



DEPARTMENT STORE LEGISLATION.

The first attempts to legislate the department stores out of existence have failed. A bill introduced into the Illinois Legislature, the provisions of which we referred to last week, has been laid upon the table, and the opponents of the large stores regard this as a decision not to pass legislation upon the matter in the present session. One of the interesting features of the debate in the Minnesota Senate on the Theden Occupation Tax bill, aimed at department stores, was the statement that the classification, as proposed in the measure, would severely operate against the country stores, some of which carried twenty-eight lines of goods under the classification proposed. The bill was referred back to the committee, with instructions to amend it by reducing the number of classifications and rearranging them upon a more equitable basis.

The bill before the Ontario Legislature was discussed this week. The Government recognized that the question was of great importance, and the Attorney General thought that something ought to be done to modify the evils attendant upon the growth of these immense concerns. This, he intimated, would probably take the form of a special commission, with power to enquire by taking evidence from both sides. Mr. Whitney, representing the Opposition, said that retail merchants everywhere were suffering serious losses from these department stores. He told of an arrangement in Nova Scotia by which the Western Counties Railroad ran a special car for the daily service of distributing goods from a department store in Toronto. As it appeared to be the general opinion of the members that the question was too serious to be settled within the limited time at the disposal of the Legislature, the bill was withdrawn, upon the understanding that it should serve as a notice of action at the next session of the Legislature.—*Monetary Times*

THE WOOL MARKET.

TORONTO.—The market is bare of wools and few transactions are reported. Prices are nominal at last month's quotations. Fleece combing, 22c.; clothing, 20c.; tub washed, 20c.; rejections, 17 to 18c.; pulled super, 20 to 21c.; extra, 21 to 22c.

MONTREAL.—There is more inquiry for wool in this market than there has been for months. Some fair-sized lots of Capes have been sold at full prices, but some manufacturers are buying sparingly, as they say their orders for goods are coming in slowly. There are no changes in prices to report. Capes, 14 to 16½c.; snow white Capes, 33 to 36c.; B A washed, 26 to 33c.

SCUTCHER OR WET CUTLING MACHINE.

This machine is for opening fabrics out from twine, rope or twisted form, and delivering the same full width to drying cans, mangles, wagons, etc. This cut shows the machine with double rollers and beaters and with plaiters down complete.

It is made with extra long bed, and all the brackets are brass bushed, the bearings are extra wide, loose brass-bushed governor boss; extra strong governor, extra strong scrolls, with copper foundations, with improved ends and centres, and improved noiseless single strap even-driving of scrolls, with strap-tightening arrangement and other numerous improvements, reducing wear and tear and breakages to a minimum. If on delivery it is not found superior to any other, the manufacturer, W. H. Harrap, desires it to be returned without further explanation.

NEW ANILINE DYES.

Katigen Black Brown N has been already brought before public notice in the columns of THE CANADIAN JOURNAL OF FABRICS, and is now placed upon the market by the Farbenfabriken Co., of Elberfeld, in the form of lumps. This product being hygroscopic should be kept in covered casks. The advantages of this brown are said to be without limit, no mordant is required, no heat and no handling, as it dyes easily level. The color dissolves quickly in warm water, 20 per cent gives a full dark brown. Use in about the following proportions—One pound color to one gallon of water, and allow the goods, if possible, to remain in the dye-bath over night. For following lots use only two thirds the original amount of color. The fastness of this color is its remarkable feature. Light strong acids and strong alkalis do not affect it in the slightest degree. As regards its fastness to washing, it cannot be excelled. Dyers who are interested would do well to write for shade cards and samples, also dried skeins of yarn. By a special process, a full, deep black may be produced at a very low cost (a good aniline black substitute). *Katigen Black Brown N*, is a cotton brown, and will scarcely discolor wool. Latest pattern book will be immediately supplied on application to the Canadian agents of the manufacturers.