

Arbroath continues very quiet, heavy common canvas especially being depressed. Brechin, Forfar, and Fife are still well engaged, but for new orders the competition among manufacturers is very keen.

The Dundee fancy jute trade is still quiet, and orders are not coming in as quickly as manufacturers were expecting at this season.

Twines, cords, and ropes are all in excellent demand, and the makers are busy.

BOMBAY.—Dealers in staple grey goods have been willing sellers at current rates during the past week, but up-country buyers have been operating very slowly, as they have mostly finished placing the retail orders left in their hands till the close of the business season. Wholesale demand in the bazaar is irregular and very small, and rates are ruling in buyers' favor in view of increasing stocks. Little has been done in bleached goods during the week, and prices are becoming weaker; and the same remark applies to turkey-red, dyed, and printed goods of all descriptions. Local goods are very dull, and prices are moving downward. The off-take from the bazaar for the week has been about 2,700 packages of imported goods and 1,400 bales of local. A moderate business has transpired in imported twist on the basis of previous quotations, with a steady feeling in the market. Advances by wire from China give only 700 bales as the sales of Bombay spinnings for the week ending on last Monday, with exchange at Rs. 222, and prices showing a downward tendency. This news has thoroughly demoralized purchasers here and although a reduction of 1-16 anna per lb. is freely offered by spinners, buyers refuse to operate at all. 300lb. packages, however, command some attention in the bazaar. The sales for the week are put down at only 600 bales, and the market closes quiet.—*Bombay Gazette*, June 5.

SHANGHAI.—The Shanghai mail advices, dated May 14, intimate that the market for piece goods had been influenced by the anxiety of holders to reduce the heavy stocks, and sales of American goods, in particular, had shown a marked decline of prices. There had been a momentary revival of demand for Tientsin, but its force had been soon spent. A noticeable feature, however, had been a large indirect trade in fancy goods especially prints, the quotation of low prices for new goods in Manchester, while stocks in Shanghai were mainly old patterns and makes being an inducement. The published statistics of the private sales during the week include a total of 35,000 pieces of 8½ lb. grey shirting, 15,000 to 20,000 pieces of the heavier weights of grey shirtings, 17,000 pieces American drills, and about 20,000 pieces English sheetings. The demand for Bombay yarns had fallen off, the country people being engaged for the time being in their agricultural avocations. There had been no improvement in the woolen market.

BERLIN.—The business lull, which is prevalent not only in the making up branches but in almost all the goods-branches here, has in no way disappeared. It is difficult to recognize the business localities of the different branches as the same places in which formerly such life pulsated. This deadly dullness is noticeable through the greater part of the day in the sale-rooms, customers only seldom making their appearance. Of course the work in the factories does not on this account stand still. With careful foresight they have previously collected sufficient orders, so as to get through this quiet season which they knew must come. They are working, some for English some for American orders. For German customers several different articles are prepared, cheap staple articles are already in making for the stores, many firms are giving out their travelers, orders to be attended to. The traveling business has taken up a very satisfactory position so far, and most reports which we have received up till now are of a favorable nature. For rain cloaks with long pelerines, there have been quantities of orders. Jackets 70, 75, 80 cm. in length, half open, and not open, in front both tight fitting and half loose, are ordered in big numbers. There is also good information to hand from Holland, whilst the usual orders have come in from Switzerland and Belgium.—*Kuhlow's German Trade Review*.

Probate of the will of Mr. Thomas Lailey, late wholesale clothier of Toronto, who died June 3, was granted to his sons William H. and Charles E. Lailey, and to his son-in-law, Thomas G. Rice. The estate amounts to \$142,685, of which \$53,760 is in real estate, and \$24,189 secured by life insurance. The household effects are given to the wife, the library being equally divided between the sons. The dwelling house in the Queen's Park, Bloor street, is to be used by the wife during her life. The stock held in various companies is to pay an annuity to the widow of \$1200. The personality is to pay all debts and mortgages. Each of the sons is to have \$15,000 at once, less the amount of their debts; \$60,000 is to be invested for the four daughters, Mrs. Reeve, Mrs.

Rice, Mrs. Putnam and Miss Mary Ellen Lailey. If any married daughter dies childless, her surviving husband will receive half her legacy. Out of the balance of the estate Charles E. Lailey receives \$5000, Alfred Lailey, a brother of the testator, \$300.

The Canadian Flag.

The most elaborate, and at the same time the most beautiful, of modern flags, says the *Scottish American*, is that of the Dominion of Canada. Heraldically it is in perfect taste, and it tells a complete story—is, in fact, a summary of its country's history, as all national flags should be. The various provinces are arranged according to precedence, and at the same time in a manner that gratifies the artistic tastes of the spectators, while over all is the British coat of arms, typifying the connection of the country with Great Britain, a connection of which Canada and Britain are justly and equally proud.

During the past year 49 sealing vessels cleared from British Columbia ports, as against 29 the year before. All these are said to be owned in Victoria, and 1,082 are engaged in seal hunting.

Early Closing.

Hamilton retail merchants close their places of business at noon on Wednesday of each week. The wholesale houses close every day at 5 p. m., except on Saturday, when they close at one o'clock.

The storekeepers of Forest have adopted the early closing movement.

The business men of Sarnia close their stores at 6 p. m. every day but Saturday.

There is a likelihood of the early closing in Winnipeg coming to an end, as several dry goods dealers persist in keeping their stores open till 7 o'clock.

The Cornwall Town Council has passed an early closing by-law.

The dry goods merchants of St. John, N.B., close their stores every Friday for a half-holiday.

Business Changes.

Glover & Brais, wholesale manufacturers, Montreal, dissolved; business continued by Louis Aime Brais.

Jos. Horsfall, wholesale clothier, Montreal, has admitted his son Arthur into partnership; style now J. Horsfall & Son.

The liabilities of Chayton, Slater & Son, Brantford, are said to be about \$75,000.

Chas. A. Gillespie, dealer in men's furnishings, Brantford, is offering 40c. on the \$.

C. C. Lee & Co., dg, Alliston, assigned.

A new company has been formed in Montreal, styled The McNabb Manufacturing Co., who have purchased the stock and plant of the late firm of Robt. McNabb & Co., and have appointed Mr. Robt. McNabb selling agent.

The stock of J. D. Anderson, insolvent wholesale clothier, Montreal, has been sold. The stock was valued at \$18,937.84; furniture and fixtures, \$835.59; and patterns, at \$500. The fixtures brought 25c. on the \$, and the stock sold for 41c. on the \$.

A. Dinwoodie & Co., g, Alliston, Ont., sold out.

Geo. Martin, gen, Boissevain, stock sold at 44c. on the \$.

E. S. White & Co., gun, Carberry and Medicine Hat, stocks sold at 65c. and 57c. on the \$, respectively.

J. W. Wallace, dg, Halifax, offers 33½ per cent.; liabilities \$26,600.

Mrs. Mary E. McCulloch, gen, Bathurst, N. B., assigned; liabilities \$7,300, assets \$5,000.

Z. Turgeon, t, Montreal, assigned; liabilities \$33,476.

G. Lewis & Co., mnfrs, agents, Montreal, suspend payment; direct liabilities \$20,000, indirect about the same amount.

Young & Moore, gen, Hartney, Man., have dissolved; Moore

retiring. Style,—Young & Hopkins.

Blackburn & Dickson, gen, Dunmore, Man., dissolved; A. R. Dickson continues alone.

A. A. Alexander, h, Toronto, assigned.

R. A. Barber, dg, Trenton, assigned.

D. G. Roblin, mf, Toronto, assigned.

Peters & Hymen, mf, Berlin, assigned.

W. G. Collins, gen, Blenheim, removed to Watford.

W. B. Clark, dg, Sarnia, style now W. B. Clark & Sons.

The Empire Oil Co., Toronto, sold out to McColl Bros. & Co.

Wm. Gilroy, g, Blenheim, stock sold to G. F. Spackman of Windsor.

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