

show that the imports amounted to £49,000,000 and the exports to £62,000,000. The imports of New South Wales amounted to £16,000,000 and the exports to £20,000,000. For Victoria the amounts were £12,000,000 and £14,000,000 respectively. New South Wales had 33 per cent. of the total trade, Victoria 24 per cent., and New Zealand 14 per cent. The trade of New South Wales decreased as compared with the previous year; that of Victoria maintained its position, in spite of the decline in values. The trade of Queensland and South Australia decreased; that of Western Australia increased 40 per cent. The total decrease in the trade of the seven colonies amounted to £8,000,000. The decline was chiefly in exports.

THE SILK MARKET.

The London silk market is very firm and advancing, which applies to both Europe and the Far East. Shanghai wire reports active business, and some 7,000 bales of new silk are believed to have been settled. Canton is also inclined to advance, last prices being \$640 for No. 1 filatures 10-12, and \$605 for No. 2 10-12. Yokohama under considerable inquiries, and purchases have advanced; there are few sellers.—Textile Mercury, June 29.

The greater bulk of silk exported from Japan is going over to the United States. France is the next country which takes silk from Japan. The English share in this trade is almost insignificant, while without doubt a certain amount of silk exported from Japan finds its way every year to the English market, not in its raw state, but as manufactured goods from France. The value of silk exported in 1894 was 42,892,751 yen, a little over one-third the whole value of exports.

THE PLAUVEN LACE TRADE.

Advices from Plauen say that the business in laces is still rather quiet, and without animation. In tulle laces it is the cheapest goods that are most in demand, but the manufacturers are not pushed. It is expected that next month matters will mend, and more orders come in. The lace machine trade is busy, and has a fair number of orders in hand. The embroidery trade keeps pretty well engaged, especially on foreign account; still the cheapest goods are mostly in demand. England and South Africa are taking the great bulk of the goods. A good business is being done in curtains, and is expected to continue for some time.

ARRIVING IN GREAT BRITAIN.

The following buyers are reported to have landed in Great Britain. Mr. T. W. Watkins (Pratt & Watkins, Hamilton); Mr. A. Auld (Hutchison, Nisbet & Auld, Toronto); Mr. C. S. Botsford, Toronto. Mr. George Caldbeck, Woodstock; Mr. A. McLaren, St. Catharines; Mr. T. F. Kingsmill, London, Ont.; Mr. S. C. Lacroix (Z. Paquet, Quebec); Mr. R. J. Tooke, Halifax; Mr. Tackaberry, Montreal; Mr. A. Mackie (Toronto Dry Goods Co., Toronto); Mr. Cockshutt, Brantford, Ont.; Mr. E. M. Hayton (H. Morgan & Co., Montreal); Mr. John White (J. White & Co., Woodstock); Mr. Ogilvie (McLean, Ogilvie & Lochead, Brantford, Ont.); Mr. S. H. Bethune (Gault Bros. & Co., Montreal); Mr. J. A. Ogilvy, Jr. (Ogilvy & Sons, Montreal); Mr. James Macdougall, Mr. John Carsley, and Mr. Samuel Finlay, Montreal; Mr. Paul Campbell (John Macdonald & Co., Toronto); Mr. Harry McMaster, Mr. James Sutcliffe, Mr. C. J. Catto, and Mr. G. D. McKay, also of Toronto; Mr. L. H. Ingram, London, Ont.; Mr. Reginald Watkins

(Thomas C. Watkins, Hamilton, Ont.); Mr. E. B. Crompton, Barrie, Ont.; Mr. J. Mickleborough, St. Thomas, Ont.; Mr. J. Gilchrist (Hall & Gilchrist, Peterborough, Ont.); Mr. W. Dundas (Dundas & Flavelle, Lindsay, Ont.); Mr. R. Peebles (Pratt & Watkins, Hamilton, Ont.); Mr. G. B. Ryan (G. B. Ryan & Co., Guelph, Ont.); Mr. J. J. Steacy (Steacy & Steacy, Kingston, Ont.).

The latest arrivals announced are: Mr. A. F. M. McTavish, Montreal; Mr. T. B. Williams (Messrs. McMaster & Co., Toronto); Mr. George Beardmore, Toronto; Mr. Bert. Thompson (Messrs. T. Thompson & Sons, Toronto); Mr. Alex. Bradshaw, Toronto; Mr. M. Hicks, Montreal; Mr. Dignum, Montreal; Mr. E. T. Mahon (Messrs. Mahon Bros., Halifax, N.S.); Mr. J. T. Correstine (Messrs. J. Correstine & Co., Montreal); Mr. J. McKendry (Messrs. McKendry & Co., Toronto); Mr. Lanning, Toronto; and Mr. Wood (Messrs. Wood Bros. & Co., Halifax, N.S.); Mr. Robert Simpson, Montreal.

COMMERCIAL EDUCATION.

At its last meeting the Montreal Chambre de Commerce discussed again the question of commercial education in Quebec Province, and the best means of securing a similar programme of instruction on the subject among the various colleges. The committee of the Chambre dealing with the matter has for chairman M. Bienvenu, assistant general manager of La Banque Jacques Cartier, and he is earnestly and ably promoting the new plan.

The Chambre endorsed the suggestion of the committee that a conference of the heads of all colleges in the province having a commercial course be held in Montreal July 29. It will probably last three days and be quite an important gathering. M. Bienvenu is a college man himself, and understands thoroughly the best means of increasing the efficiency of commercial training.

The idea is to have the course cover bookkeeping, and in addition practical training in commercial affairs. The various institutions might be asked to give their students certificates of attendance, and, if the Council of Public Instruction approved, a board of examiners, consisting of representative merchants, financiers, etc., could be chosen to grant diplomas.

The Chambre de Commerce, through its president, H. Laporte, and leading members, is strongly in favor of enlarging the scope of commercial training, and will gladly grant prizes and scholarships to the competing students. The wholesale trade will be expected to co-operate in the programme by giving the preference, in making appointments to their staffs, to the successful candidates of this commercial course.

QUICK ANSWER BY CABLE.

Mr. Fraser, of S. Greenshields, Son & Co., Montreal, had occasion one day last week to cable to Glasgow for a quotation. He filed his query by the C.P.R. cable connection at 10 a.m. The answer was handed to him in the warehouse at 11.23 a.m. morning.

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