

Another proof of the excellence of the Yarmouth woollen mills is afforded by the Company receiving this month two orders from the Old Country—one of them being from a leading cloth house in Edinburgh, Scotland. That woollen goods made in Yarmouth are sold in the very heart of the woollen industry of Scotland, is good evidence of the superior quality of our local manufacture.—*Telegram.*

The Rocklin Woollen mills, situated at Rocklin in the County of Pictou, were started about twelve years ago by the Fraser Brothers of that place, who had been running a fulling and dyeing mill previous to that time. These mills were started by the brothers with the best of prospects, and had for some years by careful and skilful management succeeded in working up a prosperous trade, and, with the latest and most improved machinery, were turning out lines of goods inferior to none in the Maritime Provinces. They then, however, experienced a succession of misfortunes. Their finishing department together with all their stock in goods, amounting to several thousand dollars, was destroyed by fire, and they sustained considerable loss by the failure of parties indebted to them. After the finishing mill was rebuilt and again in good working order came the sudden death of one of the partners, and after making a gallant fight against all these fatalities, the firm were compelled to suspend, and the property is now offered for sale. This mill is one of the best one set mills in the Maritime Provinces, all the machinery is of the best kind and as good as new. It is situated in the centre of one of the best farming districts in the province, within five miles of the stations of Westville, Hopewell and Glengary, and on the direct line of the Stewiacke Valley and Lanadown Railway to Westville, which is now in course of construction. This would seem to be an excellent opportunity for investment, as the woollen mills of Hopewell and also the Kerr mills have lately been burnt, leaving a clear field for running these mills to their utmost capacity.

CITY CHANGES.

On Thursday evening of last week a grand complimentary benefit was tendered to Mr. E. A. McDowell at the Academy of Music. The play was the "Shaugbraun," and a bumper house greeted the beneficiary and the members of his company on the last night of their season in Halifax. Mr. McDowell's impersonation of "Conn" was irresistibly funny and kept the audience in roars. Miss Fanny Reeves as "Clair Ffolliott," Miss Arthur as "Arte O'Neal," and Miss Hagger as "Moya," were strong in their respective parts, and as the play is so well-known in Halifax, it is unnecessary to particularise. At the close of the second act Mr. McDowell was called before the curtain and made the recipient of a handsome gold-headed cane from his admirers among the patrons of the Academy. Mr. McDowell was completely surprised and found some difficulty in expressing his thanks. The announcement that Mr. Clarke and himself had arranged for another season at no distant date was received with applause. The lady patrons on going in were presented with souvenir cards containing photographs of the entire company and also that of Mr. Clarke the popular lessee and manager of the Academy.

The fancy dress carnival announced to be held at the Exhibition Rink on the 27th inst. has been postponed until February 3rd, in order to give more time to prepare for the event and decorate the building. Mr. Clarke is negotiating for a first-class costumer to supply costumes for the occasion.

The Red Cap Snow Shoe Club had a most successful sleigh drive to Bedford on Saturday afternoon. The air was keen, but not so bitterly cold as the two preceding days, and the turnout, as it passed through the city headed by St. Patrick's band, looked like a pretty jolly one. On arriving at Morrison's the new members were bounced in a blanket, a ceremony more enjoyed by the spectators than by the participants. The time was passed pleasantly until dinner time when fifty-six sat down to the repast. Captain Mitchell occupied the chair, and on his right and left respectively sat the representatives of the Tuque Blue and Greys snow shoe clubs. The menu was discussed in an enthusiastic manner, and songs and toasts enlivened the evening until the time for the return drive arrived. The drive was unanimously voted a success by all who were present.

The first of the fashionable weddings of 1890 occurred on Wednesday of last week in St. Andrew's Church, when Mr. George Henry Wright, of London, England, led to the altar Miss Maggie Gray Murray, daughter of the late William Murray, and niece of Mr. H. P. Burton, of Halifax, with whom she has resided for some years. The bride was attired in a handsome costume of cream colored armure royale silk, plain and brocaded, with court train, and trimmed with orange blossoms and ostrich feathers, and wore a veil. She was attended by Miss Katie Fishwick, Miss Nellie Burton and Miss Emma Murray. Miss Fishwick wore a dress of biscuit-colored silk and cashmere, little Miss Burton was attired in pink silk and plush, and little Miss Murray in pale blue silk and plush. The groom was assisted by Mr. Harry Burton and Masters Arthur Doull and William Burton. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. D. M. Gordon, and Mr. Payne officiated at the organ. After the ceremony the wedding party repaired to the residence of Mr. H. P. Burton, Pleasant Street, where breakfast was partaken of. Mr. and Mrs. Wright took the evening train for the Upper Provinces, where they will visit the principal cities. On their return they will remain in Halifax for some time before leaving for the home of the groom in London, England. The presents were very numerous and costly.

The second fashionable wedding of the year took place in St. Luke's

Cathedral on Thursday of last week, the contracting parties being Mr. Franklin S. West, of the firm of J. T. & A. W. West, and Miss Mary Gordon Abbott, daughter of the late Rev. John Abbott, for some years rector of St. Luke's. The event took place at four o'clock and long before the time appointed for the ceremony the cathedral was well filled with a brilliant assemblage of guests. The bride entered the church leaning on the arm of her brother, Mr. Charles Abbott, while the choir sung the not unfamiliar words of the hymn "The voice that breathed o'er Eden." The bride's costume was of white duchesse satin, with train and bodice of brocaded satin. The dress was trimmed with orange blossoms, and the veil was of embroidered tulle. The bridesmaids were Miss Abbott and Miss Nellie Abbott, sisters of the bride, Miss West, sister of the groom, and Miss Una Gray, daughter of Mr. B. G. Gray. Misses Abbott and West wore gowns of Swede cashmere with white moire waistcoats and sashes, with hats to match. Misses Nellie Abbott and Una Gray wore pink cashmere with white waistcoats and sashes, with hats to match. The bride was given away by her mother, and the service was full choral. The groom was assisted by Mr. Manfred Sawyer, and Messrs. Harry Wyld, Guy Hart, Walter Jones and J. A. Payzant performed the duty of ushers. The ceremony was performed by Rev. D. C. Moore of Stellarton. After the ceremony the wedding party proceeded to the residence of the bride's mother, where a reception was held. The wedding presents were numerous, many of them being very valuable. Mr. and Mrs. West have gone on a wedding tour and will visit the principal cities in Canada and the United States.

The cantata "Flower Queen" will be given in the Academy of Music on Thursday, instead of Tuesday, next by several well known amateurs. Miss Gussie Taylor will perform the part of the Rose, and Mr. J. R. Forbes the part of the Recluse. The entertainment is for the benefit of the Royal Blues, and will be under distinguished patronage.

COMMERCIAL.

The hopes induced by the severe frost and subsequent snow-fall of the closing days of last week were dissipated by the thaw which set in on Monday, and in a few hours cleared off the snow. Consequently the different branches of trade have been generally characterized by a quiet feeling.

The thaw, happily, did not dissolve the ice on the several lakes, and icemen are hard at work with very good prospects of putting in a fair crop of excellent quality. From all accounts received throughout the country districts was much less than on this peninsula, and lumbermen are still unable to do effective work.

Navigation continues open generally to a remarkable degree along our coasts. Though steamers crossing the ocean uniformly report unusually heavy and boisterous weather but few disasters at sea are recorded.

At a meeting of the directors of the C. P. R., held on the 30th ultimo, statements were submitted showing that the net earnings of the road for the year (December estimated,) were \$6,029,600 over working expenses, affording a surplus over fixed charges of \$2,250,000, which, added to the surplus of the previous year, makes a total surplus of \$2,576,000 at the close of 1889. A very favorable result of the year's operations.

Bradstreet's report of the week's failures:—

	Week Jan. 10.	Prev. 1890	Weeks 1889	Weeks 1888	Weeks 1887	Failures 1890	Failures 1889	Failures 1888	Failures 1887
United States	354	310	337	312	391	663	623	605	682
Canada	46	28	28	35	28	74	50	50	41

The following are the assignments and business changes in this Province during the past week:—Jas. Hays, drugs, Spring Hill, adv. business for sale; Alfred Powell, (estate of) peddler, Windsor, stock advertised for sale by tender.

DRY GOODS.—The weather has continued to militate against the dry goods trade, sorting and spring orders during the past week having been small. However, most of the leading houses have not as yet got their travellers out, so that the prospects for the spring trade are so far an unknown quantity. Several houses report one feature that they consider a very favorable one, and that is on certain lines of woollen specialties, orders placed with travellers some time ago have been duplicated by mail since, which they think goes to show that buyers recognize the strong position of the market on these and other articles of a similar class. It is now admitted that the retail trade must carry considerable quantities of heavy winter goods over until another season, and, consequently, many of those who never before asked for renewals will be compelled to do so during the coming spring, owing to the unusually mild season having curtailed consumption to a minimum. A healthy feature in the situation is that great caution is manifested by all the leading houses—orders being placed only after careful scrutiny of the risks to be taken. Remittances during the week have been rather disappointing, but not so bad as was feared.

IRON, HARDWARE AND METALS.—We have no local change to report in the situation. There is very little business doing, and there is a probability of the lull continuing for some time, although the position is a very firm one. Dealers west are all stocked up in sufficient quantities to last them well into March. Hence it is unlikely that they will touch anything until after then. It is an admitted fact that stocks in wholesale dealers hands throughout Canada are very light, so that there is very little possibility of any iron being sacrificed, and the same remark applies to almost every other line of metals. In the iron trade the strength in Europe seems to intensify instead of to relax as time progresses, and now the American market has begun to give very significant signs in the same direction. The British market the