

WOOLENS AND CLOTHING.

A NEW woolen firm in Montreal is Finlay, Smith & Co. The principals were formerly with the Gault firm. Mr. Finlay is a son of Mr. Samuel Finlay, the wealthy retired merchant.

John Fisher, Son & Co. report a good trade in worsted coatings. The firm's returns from Manitoba are better than usual, and they report a good business in New Brunswick. The outlook in woollens is good.

The cold weather early in December made business good, but the recent thaws have not improved matters.

E. A. Small & Co., whose new factory is working well, are turning out bicycle suits in dark serge and Oxford tweeds.

The advanced prices do not seem to affect the ready-made clothing trade much this season. The increased values are confined to a few lines. Next season frieze goods will cost more, judging by present prices. In tweeds the mills continue busy, and in linings have orders far in advance. One mill reports being unable to supply goods until March.

There is being made in the Paton Co.'s mills at Sherbrooke this season what the trade pronounce the finest beaver ever produced in this country. It is fully up to the highest standard, and is laid down at a little less than it could be imported for. Good presidents have been made for a long time in Canada, but beaver of the present make is exceptional.

Robert Linton & Co. have just received a full range of Yorkshire and West of England beavers.

On her latest trip from Australia, the Canadian mail steamship Miowera brought the heaviest consignment of wool ever sent by steamship to the Pacific side of America. This wool was for Boston.

Fancy tweeds promise to be a good deal used this season, report Hutchison, Nisbet & Auld. There is a tendency in trouserings to go from worsteds to tweeds.

There has been a good run on beavers, meltons, and heavy serges, but W. R. Brock & Co. report having so placed repeats as to fill all orders and still possess a good assortment. A noticeable change is from stripes in trouserings to checks in tweeds and soft finish worsteds.

Application is made in The Quebec Official Gazette for the incorporation of the Dominion Woolen Manufacturing Co. with a capital stock of \$300,000. The objects of the company are the manufacture of textile fabrics, etc., and the preliminary stockholders are William Cassels McIntyre, Duncan McIntyre, E. A. Small and C. H. Dobbin, all of Montreal.

BRIEF TRADE NOTES.

A special line of ladies' cashmere hose to retail at 25 cents is offered by Wyld, Grasett & Darling.

A varied line of American fancy weaves and printed cotton is being shown by Thibaudeau Bros. & Co.

There is a great run on down quilts this season. The Alaska Co. report a special demand for cushion pillows.

Several Montreal houses report better spring sales already for Lister's goods than for a number of years past.

In Valenciennes laces, butter, cream, and black, which are scarce, Wyld, Grasett & Darling report quite a demand.

Brophy, Cains & Co. have added a few lines in sterling silver and pearl goods to their fancy goods department, and expect a nice trade in them.

S. Greenshields, Son & Co. have now a full range of new lines in buttons in all the new designs suitable for early spring trade. Laces and embroideries are also to hand.

LADIES' GOODS.

In ornaments, trimmings, etc., for ladies, Caldecott, Burton & Spence are showing all the new ideas for this season. Buckles for bodice belts are in great variety, in white metal and oxidized, and with a great range of designs—crosses, horseshoes, butterflies, plain bars, and many other shapes. These are worn with black elastic belts, which will well set off a fancy blouse. In buttons the fashion is all for bright sparkling effects, imitative of jewelry, in gilt and silver, principally gilt, with colored stones. Brilliants are seen in buttons and buckles, as well as glittering jets. There are some pretty goods in lace tuckings and insertions in butter and white combined. The fancy ribbons in chine patterns are very popular. The new cotton crepon parasols are a feature this year, with their lace-trimmed interiors, some in spot muslin lining and some in black and white effects. The firm have quite a stock of evening lengths in silk and kid gloves.

Colwell Bros., the haberdashers at Halifax, N.S., are supplying their patrons with a useful little article—a small card, the outside of which sets forth some of this enterprising firm's novelties, and on the inside are several sheets of different colored sticking plaster.

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