

Among the Mills

There is a proposition to establish a woolen mill at Beeton, Ont.

The Oxford, N. S., Woolen Mfg. Co. are to build an iron picker and carding room.

Baird's woolen mill at Almonte has resumed and is now running three-quarter time.

Wm. Bright, Manager of Livingston Bros' flax mill, Brussels, Ont., was married a few days ago to Miss C. Wicks.

James Clark has refitted the carding machine in Barron's mills, Malden, Ont., and will carry on a custom carding business.

Work has been resumed at the Toronto Batting Co's. factory on the Esplanade. The company make wool batting and mattresses.

James Malone, boss spinner in the Almonte, Ont., knitting mill, was married a week or two ago to Miss M. Larkins, of Gloucester.

The Cornwall Manufacturing Company's mill has closed down for a couple of weeks in order to facilitate the making of some repairs.

John Morley, manager of Waterloo Ont., Woolen Mill, left a fortnight ago for England, where he has some woolen business to attend to.

James Sheene, whose woolen mill at Pennfield N. B., was burned down some little time ago, contemplates rebuilding on the old site.

The flax crop throughout Ontario will be an unusually good one, while the acreage in Manitoba in flax is much larger than last year.

The Brantford, Ont., cotton mills are hard at work again. About 170 to 180 hands are now employed, which is practically a full complement.

At the raising of Walshaw's new woolen mills, near Bolton, A. E. Harper, merchant, got his hand badly smashed, several bones being broken.

J. H. Hackland, of Hackland & Adams, at one time doing a large woolen knitting business in Paris, died the other day at his home, 7; Wellesley street, Toronto.

Feodor Boas, of the Granite Knitting Mills, St. Hyacinthe, Que., returned home a few days ago in good health, after a two months sojourn in New York.

Travellers for woolen firms are now on the road soliciting orders. Buyers are very conservative at present, and little business is moving. The outlook, however, appears to be brighter than it was.

Robert S. Fraser, 3 St. Helen street, Montreal, is offering a fine wool oil which mixes with water perfectly without the addition of any alkali. Mr. Fraser is also in a position to supply pure olive oil in the original hogshead direct from the refiners.

Dupont & Wilson have opened a new factory in Kingston, Ont., for the manufacture of damask mats, rugs, stair-cloths, oil-cloths, etc. They will make their oilcloths upon heavy cotton, coated up with pure lead colors, and all their goods are to be of high-class finish.

Brodie & Co., Hespeler, Ont., are taking advantage of the shut down and of the low water to deepen the tail race. This is cut in the solid rock and will require to be blasted. Some repairs will also be made to the shafting, etc. The mill is only expected to be closed down for about three weeks altogether.

The St. John *Record* says the situation of the Milltown (St. Croix) cotton mill is unchanged. No effort on the part of the company has been made to start the factory, and the recent employees are gradually obtaining employment elsewhere. The carpenters and machinists are at work, and the buildings and machinery are being generally overhauled and painted. A few hands are still employed making samples.

The binder twine factory at the Kingston penitentiary has been accepted from the contractors, and in future the machinery will be under the direction of Chief Engineer Devlin. It is now part of the penitentiary plant.

During the work of making improvements at the T. H. Taylor Company's woolen mill at Chatham, Ont., the creek bank on which their large brick chimney stood, slipped slightly. The chimney therefore was taken down and a 27 inch steel stack 76 feet high substituted.

A meeting of the creditors and shareholders of the Dominion Blanket and Fibre Co. will be held at the company's office, 7 St. Helen St., Montreal, on the 24th July, to discuss the present position of the affairs of the company, and devise means for increasing the capital stock and extending its operations.

W. C. Snow and Ira Snow, of Moncton, have been in Bouchette, N. B., placing the machinery in McLaughlin's new carding mill, which is expected to be in operation within three weeks under the management of Mr. Ira Snow. A. Sheraton's carding mill will commence operations soon.—*Moncton, N. B., Times*.

On the afternoon of the 5th inst., while working in his uncle's woolen mill at Campbellford, Fred Keir, a boy 13 years old, was caught in the belt of the carding machine and killed instantly. His body was horribly mutilated, his skull cap being torn off and brains scattered, one leg torn from the body and the other leg and one arm broken. An inquest was deemed unnecessary.

Whilst Archie Ellis was working at the machinery in Myers' woolen mill, St. Mary's, the other day, his head came in contact with a pair of revolving wheels. Mr. Ellis sustained a severe laceration of the scalp, which extended to the skull, necessitating five stitches being put in, and by the severing of an artery he also bled profusely for a time.

At a meeting of a committee of the Toronto city council, Ald. Hallam mentioned a company, with a capital of \$150,500, already employing 80 men in a woolen factory elsewhere, who would locate on the Don flats if given encouragement in the way of a site. They would then increase their staff to at least 120. It was decided to offer them two acres on the Don flats at a rental of \$600 a year.

Merrick & Hurlburt, of the Knitting Factory, Toronto Junction, have compromised with their creditors at 80 cents on the dollar. Their liabilities were \$5,700, the assets being nominally \$6,400. Mr. Merrick retires from the firm, and Mr. J. Hurlburt, who will hereafter carry on the business, is considering whether he will stay at the Junction or move the factory back to his old home at Mitchell.

Leigh & Loudon is the name of a new firm recently formed for the purpose of opening a mattress factory in Cornwall. Mr. Leigh is from London, Ont., and has had large experience in the business, and Mr. Loudon is a former resident of Cornwall, whose return will be hailed with pleasure by a large circle of friends. Arrangements are being made to secure premises in rear of the Glengarry Block, Pitt street, and it is proposed to commence operations at once.—*Cornwall Standard*.

A meeting of the creditors of Smith Bros., woolen manufacturers of Sarnia and Dresden, Ont., was held at the Queen's hotel, Toronto, on the 11th inst. Among the creditors represented were McMaster & Co., Toronto; John Hallam, Toronto; John Calder & Co., Hamilton; Robert Berryman, Hamilton; Gordon, McKay & Co., Toronto; W. R. Brock & Co., Toronto; Gault Bros & Co., Montreal, and Robinson, Little & Co., London. The gross liabilities are about \$38,000, and the nominal assets about \$60,000. Much sympathy was expressed with the firm, but the opinion expressed was that, to use a common phrase, it had bitten off more than it could chew, in the recent extension of its business. The firm offered a settlement of 65 cents in the dollar, in notes at four, six, nine and twelve months, but as no security was proposed, the creditors declined the offer. It was decided to appoint inspectors and sell the business, by which course it was thought that 70 cents in the dollar would be realized. Robert Berryman, of Hamilton, and John Muldrew, of McMaster & Co., Toronto, were named inspectors.