

appears. Large quantities are used in wool. Last year at this time many mills were shut down and others were running on part time. It looks as if the advance would hold, and if it does there must be higher prices on manufactured goods in Canada. It will pay buyers to look into the situation.

THE PRINT AGREEMENT.

THERE is still much talk in the trade on the action of the Magog mills in putting several retailers on the list of firms to whom they will sell direct. It now appears that the select list is not confined to the big department stores in Montreal and Toronto. In fact, only one department store in Toronto and two in Montreal are on it. The others must buy through the wholesale houses. It is understood that there are about fifteen firms who enjoy the privilege. These are not all to be found in the big centres by any means. For instance, a good firm in the town of Collingwood, Ont., and another in Truro, N.S., and several others similarly situated, are on the list. The selling agents claim that they have been supplying all these firms direct for many years, and say they will not make any change. This being the case, it is only fair that they should exact an agreement from these retail houses that they will not cut prices, as they require from the jobbers. It is true it would be more difficult to carry out; but it can be done. Some of these houses will not take advantage of the fact that they can buy at less than their competitors, but it is feared others will. It is probable the matter will come before the Dry Goods Associations in To-

ronto and Montreal. Some advocate a general meeting of dealers from all parts of Canada.

ADVANCE IN COTTON PRICES.

Last month a 5 per cent. advance in plain and twilled bleached sheetings took place, which is the second recent advance on these goods. All lines of bags were advanced \$1 per bale. An advance on several low numbers of grey cottons was also recorded.

SALES OF MONTMORENCY GOODS.

The cottons of the Montmorency mill, which withdrew from the syndicate lately, have been offered to the trade since Sept. 1, and a number of orders placed. No cut in prices is reported, and the mill, which makes several good lines of grey cottons, will continue to seek its share of the trade. As in the past, toweling will also be made in this mill. The selling agent is S. H. Mills.

ADVANCES IN LININGS.

The Montreal Cotton Co. have been advancing quotations for the past couple of weeks. To-day they are unsettled but strong and tending up. They claim not to be booking any orders for future delivery at to-day's figures. All lines are not advanced, but in silicias, twill waste, colored cantons and similar lines, there is a rise of 5 to 7½ per cent.

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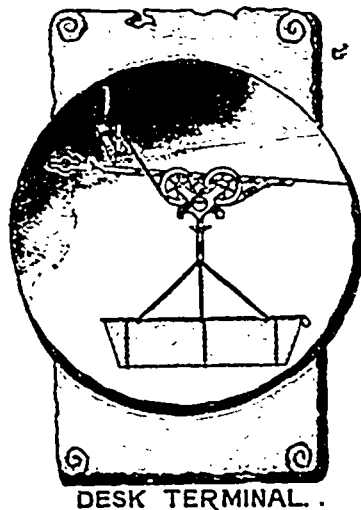
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