

however, is only supplementary to the main business of flower, field and garden seeds. Of these a complete stock is carried, besides bird seed and supplies, poultry supplies, garden implements, etc.

The store is 100 feet deep and about 22 feet wide, 100 feet deep and about 22 feet wide, ground floor and basement. The retail department occupies half of the ground floor and is fitted up with a complete set of shelving and drawers for storage of seeds. The other half of this floor is mostly devoted to stock of flour and feed. In the basement reserve stocks are stored. At present this is fully occupied with a large stock of Dutch sets, potato onions, shallots, corn and timothy seed, garden drills, cultivators seeders, scufflers, potato planters, plant boxes, flower pots and various other appliances for gardeners use. These are all ready for the spring trade of this year. The onions are stored in specially made crates which give ample ventilation.

Following the general plan for disposal of small packages of flower and garden seeds Mr. Perkins sends out every season boxes of assorted packages to retail stores in every part of the country. The first year this was tried only five boxes were placed. This year the number is 400 and they are to be found in almost every town and village in Canada between the great lakes and the mountains. A large trade is done with the Mormon colony in Southern Alberta.

The seeds with which this warehouse is stocked come from many different and widely separated countries. For instance England is drawn upon for most of the heavy garden stuff. France for carrots, flowers, etc., Germany for some flower seeds and most of the herbs, California for onions, lettuce and sweet peas, and Nebraska for vine stuff. All seeds are packed here in specially prepared packages which are lithographed to show the finished plant from the seeds they enclose. About \$900 is spent every year in this printed matter. A well executed hanger showing a garden scene is a feature of the advertising this year.

From the beginning mentioned Mr. Perkins business has grown until the stock now carried as enumerated above is worth from \$8,000 to \$10,000 and every year's trade increases its proportions.

The Ontario Hog Crop.

The receipts of dressed hogs have fallen off very much the past few weeks, and the great bulk of the crop has been marketed, says the Toronto Globe. Prices are now over \$6 to \$6.25 here, which shows that there is a very considerable margin of profit in hogs at that price. Prices have had a sharp advance this month, live hogs having gone up half a cent since Feb. 1. Although the demand for hog product has been moderate here prices are much stronger, in sympathy with the advance in hogs. The abundance of imported corn has greatly contributed to the growth of the hog-raising industry in Canada, and for two reasons it may be fairly assumed that the feeding of corn to Canadian hogs has not depreciated the value of the product. In the first place there is only a very small difference in the prices offered by feeding packers in this market between corn and pea fed hogs, and in the second Canadian hog product in the old country markets is as popular as ever, and the export trade continues to flourish and grow.

Geo. F. Tuckett.

The late Geo. F. Tuckett, a photo-engraving of whom is presented herewith, has been for many years one of the prominent figures in the Canadian business world. While Hamilton was his home, and for the most part the scene of his business industry, Mr. Tuckett has been known for many years from end to end of Canada and has had business connections in every part of the Dominion. He was head of the firm of Geo. F. Tuckett & Sons, tobacco manufacturers, Hamilton. An Englishman by birth, he came to Canada when very young, and was educated here. In 1866 he entered business with A. C. Quimby (since

canals, \$48,255 for customs; \$83,000 for lighthouse and coast service; \$23,916 for steamship subventions and \$50,000 for post office.

The decreases are. Public works, \$1,219,613, militia, \$54,338; miscellaneous, \$69,123 ocean and river service, \$38,000, and Yukon Territory, \$21,870.

The amount for capital account required is placed at \$6,195,402, a decrease of \$1,652,332 over the amount for the current year, so that there is \$2,048,000 less required between ordinary and capital expenditure than for the current year, but it is more than likely that the supplementaries to be asked for yet will cover this amount.



Late Geo. F. Tuckett.

dead) and shortly afterwards with John Billings in the tobacco business. Later Mr. Billings retired and the present partnership was formed. He has always taken a deep interest in municipal affairs and served one term as mayor of Hamilton. Mr. Tuckett became 64 years old in December last.

Dominion Estimates.

Ottawa, Feb. 27.—The estimates for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1901, were presented to parliament this evening by Mr. Piddington, minister of finance. The amount asked for on account of the consolidated fund is \$42,872,989, as compared with \$41,528,299, being the main estimate for the current year, or \$43,239,140, including supplementaries. The main estimate, therefore, for the coming fiscal year is \$366,150 less than the latter.

The amount of the principal increases in the different branches of the service are \$142,000 for Northwest government; \$447,000 for railways and

There is an item of \$150,000 for the taking of the census, and an additional \$50,000 for the Paris exposition. In immigration there is an increase of \$34,500, making a total of \$395,000. In the militia items chargeable to income there is an increase of \$28,198 for pay allowances, \$30,000 for salaries, \$75,000 for warlike and other necessaries, \$16,000 for Esquimaux defence, and \$5,000 for general service medals. For the annual drill of the militia the estimate is increased from \$300,000 to \$425,000.

Northwest items in the estimates are. Court house, lock-up and police accommodation, \$4,000, Dominion public buildings, \$1,400; Medicine Hat court house, \$13,000; Regina land titles offices, lieutenant-governor's residence, improvements, greenhouse and sidewalks, \$7,000. There is also \$5,000 for harbor and river improvements. In connection with the grant for schools for the Territories there is an increase of \$50,000, and \$92,000 to enable the government to restore public works recently destroyed by floods.