

COTTON NEWS.

ADVANCE IN MAGOG PRINTS.

A NEW price list was issued on Magog prints on Saturday last in which several lines were advanced $\frac{1}{2}$ c. per yard, and the market is very firm on all goods, and it is not improbable that there may be a further advance.

The question has been asked by a wholesale house whether a jobber is bound to follow any advance in the price lists in making sales to the retail trade. Suppose a house in Montreal or Toronto sees the samples of new season's prints a couple of weeks before those in St. John, Halifax, Winnipeg, Victoria or Vancouver. Before those in the last-named cities have placed orders a new list is issued advancing quotations $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 c. a yard. Are the houses in Toronto and Montreal permitted to sell on the basis on which they bought? They are not; they must immediately advance selling prices to the new basis.

The selling agents are acting wisely in issuing an entire new price list each time there is a change, if it is only in one item. It would be an improvement if the changes were particularly specified, otherwise a single variation might escape notice. The latest list is as follows:

H. Cloth.....	4 $\frac{3}{4}$ cts.
1 "	6 "
2 "	7 $\frac{1}{4}$ "
2 " Anilines, Black and Whites..	7 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
2 " " Pompadour Styles.	7 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
D. "	8 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
3 "	8 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
C. "	9 $\frac{1}{4}$ "
C. " Anilines, Black and Whites..	9 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
C. " " Pompadour Styles.	9 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Solid Black No. 1 "	5 "
2 "	6 "
3 "	8 "
C. "	8 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Indigoes— P.C. "	6 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
S.C. "	7 $\frac{3}{4}$ "
D.C. "	9 $\frac{5}{8}$ "
GC "	11 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

SPECIALS.

Challies—Light	4 $\frac{3}{4}$ cts.
Dark	5 "
Delainettes.....	6 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Cretonnes	7 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Summer Suitings	7 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Salisburys.....	7 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Fancy Piques.....	8 "
A. Duck, 25 inches.....	7 $\frac{3}{4}$ "
AA. " Indigo.....	9 "
C. " "	10 "
Outing Cloth, 28 inches	10 "
Skirting 37 inches.	10 "
Ladas Tweeds.....	10 "
Printed Moleskins.....	12 $\frac{3}{4}$ "

This cancels all previous lists.

CANADIAN COTTONS IN AFRICA.

The possibility of placing Canadian cottons in Africa is arousing a good deal of interest. Mr. Charles N. Hartling writes from Halifax as follows: "In THE REVIEW for September, reference is made to a trip to Australia and South Africa by the representative of D. Morrice, Sons & Co. The mention of South Africa has led me to think that a little information on the cotton trade of another part of Africa might be interesting. I was in the Cape de Verde Islands for four years as the agent of a firm doing a general trading business. We sold a considerable quantity of grey, white and print cottons, denims, white drill and duck. The cotton goods we handled were usually purchased in the United States, but one shipment of grey cotton was purchased from the Halifax mill, and no grey cotton that I handled during my stay at the Islands sold as well as that lot. American cotton goods are taking the place of English cottons in these Islands." At the De Verdes a very large quantity of grey cottons, denims and print cottons are consumed. I am quite sure that the De Verde market could be secured by our Canadian products. The places on the west coast of Africa near the De Verdes are: Goree, Dakar, Casheo, Bolama and Bissan.

"I believe our cotton goods could be sold in considerable quantities in all these places. I may say, also, that not only could Canadian cottons be successfully sold in the places above named, but other Canadian products as well—flour, furniture, paints, tinware and other manufactured goods."

FIXED PRICES ON OTHER LINES.

It is said that the scheme of "fixed" prices, at which jobbers must sell Magog prints to retailers, promises to work so satisfactorily that other concerns are figuring on adopting it. Next season, therefore, we may expect to see the Montreal Cotton Co., Merchants' Manufacturing Co., Wm. Parks & Son, several of the blanket and of the flannel men out with an agreement.

The Magog people say their orders this season are much greater than ever before. This is due, to some extent, to the greater range of goods they are putting on the market, but more especially to the fact that jobbers, feeling satisfied that prices will be maintained, are not importing as largely. As frequently pointed out in these columns, they bought as few domestic prints as possible, because they could not get control of lines, and therefore could not prevent cutting. By importing they secured goods none of their competitors had.

THE COTTON PRINT AGREEMENT.

D. Morrice, Sons & Co. report that the agreement as to prices of cotton prints is working satisfactorily, and that sales are 30 per cent. ahead of last year. The Magog Mills are showing some handsome new designs this season—superior, it is claimed, to those of previous years.

THE ADVANCE IN COTTON.

Raw cotton is stronger and looking higher. There is talk of 10c. cotton. This year's crop is 7,500,000 bales, against 9,999,000 last year. The consumption is so much larger than a few years ago that this shortage is really greater than at first