

MONTREAL.

John Platt, who for 45 years has been employed in the warehouse of J. G. Mackenzie & Co., died last month after a short illness. He was 74 years old, a native of Saddleworth, Yorkshire, Eng., and was highly thought of by the trade.

The death is announced at Brooklyn, N.Y., of Mrs. Elizabeth Pyatt Parsons, mother of Mr. John Parsons, manager of the Dominion Straw Goods Manufacturing Co., Montreal. Mrs. Parsons was a capable business woman, and conducted her husband's business after his death, assisted by her sons.

A buyer for Tooke Bros. stayed behind in England to secure a range of ties and scarfs, which, being from the firm's own shapes, are expected to be something new, which the trade has not yet seen.

Mr. Fraser, of the firm of S. Greenshields, Son & Co., and Mr. Hardy, one of their buyers, are passengers by the ss. Parisian, and bring with them the latest novelties from the principal European centres.

Thos. Mortimer, formerly with Green & Co., London, is now traveling in Western Ontario for Glover & Brais.

E. A. Wright, well-known to the trade as office and warehouse manager for Matthews, Towers & Co., severed his connection with that firm on the 1st inst. to accept an important post with J. L. Goodhue & Co., leather belting, Danville, Que., Mr. Wright has been with Matthews, Towers & Co. since the organization of the firm five years ago, and will be followed to his new position by many good wishes.

Matthews, Towers & Co. report a healthy sorting trade, the orders being cautious but frequent.

At a meeting of the Dry Goods Clerks' Committee it was resolved to work against the aldermen who are against early closing.

MANITOBA AND THE WEST.

Mr. Mundie, of J. W. Peck & Co., Winnipeg, has gone to the west on an extended trip.

Mr. R. J. Whitla, Winnipeg, has left to buy in the European markets.

R. H. Cline, representing Knox, Morgan & Co., Hamilton, is now covering the extensive territory between Winnipeg and the Coast.

Henry Atkinson, chief of the dry goods department in the Hudson Bay store in Calgary, has gone to Winnipeg to one of the company's stores.

Geo. Garratt, of Gloversville, N.Y., formerly of Acton, Ont., is asking a bonus of \$5,000 from Brandon to start a glove factory there.

A. Allan & Co., Calgary, announce that they have gone in for the cash system absolutely. Dressmaking work must be paid for on delivery.

THE MARITIME PROVINCES.

The fishing along the Gaspé coast is reported poor this fall, and business correspondingly dull.

Owing to the closing down of the mill of the St. Lawrence Lumber Co., at Bathurst, N.B., and the throwing out of employment of a large number of hands, things are quiet at that point. Through some misunderstanding as to who were the

proper parties to negotiate, the principals in England or the agent in this country, a sale of the mill property was made in each place, to two different firms, who are now contending for possession. As soon as this difficulty is settled work will be resumed, both the competing firms being wealthy, and this pretty town, so beautifully situated on the Baie de Chaleur, will again enjoy its old-time business activity.

More than two-thirds of the mills along the Miramichi are idle, owing to the general depression in the lumber trade in Canada and the United States, and also to the scarcity of logs, which, owing to the lack of rain in the spring, could not be floated down to the river. Millions of feet of logs have throughout the summer been "hung up," i.e., stranded, in the beds of the woods streams, and unless there comes sufficient rain this fall to float them down before winter sets in, they will become frozen in, and in the spring break-up will be carried with the ice out to sea and totally lost.

On the 10th inst. Chatham, N.B., was visited by a disastrous conflagration, which "wiped out" a section of the town, consisting of about fifty buildings, chiefly of the tenement class; it included, however, a small grocery store, a foundry and a carriage shop. Assistance was promptly rendered by the Newcastle fire brigade, but the salvation of the town was wholly due to a favorable change in the direction of the wind, which, had it been contrariwise, would have carried the flames throughout the business portion and swept the mass of tinder from end to end, the buildings being almost universally of wood, very old and highly combustible.

H. W. Yull, an enthusiastic friend of THE DRY GOODS REVIEW, manager of the branch store of Messrs. Blanchard, Bentley & Co., Truro, N.S., spent his holidays across the lines. He is a staunch Mason and a Knight Templar, and took in the great conclave of Sir Knights at Boston. The spectacle of so many Knights in line was a magnificent one and may never be equalled. He speaks in the highest terms of the reception that the strangers received. The courtesy of our American cousins knew no bonds. He admits that Boston is headquarters for Templar Masonry, but claims that Truro is the headquarters of the dry goods trade in Nova Scotia.

James H. Milne, former partner in the late firm of J. M. Milne & Co., Truro, has opened up a new establishment on his own account in Inglis street, where he will conduct a first-class tailoring business.

The Yarmouth Woolen Mill Co. have found it necessary to increase their plant and have added eight 6-4 Knowles' latest looms, one of Hunter's largest new fulling mills, and they have also increased their power by putting in a large boiler. They are now manufacturing in large quantities homespun of new and handsome designs for ladies' costumes.

J. A. Clarke, of Brock & Paterson's, St. John, has gone to Gault Bros. & Co., Montreal. The firm and his colleagues gave him handsome presents before leaving.

The Tryon, P.E.I., woolen mills have been shut down, as S. E. Reid is away on a business trip to Newfoundland.

T. Partelow Mott, owner of a woolen mill and store in St. John, is dead from typhoid fever at the early age of 34.

The Maritime Wrapper Co., Woodstock, N.B., are enlarging and adding new machinery.