

BRITISH WOOLLEN MILLS ARE RUSHED

Khaki Cloth, Serge, Overcoatings and Bedford Cord Cloth Principal Government Items

TWEED WORKERS BUSY

Complete Change in Character of Goods Turned Out—Serious Shortage of Machinery and Wool is Drawback—Manufacturers Working at Small Margin of Profit.

(Special to Journal of Commerce.) Edinburgh, December 20. (By mail).—The tweed industry in the different towns in the Scottish Border district has undergone a considerable change.

When the war broke out business with many of the tweed manufacturers came to practically a standstill and when khaki contracts were put on the market...

Government orders are receiving first attention, and manufacturers are doing their best to get the same executed and are turning out a good class of material...

In addition to home Government orders large contracts have now been placed for woollen belts for the French troops, and inquiries are on foot for goods for the Russian soldiers.

On the whole so far as employment in the hosiery branch is concerned, the prospects are good for the next few months, and a great deal better than was at one time looked for or thought possible.

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In Russia, as in Germany and France, practically all motor vehicles have been requisitioned for military purposes.

OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS MADE OF CHANGED SHOW PLANS

The decision to change the coming Montreal Automobile Show from the Allan Line shed to the new Ford building on Laurier avenue, exclusively announced by the Journal of Commerce on Wednesday...

ALASKA GOLD MINES.

New York, January 8.—Subscriptions for new convertible debentures of the Alaska Gold mines, will be payable 50 per cent. on or before February 10th, and 50 per cent. March 10th.

TIME MONEY AT NEW YORK. New York, January 8.—Time money is leading in moderate quantities, which are fairly well distributed throughout the list of various maturities.

Most of the bituminous coal exported from the United States goes to Canada, Cuba, Panama, and Mexico.

THE HIDE MARKET

New York, January 8.—The market for common dry hides was quiet, but strong, and Mountain Bogas has been advanced to 32 1/2 cents per pound.

Table with columns: Bid, Asked, and various hide types like Orinoco, La Guayra, Puerto Cabello, Caracas, Maracaibo, Central America, Guatemala, Bogotas, Ecuador, Vera Cruz, Tampico, Tabasco, Tuxpan, Dry Salted, Wet Salted, Mexico, Santiago, Cleofago, Havana, City slaughter, City native steers, City branded, City bull, City cow, Country slaughter, Country slaughter, bull, 60 or over.

IMPERIAL TOBACCO IN 1914. The Imperial Tobacco of Canada, Limited, reports for the year ended September 30, 1914, net profits of \$2,580,034.

CORN AT LIVERPOOL. Liverpool, January 8.—Corn opened up 1 from Thursday, Jan. 7; Feb. 7 1/2d. Wheat not quoted.

NAVAL STORE MARKET. New York, January 8.—The market for naval stores is firm, thus reflecting the primary situation, where the demand has picked up over the holidays.

NEW YORK COFFEE. New York, January 8.—Rio market up 50 reils, stock 593,000, year 424,000 bags.

Table with columns: Month, Bid, Asked, and months from March to December.



MR. A. A. AYER. Elected to the Council of the Montreal Produce Merchant Association.

THE PRODUCE MARKETS

Strong prices and conditions continue to prevail in the local butter market, a further advance of 1/2 cent per pound being made.

There were no new developments in the market today for cheese, business being rather quiet, but the feeling is very firm.

There is a steady demand for beans, of which the offerings on spot are small, and prices are firmly maintained.

The condition of the market for dressed poultry is unchanged. There continues to be a steady demand for small lots of fresh-killed turkeys, and chickens of which the offerings are small, and prices for this class of stock are firm, but supplies of frozen stock are more plentiful than they have been of late, for which the demand is only fair.

The tone of the market for potatoes is steady, but the volume of business doing is not large owing to the fact that buyers in most cases seem to be well supplied for the present.

LARGE ENGLISH TIMBER PURCHASE. Kansas City, Mo., January 8.—A lumber company here yesterday signed contracts to furnish 30,000,000 feet of timber to be shipped to England.

COPPER AT LONDON. London, January 8.—Spot copper 4.50 1/2 up 1/4. Futures 4.59 7/8 60, up 1/4 1/8.

NEW YORK COTTON STEADY. New York, January 8.—Cotton opened steady, March 8 1/2 up 1/4, May 8 1/2 up 1/4, July 8 1/2 up 1/4.

THE HOP MARKET. New York, January 8.—In Oregon there is a good demand for hops at from 19 to 12 cents first cost, but stocks there are now relatively small and firmly held.

LIVERPOOL COTTON QUIET. Liverpool, January 8.—Futures opened quiet 1/2 to 1 point lower.

At 12:30 p.m., spot market was quieter, prices lower, with middlings at 4 1/2. Sales 6,000 bales; receipts, 15,000 bales, including 14,500 American. Spot at 12:45 p.m. were middling, American, fair 56 1/4, good middling 5 1/2, middlings 4 1/2, low middling 4 1/2, good ordinary 3 1/2, ordinary 2 1/2.

FLOUR PRICES WERE ADVANCED DUE TO HEAVY GRAIN DEMAND

Extremely Heavy Foreign Buying of Wheat in United States and Canada Has Done Much to Shorten Supplies for Milling—Advance Was Necessary.

The recently announced advance in the flour market has followed hard upon the unprecedented activities in the United States and Canada has been extremely heavy during the past week.

A reflection of all this strength in wheat has been shown by flour, the production of which depends largely upon the amount of wheat available for grinding purposes.

Yesterday and today, the local market continued to hold fairly steady and no further advances were recorded, although business for foreign account continued active.

NEW BRUNSWICK WIRE FENCE CO. DECLARES 6 PER CENT. DIVIDEND. Montreal, N. B., January 8.—At the annual meeting of the shareholders of the New Brunswick Wire Fence Co. the reports presented combined to show that the position was strong one, and the year's business successful.

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BETTER TRADE NOTED FIRST WEEK IN YEAR

Advance in Staple Prints Will be Effective in Fortnight; Cotton Blankets in Better Demand

WASH GOODS ARE SLOW

Mackinaws in Good Demand For Forward Orders Despite Heavy Advance. Raw Silks Are Firmer. Prices Are High.

New York, January 8.—An increasing trade has been noted in dry goods in the first week of the New Year and large wholesale houses reported that buying was more active and the outlook favorable.

The business on cotton blankets is coming along for fall very steadily, and leading eastern lines are being sold very well.

Some prices of old print cloth yarn convertibles are being sold steadily for contract delivery for the first half of the year.

In the men's wear markets the chief forward business reported is on mackinaws for fall.

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