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## The Hardware and Paint Trade.

The Montreal Gazette says: The feature of the naval store market has been the weakness in turpentine, and a further decline of 1c per gallon has taken place which is due principally to the increased supply on spot and easy advices from the South. Low grade resins are firmer, the inside price now being \$2.75. Cordage rules steady, with prospects encouraging for a large trade in the near future. Montreal prices were: Turpentine, 40 to 41c; resins, \$2.85 to \$3, as to brand; coal tar, \$3.00 to \$3.50; cotton waste, 4½c to 5½c for colored, and 7c to 8c for white; oakum, 5c to 7c, and cotton oakum 9c to 11c. Cordage—Sisal, 7½c to 7¾c for 7-16 and upwards, and 10½c for smaller sizes.

Powders have advanced sharply in the United States, it is said, owing to an agreement among manufacturers. Sporting brands are chiefly affected, the advance on these being about \$1.50 to \$1.75 per keg. Blasting powders are also affected. As these powders have been coming into Canada freely, in competition with domestic makes, it is expected the advance will reduce importations and give the home trade more largely to Canadian makers.

Heavy cutting in prices of building paper is reported from Toronto, owing to the falling through of the agreement among manufacturers and jobbers regarding prices.

## Dry Goods Trade Notes.

The Merchants' Company has issued a circular announcing a decline in various lines of cottons. Grey cuttoms, twills and pillow cottons were reduced 5 per cent., and some lines of grey sheetings are reduced 7½ per cent.

China crape is looked upon as a very fashionable material. In Paris many of the recent gowns were designed from China crape. Watered poplin is another fabric in much favor. The height of a woman is considered a certain degree of beauty. To give the effect of elongating the figure stripes are used. Renaissance sleeves are the latest fashion. They are gathered at the seam, so as to set in wrinkles down to a pointed cuff, which comes over the hand. Some designers are making sleeves without lining, so that they will cling tighter to the arm.

Bradstreet says of the situation in the United States: The market continues very slow in all departments. Cotton fabrics are depressed through oversupply, and manufacturers find it very difficult to market their goods except at cut prices, made regardless of cost. Printed fabrics are dull, while ginghams are featureless. Trade in dress woolens is very slow with both agents and jobbers. Business in fall fabrics with the former has petered out much quicker than expected. Men's wear-woolens are slow, and the mar-

ket very unsatisfactory, with much machinery idle. Samples for the light-weight season are being prepared, and manufacturers are in hopes of a better business.

## Manitoba School Law

The Methodist conference, in session at Winnipeg last week, passed unanimously the following moderate resolution regarding the Manitoba school question:

Resolved (1) that this Manitoba and North-west conference of the Methodist church re-affirms its former expressions touching the school question and again endorses the deliverance of the general conference, touching the question of civil and religious liberty.

(2) That we desire to place on record our belief that the interests of this province will be best served by the maintenance in our midst of a uniform system of non-denominational public schools.

(3) That while we deprecate any legislation by this province or by the Dominion which will have the effect of restoring any such denominational school system as existed before the passing of the present public schools act, we are in favor of such amendment of our present school law by our provincial authorities as will remove any just cause of complaint on the part of our Roman Catholic fellow-citizens to whom we are most willing to accord every right and privilege in relation to education which we now or may from time to time enjoy, but whose claim to any special privileges beyond those we as Protestants are entitled to possess we distinctly deny.

## Winnipeg Board of Trade.

A meeting of the council of the board was held on June 8. N. Bawlf was elected to fill a vacancy in the council.

A communication from the Ottawa board of trade was read, regarding the proposed formation of a Dominion board. The opinion of the Winnipeg board was asked, as to the advisability of the movement. Similar communications have been sent to other boards, and if opinions are favorable, a meeting will be called at Ottawa, to be composed of delegates from all Canadian boards of trade or such commercial organizations, to establish the proposed Dominion board.

The conclusion arrived at by the council of the Winnipeg board, was that it was not advisable to attempt to form a Dominion board, but the Winnipeg council strongly favored the holding of a board of trade convention in one of the leading cities of Canada, particularly for the consideration of trade interests of the Dominion as a whole.

A. A. Andrews and C. H. McNaughton, the latter of the Arctic Ice company, were elected members of the board.

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