaintiff company to questions put by defendant company at the time of the application for the bond were not correct, and constituted sufficient misrepresentation to vitiate the policy. In this defence they were successful and the action was dismissed with costs.

FOR DRY GOODS DEALERS.

The Canadian Spool Cotton Company, recently formed in Montreal with a capital of \$200,000, have elected Mr. Wm. Wilson, of New York, president, and Mr. John Beattie, of Montreal, secretary-treasurer.

The Kingston Hosiery Co., limited, which some eight months ago decided to deal direct with retail merchants, has come to the conclusion that the usual plan of selling through wholesale houses is better after all, and they have now gone back to it.

Mr. J. B. Cudlip, who for some years past has been manager for the Gibson Mills at Marysville, N.B., has been appointed manager of the cotton mills in St. John, to be known in future as the Cornwall and York Mills. Some improvements are to be made in the plant, and then this industry, one so important to the city, will be revived under the new auspices. It has our brightest hopes.

That the woolen manufacturers are not to be allowed to have it all their own way without opposition may be evidenced from the report of a recent meeting of the tailors' section of the Retail Merchants' Association, Toronto. They contended that the Canadian mills engaged in the manufacture of the better class of goods had more business than they could attend to, and that it was only those engaged in making the lower grades who were suffering. It was doubtful if an increase in the duty would help their case. They were of the opinion that the remedy for the alleged stagnation in the woolen industry was not to be found in more protection, but in the manufacture of a better class of goods.

The Dry Goods Economist last week issued a special Horse Show number, commemorative of that important function, from a fashion point of view, which was recently held in New York. Never has society taken so great an interest in this event; never was there a more extensive and lavish display of superb millinery, costumes, wraps, furs, neckwear and other articles of feminine attire. Never, also says our contemporary, have so many manufacturers of silks, velvets and other dress goods been present, to take pointers for the work of future looms. From this point of view, namely, that of gauging the predominating fashions accurately, the Horse Show is probably the most important event of the modeste manufacturers' year.

FOR GROCERS AND PROVISION DEALERS.

Herring fishermen off the western coast of Newfoundland report very large catches recently.

Springfield cheese factory and drying house were completely destroyed by fire last week; loss, \$6,000; mostly insured.

The Labrador cod fishing season, which has just closed, was a very unfavorable one, the catch being considerably below the average.

Last week the Cleve Canning and Cold Storage Company of New Westminster, shipped a consignment of frozen salmon to South Africa.