

age price per ton last year (the lowest price for some years) was £20 to £23, while in some of the previous years it reached as high as £28 per ton. In the hope of promoting Canadian interest in the subject, Mr. Merrick gives a full description of how to cultivate the fibre.

THE Oxford Manufacturing Co., manufacturers of woollen goods, report as follows:—There is very little change in our establishment during the past year. We have run full time and found sale for all our products. A marked improvement is noticeable in the demand from the Upper Provinces. A good trade has been started on the Pacific Coast, both sides of the line, and the goods are much sought after. We also notice an increase in the receipts of wool from the western part of Nova Scotia. The farmers find it to their advantage to send it direct to us in exchange for cloth, yarn, etc. There seems to be a general depression in the woollen business all over Canada and Nova Scotia, and, in view of this fact, we cannot complain as to the condition in which we find our trade. The main thing in the line of improvement about the mill is the addition of a 100 h.p. boiler from the shops of A. McPherson & Co., this place. Our manager is now in the United States, studying the latest improvements in machinery and designs, with a view to making such additions to our plant as will keep it abreast with the times, and enable us to produce the finest class of goods possible from domestic wools at the very lowest cost consistent with quality and general excellence. The number of men and women employed is about fifty.—Halifax, N.S., *Critic*.

MESSRS. BOOTH & SON, copper-smiths and brass founders, Toronto, have sent us a copy of their new illustrated catalogue and price list having reference to goods manufactured by them. Prominence is given to sanitary goods for the plumbing trade, and especial attention is called to the "Booth's Improved Steel Clad Bath," which they have recently perfected, and for which letters patent have been granted them in Canada, Great Britain and United States. This bath is made of an outside shell of steel and an inside lining of planished copper, and stands on ornamental feet without enclosure. It is unique and handsome in appearance, faultless in construction, and unsurpassed for strength and durability. On sanitary grounds it possesses all the advantages that can be claimed for a bath tub not encased, and being constructed entirely of metal

is impervious to decay. It is made in all the desirable sizes as to length, width and depth. The catalogue also makes reference to all the other desirable styles of bath tubs, some of which have combined with them Booth's patent wash basins. A full line of sanitary closets is shown, which includes every style made and every appliance which has commended itself for its intrinsic value. In connection with these lines of goods is shown an almost endless variety of plumbers' brass fittings, brewers' supplies, brass work for fire departments, etc. This concern has been in active business life in Toronto for forty years.

MESSRS. E. LEONARD & SONS, London, Ont., have sent us an illustrated circular, having reference to the steam engines, boilers, etc., manufactured by them. Among the machinery alluded to, are the Leonard-Ball automatic cut-off engine, made in sizes from 10 to 100 horse-power; plain slide valve self-contained Leonard engines, from 4 to 30 horse-power; Leonard automatic cut-off farm engines; Leonard-Tangye engines, from 30 to 100 horse power; standard stationary boilers with half arch and flush front, from 4 to 100 horse-power and larger; independent semi-portable engines and boilers on skids and wheels; engines on locomotive boilers; engines with stationary and upright boilers; Standard boiler pressure heaters; adjustable force pumps, saw mills, etc., also all goods incidental to the engine and boiler business. Allusion is made to the fact that since steel has come into extensive use in the manufacture of boilers, and that steel for boiler making is being made in much larger dimensions than iron, this firm have placed in their new boiler shop an immense set of rollers, eighteen feet wide and weighing thirty-five tons, capable of rolling plates as large as any mill can produce, so that for the lower portion of boilers which they make they can make the bottoms entirely of one sheet, where it is subject to the action of the fire. There are no seams over the fire, the bottom presenting a smooth, even surface. Regarding the Leonard-Ball compound engines, manufactured by this concern, a very long list is given of the names of parties who have this engine in use, the horse-power of the engine and of the boiler, the purpose for which it is used, and the post office address of the users; and an inspection of this list shows that this engine is in general use from Halifax to Vancouver. Those who may desire further information should apply to Messrs. Leonard & Sons.

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