

**CANADIAN PRINTS—Continued.**

die cutters have been engaged, they have been provided with the best machinery procurable. There are both milling and pentagraph machines, together with complementary lathes. Already many nobby and neat patterns have been produced on the premises.

On the ground floor, on the other side of the main building, is the dye-house, in the charge of jovial Mr. Mullins. His chief pride is an open soaper, made by H. W. Butterworth Sons Co., of Philadelphia, the only one of its kind in Canada. An aniline black plant, made by The Rusden Machine Co., of Warren, R. I., is also an A1 plant and is giving every satisfaction. Then there are four set of jigs, eight dye machines, and four rope soap machines. A beater washer and a naphthol machine for all kinds of ice colors, together with other machines make up a complete dye-house. There are necessary drying machines built in conjunction with the soaping and black plants, which make the operation continuous and increase the facility of the work. This completes the main building.

**THE FINISHING ROOMS.**

Now we go to the left wing. On the ground floor is the finishing department; upstairs are the folding, stock and shipping rooms. The finishing department is replete with up-to-date starching and finishing machines, making a finish that will soon be celebrated among drygoodsmen. The drying machine consists mainly of 24 steam-heated copper cylinders. There are several calendars and tentering frames, one of which is the largest in Canada. Everything is modern and on a huge scale. Add to these stretching and pasting machines. The room is driven by steam and electricity, and each of the calendars has an independent engine of its own. This independent motive power is a feature throughout the building.

Upstairs in the folding-room are six folding machines that measure out the yards with precision. Here the goods are made ready for the stock-room. In one corner, samples of the goods are prepared for the wholesale firms. Before the goods are sent into the stock-room they are placed in a monster hydraulic press that exercises a 75-ton to the square inch pressure.

Already the stock-room is filled, and additional temporary quarters have had to be found in other parts of the building to accommodate the goods. But other buildings will be added.

And thus we have come to the door of exit. Taking it all and all, there is not much wanting and there is enough to admire. The entire plant is valued at \$375,000, and the incorporated capital is \$500,000. There are about 150 to 175 hands engaged continuously. The importance of the industry to the town of St. Henri is evidenced by the large number of dwelling houses being erected in the vicinity.

It should have been mentioned that the mill is situated between the Lachine canal and the River St. Pierre, and thus no difficulty is found in procuring the large amount of water that is necessary, and in securing ample drainage. A 16 inch main brings the water from above the Cote St. Paul locks.

The officers of the company are . President, H. S. Holt; Vice President, A. Racine, General Manager, W. T. Whitehead; Sales Manager, A. W. Cochrane, Mill Manager, Wm. Herrick. Board of Directors.—H. S. Holt, A. Racine, F. Paul, C. R. Hosmer, E. N. Heney, G. F. Hartt, and W. T. Whitehead. The down town offices of the company are in the Victoria Chambers, 232 McGill street. E.H.C.

**Montreal Wholesale Trade.**

THE wholesale houses report trade to be increasing in volume, particularly in cottons. A month ago there was a prevailing fear, almost amounting to expectancy, that the coming of the new crop of cotton upon the market would force down the high prices now set upon the manufactured article. Consequently, even the reduction in a few lines to meet American competition did not stimulate the trade. But now the public is better informed and buying freely. The Galveston storm, the publication of reliable reports confirming a shortage in the crop, and the closing down of several Manchester mills, on account of a scarcity of the new material, has forced the conclusion upon the minds of nearly all in the trade that prices must at least be maintained. The tendency of cotton prices now appears to be upward, even if all the crop grown is safely gathered, which is by no means assured. This year the crop is coming in three weeks late, and many fear that the frost may catch the third picking. If it does the damage will be serious. With all these facts the public are acquainted and are acting accordingly. The orders now being given the travelers are larger than sorting orders, and would indicate that stocks will soon be well filled. Wholesale houses are giving orders larger than the mills wish to accept. This all contributes to make a diminutive boom. The advance in the prices of bleached and unbleached cottons did not a little to convert more "bulls."

**THE GAULT BROTHERS COMPANY, LIMITED**

The Gault Brothers Company, Limited, are busy in all departments, and report business to be considerably improved. The cotton department is particularly busy, and large shipments of both staples and colored cottons are being made daily. In the woollen departments, both domestic and imported, grey seems to be the popular color. Worsteds are selling well, but there is a noticeable tendency towards the Scotch finished goods. Travelers are now on the road with Spring samples of carpets, and, notwithstanding increased prices, have succeeded in securing good orders. The tendency of the market is upwards, and this firm consider themselves fortunate in having bought at the right time. They still have the leading numbers of last year's carpets in stock at old prices. A full stock of linoleums is to hand, and these also bear old values. The tendency in coloring is towards blue and crimson, but, of course, green is the staple. The assortment of dress goods is complete, as usual, and, now that Mr. Gault has returned from Europe, some new and attractive samples are being shown.

**S. GREENSHIELDS, SON & CO.**

S. Greenshields, Son & Co., have had to work their staff at night to keep up with orders. All grades of cottons and flannelettes, specialties with this house, are being disposed of in enormous quantities. The travelers will soon be showing new Spring prints and they will carry some lines that will "make a noise." These goods are being opened now. For the Fall demand they have a large range of staple and fancy lines.

The fancy goods department is spreading, pipes and mouth organs having been put into stock this month. Shetland floss is proving to be the popular wool, but any order in