



MONTREAL AND TORONTO, October 31, 1900.

THE CANADIAN COTTON MARKET.

THE Canadian manufacturers have been advancing prices all this month, until nearly every line is affected.

On October 6 The Dominion Cotton Co. issued a new list, advancing yarns and warps as follows:

Unbleached cotton warp	½c per lb.
Colors	½c "
Single yarn	same
Demi cord	1c "
Demi 2 ply 16	2c "

The same concern also advanced sheetings. One line, bleached sheetings No. 10, is 3½c. a yard higher than this time last year. Pillow cottons are up ½c. or 1½c. since last year. Grey sheetings are up ¼c., or 3¼c. over last year. As to grey cottons, the following may be noted:

No. A-27 and 34 in. — is withdrawn, which takes every cotton out of the market that is less than 4c.

AAA cloth increases ¼c. or ½c. in a year.

Medium cloth No. B, increases ¼ to ½c. or 1½c. in a year.

Higher grades (No. MR) increase ½ to ¾c. or 2c. in a year.

The new list of The Merchants Cotton Co., issued October 17, shows some advanced prices: In bleached cottons, the cheapest have gone up 1c. a yard in the year; (medium) CA, 1¼ to 1½c., and the best, 1¾c. The other prices in the list are on the same scale as The Dominion Cotton Co.

On October 12, The Canadian Colored Cotton Co. advanced all their saxony, domettes, shakers and apron gingham, and yarns about 5 per cent.

The Dominion Cotton Co. advanced prices on many lines of their white and grey cottons. Big advances in canton flannels—about 1¼c. per yard. Sheetings marked up high.

As to prints, it will be noticed below that both the Colonial Co. and the Nagog Mills have advanced prices in a majority of lines.

The shutting down of the Valleyfield cotton mills, owing to the riots and strikes, may affect the market in linings, such as silesias, surahs, etc.

On October 27 the Montreal Cotton Co. advanced foulards, ten lines of turkey reds, five of ducks, muslins, apron muslins and several other of their products about ¼c. a yard. In the case of ducks the advance is about ½ to 1c.

THE WOOLLEN MARKET.

The London wool sales, which have been going on in London during October, are said to furnish some comfort to the woollen trade, although the wool-grower cannot say as much. Prices began with a decline of 15 per cent. from the previous sales. The sales come to an end next Saturday, that is, November 3, and it is expected that no further decline, but rather an advance, will take place.

Writing October 20, the Bradford correspondent of The Draper's Record says: "Up to the present time by far the greater proportion of the merino wool sold at the present sale

series in London has been taken by buyers from Yorkshire, and should no system of withdrawing wools by the importers be practised, I believe that the West Riding is prepared to go on purchasing this same proportion of the merino wool offered up to the end of the sales. There are, however, evidences that continental buyers are gradually regaining some amount of confidence, and, as the Americans also seem to want some fine wools, there is every reason to expect that the prices of merino wool in London will be, at least, maintained at their present level. The tendency of fashion in dress goods is certainly more in the direction of the use of fine soft wool goods, and the present moderate price of raw material is sure to stimulate the trade in all classes of fabrics, both for men's and women's wear, made from merino wool.

"Some of the French manufacturers seem to have been selling soft wool dress goods at such low prices recently that they must have been expecting a still further fall in the prices of merino wool; but, even in their own market, the quotations for fine wools have already shown some advance, and the tendency is distinctly upward.

"Prices of the cheaper classes of cross bred colonial wools have, up to the present time, hardly shown the advance at the London sales which was expected here, but the selection of this class of wool, offered up to the present time, has been distinctly below an average, and that Bradford is cheaper than London is shown by the fact that, both makers of combed wool tops and spinners of yarns, made from these wools, are advising their customers of advances in price.

"There is no doubt that some very large orders for worsted yarns, made from these cheap colonial cross-bred wools, have recently been placed with spinners here by manufacturers of such fabrics as dress goods, serges, and that these makers have, in their turn, taken large contracts from the home trade merchants for the coming Spring. As Bradford all-wool dress serges seem to be becoming more popular every season, there is every prospect of the demand for these wools being well maintained.

"Most classes of home-grown wools, both of a lustrous and non-lustrous kind, are in better demand, and prices show a slightly upward tendency.

"The quotations for both mohair and alpaca yarns are stationary, but in the past few weeks the purchases of raw material have been so heavy, that now very little remains outside the control of the users."

NOTTINGHAM LACE REPORT.

In certain specialties of fancy millinery laces there is much activity, says the Nottingham report of The Draper's Record. Valenciennes are still in favor, and torchons are in good request, as also are all-over nets. The different millinery specialties are selling in laces, insertions and galloons. Limited inquiries are being made for silk laces and nets and articles of neckwear.

There is a good demand for spotted and other nets, and the bobbin net, light tulle, and mosquito net branches are well engaged. No stocks of current goods are on hand, and prices remain abnormally high, without any inclination to come lower. Corset nets meet with a fair inquiry. Stiff foundation nets are only in limited request, but there is no change in quotations.

The making-up departments continue in an active condition, and caps, aprons, blouses and other fancy articles are in good request. An average demand is experienced for veilings