

M P; Boyd Caldwell, Geo. Pattinson, A. W. Brodie, J. Morley, J. Sykes, Dick, Ridout & Co., and others. The Manufacturers' Association through its president and secretary introduced the woolen manufacturers to the Government, with the assurance that the claims of the woolen men had been investigated by the Association, and that it supported their demand for further consideration. The Government was represented by Hons. W. Mulock, D. Mills, Patterson and Minister of Finance Fielding. The case for the woolen manufacturers was fully stated by Geo. Pattinson, who showed by a most elaborate exhibition of cost of production that Canadian manufacturers would be at a disadvantage if the change were made as proposed. They wanted the British preference to be maintained, and they did not object to its being increased so long as it was a preference of British over foreign goods in Canadian markets, but they did not wish the duties so reduced as to give the British manufacturers an advantage over the Canadian producer in the Canadian market. To secure this the woolen manufacturers have asked the Government to advance the duties on imported woollens from 35 to 45 per cent., and then with the added British preference all Canadian goods will enjoy protection of 30 per cent., and the British goods will still have the advantage of a preference over the foreign production.

### CANADIAN COTTONS.

The Dominion Cotton Co. issued a circular, April 17th, drawing attention to the fact that the price of packing cases of various sizes and kinds had gone up 50 per cent.

The Colonial Bleaching and Printing Co., Ltd., is looking for orders for fancy huntings. Montreal Cotton Co., Ltd., is still refusing orders. Canadian Colored Cotton Co.'s mills are very busy, and production is somewhat easier; no further advances are expected at present.

The Merchants Cotton Co. issued a booklet last month containing their price list on all lines. The figures show a rise on an average of 7½ per cent. since October last.

In April butter and cheese cloths were marked up about 5 per cent.

Wm Parks & Son, St. John, N.B., have withdrawn some lines of flannelettes and skirtings, having sold as many as they can make during the next three months, and have advanced the price of carpet warps 1c. per lb.

In future the cotton companies intend to charge for freight, casing or baling on all fall goods.

### THE WOOL MARKET.

Toronto.—The weakening in the wool market, both coarse and fine, which has been so marked since the beginning of the year is still the chief point of interest in the market. The present series of Colonial wool sales in London shows a further sagging in prices, amounting in some lines to ten per cent. Sales of Canada wools and English wools of same quality as Canadian in the Boston market are reported to have been made recently on a basis of 29 cents, delivered, which is equivalent to 16 cents on this market. Very little washed wool will be on the market here till next month, and unless changes take place the new clip is expected to open at about 16 cents.

Montreal.—On the Montreal wool market some small sales were made previous to the opening of the London wool sales, which opened May 8th at 5 to 10 per cent decline. The general opinion is that before the close it will regain the price lost at the opening as all fine wools are very scarce. Capes now in Montreal are at 20 to 23c., and Natal's 23 to 25½c., B.A., 40 to 45c. The market is quiet.

## Among the Mills

Co-operation is one of the guiding principles of industry to-day. It applies to newspapers as to everything else. Take a share in "The Canadian Journal of Fabrics" by contributing occasionally such items as may come to your knowledge, and receive as dividend an improved paper.

Brown & Wigle, Kingsville, Ont., are running their woolen mill overtime on blankets.

The Warton, Ont., woolen mill has been bought by Porter, Leith & Co. Ezra Hallman will be manager.

The employees of Beardmore & Co.'s tanneries at Acton, Ont., to the number of 150 were out on strike recently.

A demand of assignment has been made on H. Garayet, hosiery manufacturer, Montreal, who has, however, filed contestation of the demand.

The Laurentide Pulp Co.'s mills at Grande Mere, Que., were saved from total destruction by a change in the wind, while the sawmill and sulphide mill were burned down.

The Dominion Cord and Tassel Co. has moved to a larger and better factory at 502 St. Paul street, Montreal. It hopes in future to turn out work more promptly and in larger quantities.

Some excitement was caused in Thorold a few days after the canal outrage by three unknown men attempting to enter the premises of the Canadian Colored Cotton Co.'s mill during the night.

George W. Ward, formerly superintendent of the Almonte, Ont., Knitting Co., and later in business for himself in Alton, Ont., died recently at Orangeville, Ont. He had been in poor health for a long time.

The Perth, Ont., Woolen Co., Ltd., is now turning out padding felt with the felt plant which we some months ago mentioned was being installed. Later on a varied line of felts, both fine and coarse will be produced.

The enlargement of the Dominion Brussels Carpet Co., Sherbrooke, Que., spoken of in our last issue, will also, it is stated, include a tapestry plant, and the company speaks of next year adding an ingrain plant.

C. E. W. Dow, of Atlanta, Ga., the southern representative of the William Firth Co., of Equitable Building, Boston, has been in Boston attending the convention of the New England Cotton Manufacturers' Association.

A large force of men are working at the new power house for the Montreal Cotton Company at Valleyfield, Que. There will be developed about 3,000 h.p., and there are about a thousand looms waiting for this power. The company expects to have the thousand new looms making goods by the 1st of July.

Leopold, Cassella & Co., Frankfort a. Maine, have sent out a sample card folder, containing 266 dyed samples in fashionable shades produced with easily levelling dyestuffs, all of which are dyed at the boil, with the addition of from 10 to 15 per cent. of bisulphate of soda.

Fire in the mills of the Schofield Woolen Co., at Oshawa, Ont., April 22, did damage to the extent of about \$25,000. The centre section of the premises was destroyed, together with the contents. The fire commenced in the centre of the buildings near the offices, and spread in both directions. The main building was in three stories, brick, with a tower, and was divided into three sections, the north and south ends being separated by fire walls, which prevented the spread of the fire and the destruction of the premises. The mills were equipped with the latest machinery, and at the time of the fire a large stock of raw material was on hand, as the firm was very busy, employing about 125 hands and working overtime.