

DRESS GOODS.

THE Elite cord is a very handsome material with shot effects shown by James Johnson & Co. It makes up in skirts with stylish effect. It has a rich and striking appearance which will commend it to the best trade.

By far the prettiest crepons yet shown are those for next season. Brophy, Cains & Co. have some very handsome ones.

Velvets are in demand, and Wm. Agnew & Co. are offering the trade a complete range of fine goods.

Wyld, Grasett & Darling are opening up their English prints, and will soon ship their spring orders. Canadian ducks are doing well.

The demand for mohairs, sicilians, and bright effects generally, is rapidly increasing. Brophy, Cains & Co. were in the market early, and have booked some fine orders.

S. Greenshields, Son & Co. have a full stock of their famous velour henriettes in black and colors. Also two special numbers in black, wide width and velour finish.

Caldecott, Burton & Spence have just received a lot of black and colored velveteens and velvets in the usual numbers and value. The same house is just opening a choice lot of new French fancy silks in the newest makes and up-to-date styles. They are suited for evening wear, and will look very stylish made.

S. Greenshields, Son & Co. find a large demand for black and colored velveteens, especially brown and navies. They are now opening another large shipment in these shades. They have also received the first shipment of black lustrés, mohairs, sicilians, etc., etc. They find the old-fashioned heavy makes of black moreens much enquired for. Full range in stock.

In fancy cotton stuff the range this season is very complete, and includes some beautiful goods at W. R. Brock & Co.'s. There are not only prints but gingham, and American and Scotch zephyrs; also a job line of Canadian zephyrs. The American crepes, in lemon and other correct shades, are attractive. Pretty patterns in Canadian printed brocades are shown,

and the English brocades are exceptionally fine. Printed brilliants, with their bright finish, are noticeable. A special line of regatta shirtings, popular also for blouses, are shown in the best 32-inch cloth in a fine range of patterns. There is a big demand for indigo blue prints this season, and printed cotton pongees are likewise doing well. Special mention is made of Turkey and indigo drilletes and woven cotton fancies. Special lines in prints, to retail at 10 cents, are shown in great variety of design. There is a run on printed plasse, a crimp material, done after a French patent, which produces a handsome finish. The silver silks are a new line, also printed by a patent process in metal, and guaranteed absolutely fast and untarnishable. They are done in gilt, silver, green and helio, and take well.

Wm. Agnew & Co. report that anticipations of the demand for bright-faced goods has been realized, and their lustres, mohairs, satin royals and soleils have taken well.

McMaster & Co. are opening up their spring goods in the dress goods department this week. The printed crimps and other special lines are taking well.

Advices from Europe confirm previous reports that the market for French and Bradford goods continues firm. The Americans continue large purchasers, and the situation points to the retailer being wise to buy early. It will in many lines be impossible to get repeats before the season is gone.

Dress goods is a department to which Brophy, Cains & Co. have always given a great deal of care and attention, showing larger and handsomer ranges each succeeding season, but they claim to have never attempted anything equal to their display for spring and summer, 1896. Many of the lines seen are certainly beautiful goods.

A new departure in the dress goods department is being made at W. R. Brock & Co.'s. The goods are in future to be shown on the highest floor,

where the light is perfect, and where extensive alterations are being made to receive them. The department is being completely fitted up in the most modern style, and will be ready by the middle of January. Elevators, running by electricity, will give quick communication.

In new dress goods W. R. Brock & Co. report the arrival of twenty-four cases of fresh goods, including purchases of stock lots, for the January trade. These comprise tweeds, fancy mo.



THE NEWEST ENGLISH WALKING JACKETS.

This is one of the smartest London costumes at the present time. The fronts of the jackets are finished double-breasted and not close-fitting. The back is perfectly close. The trimming of fur and tracing unaid is effective.