

The new yarn mill at Sherbrooke has been referred to in previous numbers. It is operated by R. B. Robinson and G. T. Armstrong, under the name of the Sherbrooke Yarn Mill Co. One of the proprietors was for about twenty years with the Paton Mfg. Co. The new mill is operated by water-power, has one set of cards and 416 spindles, and will do its own dyeing. It will manufacture hosiery and fingering yarns; and samples are now being turned out of imitation worsted yarns.

During the thunderstorm, on April 17th, a bolt of lightning struck the picker-room of the Almonte Knitting Co., and in a few seconds the inside of that room was a mass of flame, the electric fluid setting the wool and cotton afire. Fortunately the bolt burnt a piece of metal that held the sprinkling machinery in check, and almost as soon as the fire started the whole room was being sprinkled with water from the tanks above—a fine evidence of the usefulness of that system. A pail brigade was formed by the employees, and did good work, as did also the hose from the hydrants. In twenty minutes the fire was out, without any alarm being given outside the mill. The loss is put at \$150, and is covered by insurance. Had the fire taken place during the night it would in all probability have been much more serious.

FABRIC ITEMS.

Corrigan & Co., dry goods, Kingston, Ont., and Gananoque, have assigned.

W. J. Wollard, Berlin, has bought his dry goods stock back again at 60 cents on the dollar and has resumed business.

Lang, Morphy & Anderson, dry goods, Arnprior, Ont., are endeavoring to compromise at 25 cents on the dollar. Liabilities, \$10,400.

Since January, 1893, S. L. Hunter has been in business as a tailor in Hamilton and has barely made a living. Now he assigns with small liabilities.

R. J. Tooke, Montreal, has now one of the handsomest men's furnishing establishments on the continent in his new store on the corner of St. Catherine and Peel streets, Montreal.

Alexander Murray, A. Murray & Co., dry goods, Hamilton, Ont., is advertising his extensive business for sale, and will retire into private life after a successful career of fifty years.

It is reported that the Clark Thread Co., of Newark, N. J., the Kearney and Paisley Mills, of Scotland, and the J. P. Coates Thread Co. of Glasgow, Scotland, have amalgamated.

The Alaska Feather and Down Company, of Montreal, P. Q., manufacturers of down quilts and down cushions, have moved their factory to 290 Guy street, at which place their office will also be established.

The heart of the commercial traveller is glad over the recent order to G.T.R. baggage handlers making them individually responsible for damage to pieces of baggage, and making dismissal consequent upon conviction of carelessness.

The English Silk Association has enlisted the Prince of Wales in the cause, and he will wear figured silk vests, it is said, in order to promote the demand for home manufactured silks, and assist in driving the foreign product from the market.

Mark Warburton, the genial representative of the well-known firm of Mucklow & Co., is making his annual visit to Canada in the interest of "Mucklow's" dyewoods and extracts. Mr. Warburton, who is personally interested in some of the large textile industries in England, reports business "at home" very good. The Dominion Dyewood and Chemical Co., Toronto, are sole agents in Canada for Messrs. Mucklow & Co.

An old-time hatter and furrier, at St. Johns, Que., M. Guillet, has surprised his creditors by asking them to accept 25 cents in the dollar, cash, on their claims, and investigation would probably tend to show that the estate would not pay as much if wound up. Mr. G. was supposed to be in fair financial shape, but it appears he has been living on his capital for several years past, his sales last year being less than \$5,000, it is said.

A firm without an address, of which no one knows anything except that it advertises \$380,000 worth of dry goods, which it could not possibly possess, is doing business in the circular issuing line throughout Western Ontario, says the *Shareholder*, Montreal. Its alleged headquarters is McGill street, Montreal.

Wm. Thomas & Co., wholesale furriers, of St. Paul street, Montreal, have assigned. The assets comprise, in addition to stock in trade, two contested fire insurance policies, one for \$2,166 in the British America Insurance Co., and the other for \$1,533 in the Connecticut Fire Insurance Co. The total liabilities are some \$1,600, and the principal creditors are A. Nelson & Co., \$560, John Beiser, \$329; F. McMahon, \$281; A. Ramsay & Co., \$101, Fred. Nash, \$136; Joseph Ward, \$175, Estate B. Keller, \$179.

The advice of those manufacturing boiler oil injectors for feeding kerosene oil by the drop into boilers to prevent scale, corrosion, etc., is to use one pint of kerosene to 5,000 gallons of water, which is only one part oil to 400,000 parts water. The quantity of oil is, therefore, so minute that it volatilizes and passes off with the steam so that it is said there is no danger whatever in the dye kettles. Kerosene oil will stop foaming as quickly as salt will put out a fire. The great trouble with many steam users is that they acquire the idea that kerosene oil is grease, and the grease causes foaming, by reason of acids and mineral properties in the water; when the facts are that kerosene is entirely a volatile substance, and is used largely by laundries to release grease.

CHEMICALS AND DYESTUFFS.

Trade is improving, but is not yet up to that of last year's business. The market generally is firm. The following are current quotations in Montreal:

Bleaching powder.....	\$ 2 15	to \$ 2 35
Bicarb soda.....	2 25	" 2 35
Sal soda.....	0 70	" 0 75
Carbolic acid, 1 lb. bottles.....	0 25	" 0 30
Caustic soda, 60°.....	1 90	" 2 00
Caustic soda, 70°.....	2 25	" 2 35
Chlorate of potash.....	0 13	" 0 18
Alum.....	1 35	" 1 50
Copperas.....	0 70	" 0 75
Sulphur flour.....	1 50	" 1 75
Sulphur roll.....	1 50	" 1 75
Sulphate of copper.....	4 75	" 5 50
White sugar of lead.....	0 07	" 0 08
Bich. potash.....	0 09½	" 0 10½
Sumac, Sicily, per ton.....	65 00	" 70 00
Soda ash, 48° to 58°.....	1 25	" 1 50
Chip logwood.....	2 00	" 2 10
Castor oil.....	0 07	" 0 08
Cocoon oil.....	0 06½	" 0 07

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