

## BELDING, PAUL & CO., SILK MANUFACTURERS, MONTREAL.

Beg to notify the trade they are preparing, and will have ready February 1, 1881, a full stock of

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Stormont Cold Cotton Yarns, Ducks, Tickings, Checks, &c.  
Knitted Goods, Tweeds, Flannels, &c., &c.  
**The Wholesale Trade only supplied.**

A GREAT impetus has been given to the shipping interests of St. Catharines, Canada, by the announcement that the Government intends to enlarge Lock No. 2 of the old Welland Canal to the size of locks on the new canal. Messrs. Schicklum Bros., shipbuilders of that city, contemplate building a large dry-dock for repairing, and another one to lengthen vessels or build new ones. They would abandon the present style of skidding vessels into the water, and, instead, would float them from the ways. They would thus be enabled to dock the largest vessels on the lakes. In a depth of twelve feet of water they calculate these will carry 50,000 to 60,000 bushels of wheat.

THROUGH THE courtesy of the Dominion Superintendent of Insurance we are favored with an abstract of the business of Fire and Marine in Canada for 1880 in advance of the annual report. The total net cash received for fire premiums by Canadian Companies amounted to \$1,203,872, showing an increase on those of 1879, omitting the National Insurance Co., not included in the present report, of \$145,096. As all the British companies have not yet made their returns, we are unable to institute any comparison.

A KINGSTON correspondent writes: The establishment of a cotton mill in this city now seems to be placed beyond a doubt. About \$200,000 is required. At a meeting of the citizens, held on the 18th inst., \$70,000 was subscribed on the spot, and \$31,200 have since been obtained. The shares have been fixed at \$50 each. The following have been appointed provisional directors: Jas. Minnes, J. Richardson, J. Breden, R. Waldron, W. Nickle, W. R. McKee, J. B. Carruthers, F. X. Cousineau, B. M. Britton, P. Henderson, J. Richmond and F. Shaw. The stock books are now open. The

## ESTABLISHED, 1861. *Ostrich and Vulture* **PLUMES.**

The Stock of OSTRICH AND VULTURE PLUMES for the spring season, will be thoroughly assorted in all its departments, on or about March, 8th. All letter orders, will receive personal attention and quick shipments.

**J. H. LEBLANC,  
547 Craig Street, Montreal.**

matter has been taken in hand by the leading business men of the city, and is sure to succeed.


A WOODSTOCK, Ont., correspondent says: There will be a large exodus to Manitoba this season, and we will have to regret the departure of many excellent individuals and families. It is a noteworthy fact that increased wealth and improved implements of husbandry tend to reduce the number of small farms, the small farmer with his large family seeing their advantages in going westward, and our next census will, as in the State of New York, show a decrease in several of the clearly agricultural sections. The growth of towns and villages, through the stimulus given to manufacturers, will, it is hoped, overbalance the inability of the agricultural portions to improve upon the birth-rate. If the valley of the Genesee, the garden of the State of New York, is unable to hold its own in the matter of population, it need surprise none if in the older sections of Ontario a like exhibit should appear.

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Montreal.

MESSRS. T. & J. THOMPSON, hardware dealers, London, who assigned last Monday to a local firm, claim to be able, with time, to pay 100c on the dollar. They value their stock at about \$30,000, with bills payable under \$20,000, besides other property valued at \$25,000; they claim a surplus of \$33,000 to \$40,000, above mortgages of \$25,000. A judgment has been obtained against them for \$4,000, and the efforts of Thos. Thompson, who came to this city to secure an extension of three months, were unsuccessful, their account having been considered slow and unsatisfactory for some years. The firm commenced in London nearly thirty years ago with a capital of \$5,000, and in '75 claimed a surplus of over \$80,000, but since then they have been losing money, and their business has decreased; they have doubtless suffered losses by the shrinkage in values for iron and consequent bad debts, but Mr. T. Thompson, who has been carrying on the business alone for some years, attributes his difficulty to endorsing for his brother in