TRADE CHAT.

A LADY who had a place of business on Fifth avenue, New York, was searched while landing from a French steamer, and her *dress and underclothing were found* quilted into pockets and no less than 1,565 pieces of lace were found on her appraised at $2,000.

Parliament has been further proProgued until September 27th.

An effort is being made to upset Waterloo's (Que) knitting wool factory bonus by-law.

Over half a million dollars has been spent in constructing new wholesale warehouses in Winnipeg this year.

Messrs. Campbell & Doherty, the tailors, New Westminster, B.C., have removed into one of the centre stores of the Dupont block.

The Restigouche Spool Company's factory at Jacquet River was destroyed by fire on August 2nd Estimated loss, $80,000.

Mr. Geo. Kerr, merchant tailor, Colborne street, Brantford, who bought out Mr. R. M. Orchard's business, died there a few days ago. Mr. Kerr formerly resided in Drummond.

Alfred Labbe, commercial traveller for G. Coristine & Co., of Montreal, died suddenly a few days ago of indigestion. He was 28 years of age and leaves a widow and three children.

It is stated that the Farnham beet sugar factory is to be converted into a knitting factory, to be operated by a syndicate under the management of W. H. Priest, formerly manager of the Pike River mills.

It appears that counterfeit ten-cent pieces dated 1891 are now in circulation. The only test is the sound. The coins usually have a bright new appearance, and there is no blemish upon them apparent to the eye.

The town council of Woodstock, N. B., has voted to give a bonus of $2,000 to Mr A Willis to start a one set mill there for the manufacture of woollen goods. The new factory will be in operation by the close of the year.

The London Free Press says that a number of St. Thomas business men, who were induced to become subscribscribers to the Baker Collecting Agency of Toronto are anxiously enquiring about the genuineness of the concern.

Mr. S. A. Ashton, who has for some months carried on the dry goods business commenced a year ago by Ashton, Jay & Co., on Talbotstreet east, St. Thomas, has sold out his entire stock to Mr. S. Chant, and retires from business for the present.

The Montreal Exposition Company has received assurances from the Electric Street Car Company that at least two lines of electric railway will be completed, with transfers from every point in the city, in time for the opening of the exhibition on the 15th prox.

The South Kensington Museum, London, recently paid $400 a yard for some lace manufactured in the south of Ireland. It is said that this is the highest price on record, and that the lace is of the most exquisite workmanship. The lace will be exhibited at the World's Fair.

In 1861 there were between thirty and forty silk manufacturers who had warehouses in the city of Manchester, each employing handlooms. The last one has disappeared. Free trade is assigned as the cause for this disappearance. But other causes have certainly been at work, one being the preference for cotton manufacture.

Merchants who want price tickets or show cards would do well to send for circulars and list of show cards to Imrie & Graham, Toronto. It is a reliable firm and their prices are said to be moderate.

The assets of the Farnham Beet Sugar factory, consisting of $8,700 in mechinery and stock and $1,294 in book debts, were sold at auction last week by Marcotte Bros. to Gault Bors. & Co., at 33 1-2 cents on the dollar.

Edward Duffield, for several years an employee of the W. E. Sanford Manufacturing Company of Hamilton, Ont., has been presented with a handsome easy chair by his fellow employees on the eve of his departure from the establishment.

Victoria merchants, or at least several of them, are endeavoring to have their revenge for Vancouver quarantining them, by refusing to purchase any goods from Vancouver merchants. The merchants have determined to retaliate, and they will soon be brought to their senses.—Vancouver News-Advertiser.

J. W. Taylor, commercial traveller for Baker, Taylor & Hascott, the Montreal fancy goods firm, was drowned a few days ago near Gananoque. He was swimming from Cherry Island to Pipe's Island, a feat he had accomplished on former occasions, when he was suddenly taken with cramps and sank. The body was recovered some time later, but life was extinct.

The assignee of the estate of Boyd Bros. & Co. has arranged to pay a third dividend of 14 mills on the dollar. The Merchants' Bank has secured the $120,000 which was due to it, the amount being realized out of the book accounts. The amount of dividends paid up to date is 41.40 cents on the dollar. The estate will not be all realized until December, and the last dividend will probably be paid then.

William Roberts, an English manufacturer of alpaca, mohairs and worsteds, is to establish three large factories at a point in Bergen county opposite Passaic, N. J., known as Robertsford. The contemplated erection has been talked of for some time, but it seems now definitely assured that this gentleman, who has heretofore manufactured especially for the Americana market, will erect hisplant in New Jersey.

Notwithstanding the cry of hard times, Messrs. Potter & Co., corner Queen and Portland, have found their present premises too small for their increasing trade, and having secured the premises next door, lately occupied by W. J. Somerville & Co., are making the two large stores into one immense wareroom by cutting arches between their old premises and the new.

We read of a s rekeeper in Belfast, Me., who hired a clerk and paid him $4 for the first week's efforts. At the end of the second week the clerk was astonished at the receipt of only $3, and, naturally, asked the reason for the "Irish raise." "Well," replied the proprietor, "you know more about the business now and the work must come easier to you." The clerk didnot stay to learn more of such a far-fetched theory, which, even in Maine, can hardly be productive of best results.

The hundreds of employes of the Sanford Manufacturing Co., Hamilton, with their families and friends, went to Prospect Park, Niagara Falls, on *the 30th ult., and held their annual* picnic. The excursion numbered about 1,000 in all. A very pleasant time was spent and the excursionists returned much delighted with their outing. The employes of the Hamilton Cotton Co. also held their annual picnic on that day. It was intended that they should hold it at Oakville, but the lake was too rough for them to land, and the steamboat company took them on to Toronto, where they spent the day at Island Park.

A new fancy goods firm has opened a warehouse at 28 Wellington street west, the style being The Boyd, Bower & Brumell Co., ltd.. The firm commenced ousiness about July 1st, and have now a full range of goods for the fall trade. Mr. John Boyd was formerly buyer of the fancy goods department of Boyd Bros., and Mr. Brumell was manager of the small wares department of the same house for several years while Mr. Bower was formerly in the dry goods business in Eastern Ontario. This combination of experience should produce a firm capable of catering sucessfully to the wants of the fancy goods trade.

It is evident, says the Manufacturers' Review, that the Fall River Mills are entering upon an era of prosperity such as has not been witnessed for a number of years. The outlook is indeed encouraging for manufacturers who have taken advantage of the very low prices of raw material during the past few months to lay in ample supplies, for with the present demand for for goods, which has filled their order books well into next season, they are fully justified in figuring upon increased profits and larger dividends for their stockholders. It is thought at the present time that the dividends of 1892 will exceed those of 1888,which were exceptionally large, while for the coming year the situation seems to promise still greater prosperity. We have referred in another column to the enormous sales ofprint cloths during the past month, and a continuance of this activity seems to be an assured fact.

The Supreme Court of Canada not long ago gave judgment in the case of Broadhead vs. the Penman Manufacturing Company, of Paris, an action to compel the defendant to pay royalties on a patent. The plaintiff is an American and he commenced this action over three years ago. The action was tried before Street, J., at Toronto Assizes in 1889, and judgment was given for the plaintiff, ordering the defendants to pay royalties as long as the patent should live. From this judgment appeals were taken successively to the Chancery Divisional Court and to the Court of Appeal, and both appeals were dismissed with costs by the unanimus judgments oof the courts appealed to. The defendants' solicitors then took the case to the Supreme Court, where it was argued last February. The judgment of the Supreme Court allows the appeal, reverses the judgment of Street, J., the Chancery Divisional Court and the Court of Appeal, and orders the plaintiff's action to be dismissed with costs, both in the Supreme Courts and in the courts below.