

TRADE CHAT.

A MANUFACTORY for woollen and knitted goods is to be established at Oshawa.

Mr. Ed. W. Rowell, buyer for John Green & Co., London, Ont., is dead.

About \$700 damages to the shoddy mill at Stratford were done by a recent fire.

P. Slavin & Co., dry goods merchants, of Napanee, have opened up in Deseronto, Ont.

Mr. J. E. Lewitt, of Guelph, has let the contract for the erection of a new knitting factory.

Seal skins valued at \$200,000 were shipped from Victoria for London on September 15.

Mr. K. J. Tobin, of London, has transferred his stock of dry goods to Mr. James Shea, of Hamilton.

Hepworth's woollen mills, at Selkirk, Ont., were destroyed by fire Monday. The loss is placed at about \$3,000. There was no insurance.

At a recent meeting of the Kingston Hosiery Co. a dividend of four per cent. was declared. The old directors were re-elected. There is said to be a fine outlook for work.

Messrs. A. Scanton & Co., dry goods merchants, London, Ont., have moved into new and more extensive premises at 134 Dundas street. They do an extensive retail business.

John M. Brown, merchant tailor, Belleville, Ont., died recently after a long illness, aged 66 years and three months. Deceased, who was highly respected, had carried on business there for forty years.

The Commercial Travellers' Association have settled Mrs. Aaron Friendly's suit by paying \$500, or half of the amount she claimed under a policy her late husband held. Mrs. Friendly has accepted that sum.

Burglars recently forced their way into Geo. Tanner & Co.'s men's furnishings store, Mount Forest, and stole about \$150 worth of ordered clothing and other small articles, such as collars, ties, braces, etc.

Mr. William Logan, the well known woollen manufacturer of Renfrew, died in that village on Friday last, aged 71 years. He was one of the old time settlers of Renfrew, and was well known throughout the Ottawa valley.

Judgment was given by consent against the city for \$789 and costs, in favor of John Macdonald & Co. It originated from the injuries to the hoist in the warehouse by sand getting into the city water at the time the pile was driven through the conduit at Hanlan's wharf.

Mr. T. J. Donogh, an employee for about ten years of Mr. R. Simpson, Yonge street, was presented on a recent Saturday evening with a silver watch, bearing the inscription, "With the compliments and well wishes of his late fellow employees." Mr. Donogh is leaving the city for California.

There were two meetings of creditors recently in the office of Henry Barber & Co. The first was that of the creditors of Ruby & Hilker, the insolvent general merchants of Port Elgin. The statement showed liabilities of \$25,141.66 and assets of \$17,007.45; of the latter \$7,740.19 was stock and \$7,267.10 book debts. The other meeting was that of the creditors

of Henry Hilker, of Underwood. Liabilities in this instance were \$9,321.77 and assets \$38,563.31, showing a surplus of \$29,187. This firm was dragged into bankruptcy by the failure of the first.

The dry goods stock of J. H. Pyper & Co., Stratford, has been sold to T. A. Mills, Wingham, at 43c. in the dollar. The general stock of Trewin Bros., Shelburne, has also been sold to E. H. Crosby at 51c. in the dollar. Mr. Crosby will continue the business.

Henry H. and J. H. Burrows, proprietors of the Royal Carpet Co., and A. & A. Burrows, manufacturers of Ingrain carpets, Guelph, Ont., have consolidated under the style of the Royal Carpet Company. The first-mentioned firm operated fifteen hand looms and the second fourteen.

Fire and water did \$500 worth of damage at the dry goods store of Mr. James Morrison, London, Ont., recently. The origin of the blaze is a mystery, but it started in a front room over the store. A large hole was burned in the floor, but the blaze did not reach the store owing to the prompt action of the firemen.

The whole business of the Williams, Greene & Rome shirt factory, the main part of which has been in Toronto, will now be carried on in Berlin. The old Berlin factory has been enlarged to over twice its former size, and is now one of the largest manufacturing concerns in that town. The firm employs ten commercial travellers, who go through all parts of Canada, and also visit the United States.

The International Monetary Conference will be held at Brussels November 22, with seventeen powers represented besides the United States. The governments which have accepted the invitation of the United States to send delegates to the conference are Austria, Hungary, Belgium, France, Germany, Great Britain, Greece, Italy, the Netherlands, Portugal, Roumania, Russia, Servia, Spain, Sweden and Norway, and Switzerland.

The Dominion Blanket and Fibre Co. are applying for incorporation to manufacture blankets, woollens, cottons and jute cloths, fibre chamols and fibre chamols garments, and generally to manufacture and trade in the above and other manufactures. The principal place of business shall be the city of Montreal. The proposed amount of the capital stock of the company is \$250,000, divided into 2,500 shares of one hundred dollars each.

A clerk named Jacob Perlstein, who has been employed for over two years in the dry goods store of Fournier & Forrest, Ottawa, was arrested recently for stealing both money and goods from his employers. In searching his rooms at the residence of his uncle on Daly avenue, the detectives unearthed enough dry goods to stock a small store. Silks, satins, staple and fancy goods of every variety were found, and two cab loads of the stuff were taken to police headquarters.

Owing to the rapidly increasing demand from all parts of the world for the Bissell brands of carpet sweepers, the Bissell Carpet Sweeper Co. have been compelled to erect a large six storey addition to their factory at Grand Rapids, Mich. The new building will be 78 x 120 feet, and will add seventy per cent. to their floor space, and give them a total of 140,000 square feet of room. This addition will be

fitted with machinery of the finest type, and will contain every desirable appliance for the making of high grade carpet sweepers.

Hugh Moore, one of the oldest and perhaps the wealthiest man in Dundas, died on the 14th inst. He had been in feeble health for some years, and had for a long time been unable to leave his bed. His death was caused by natural decay; he had reached the good old age of 86 years. He was a resident of Dundas for half a century, and was for many years one of the leading merchants of the town, dealing both in hardware and dry goods.

Five writs have been issued against the Ancaster Knitting Co., late of Strathroy, by employees, for damages for injuries received in the late fire. Mr. P. McPhillips, barrister, of London, is acting for the plaintiffs, Miss Dell, Miss Maggie and Lizzie Head, Miss Walsh and Miss Butler. It is alleged, amongst other things, that the company was guilty of negligence in not providing fire escapes as required under the Factories Act. Some of the young women are in bed yet from the injuries they received at the fire.

The following gentlemen have applied to the Lieutenant-Governor for a charter of incorporation under the name of "The Worsted and Brail Co., Ltd.": James P. Murray, T. D. Wardlaw, J. H. Hoover, J. T. Jackson, L. E. Austin, J. H. Jackson and Aaron Munshaw. The amount of the capital stock will be \$100,000, divided into 1,000 shares of \$100 each. The new company will take over the real estate, machinery and business of the Austin Manufacturing Co. The business is the manufacture of textile articles, such as braids, boot laces, carpet warps, yarns, twines, and ropes. The company will conduct operations at Toronto Junction.

Mr. Blackey, one of the buyers for John Macdonald & Co., has just returned from a trip to Great Britain and the Continent. His object was to purchase leading holiday lines for his house. His return voyage was on the City of Paris, which made the famous trip from Liverpool to New York from October 13th to 19th. The exact time was 5 days, 11 hours and 24 minutes, beating her own best record made in July by 1 hour, 34 minutes. On the 18th the good ship's log showed a distance for that day of 530 miles, being the largest day's run on record. Mr. Blackey says this is but a sample of the swiftness with which Europe's latest novelties will be placed on the market by John Macdonald & Co.

How many know how to roll an umbrella correctly, so to keep the ribs from twisting around the stick? Most people grasp the handle with the right hand and twist the silk through with the left. That will spoil any umbrella after it has been done half a dozen times. A clerk thus demonstrated to a customer how it ought to be done: Grasping the handle in his right hand, he encircled the silk at the tip with his left, which he slipped down about half way of the cloth, pressing the ribs and braces firmly against the stick. The right hand was then shifted to the tips of the ribs, which were held firmly against the stick, while the left hand adjusted the roll of cloth around them. By this method the ribs were kept straight along the stick and not partly twisted around it, as the customer's roll.